



**Welcome to the  
Townsville (CBD) Ministry Unit**

**St James' Cathedral (City),  
St Mark's (Belgian Gardens),  
Bolton-Clarke (RSL Care) at Rowes Bay  
St Margaret's Magnetic Island**

**Parish News  
December 2022**



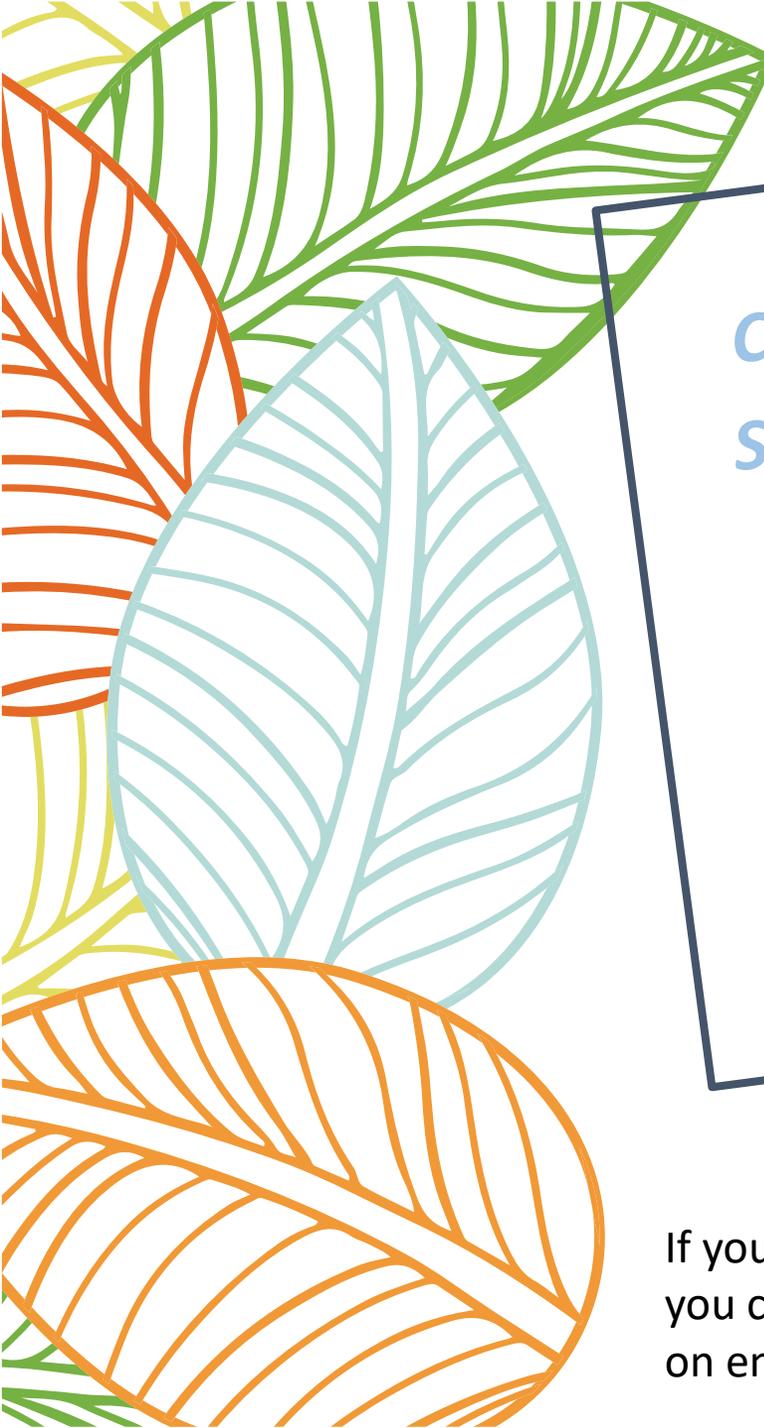
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Church Wardens of  
St James Cathedral  
General Account

BSB 034 222  
Account Number  
250713

**Direct Debit**

If you use either of these methods,  
you can pick up a laminated card from the table  
on entry to deposit in the offering plate

# Thanksgiving



Anglican Financial Services

*A full brochure and information can  
be found at*

*ANFIN — Anglican Church  
Southern Queensland  
([anglicanchurchsq.org.au](http://anglicanchurchsq.org.au))*

**Anonymous Gift**

The first Christmas was  
very simple.  
It is okay if yours is too.





Beginning December 1st  
Each evening, read 1 chapter of  
The Book of Luke in the Bible.  
There are 24 chapters.  
On Christmas Eve, you will have  
read the whole account of  
Jesus's life and wake up on  
Christmas Morning knowing  
Who and Why we  
Celebrate Christmas.

# Advent Reflections ( 2 options)

- A Series of Reflections can be downloaded from Anglican Overseas Aid

[Anglican-Overseas-Aid-2022-Advent-Reflection-Booklet.pdf](https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/Advent-Reflection-Booklet.pdf)  
([anglicanoverseasaid.org.au](https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au))

- OR

From Dec 1<sup>st</sup> go to

[Advent Reflections 2022 - St. James' Anglican Cathedral  
Townsville](https://stjamescathedral.com.au)  
([stjamescathedral.com.au](https://stjamescathedral.com.au))





# whAt's On

**in December**

# December, 2022 **The Townsville Ministry Unit**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer 5.00 Wedding Rehearsal	2 FRANCES PERRY 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer	3 FRANCIS XAVIER 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  3.00 Wedding in the Cathedral 5.00 Eucharist at Magnetic Isl
4 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James  11.00 MUC Meeting (note change of time)  4.30 Evening Prayer (no Evensong tonight)	5 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  1.00 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke  4.30 Evening Prayer	6 NICHOLAS OF MYRA 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer	7 AMBROSE OF MILAN 8.00 Morning Prayer  12.00 Eucharist at St James  4.30 Evening Prayer 5.30 Eucharist at St James	8 CONCEPTION OF MARY 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer 5.00 Ordination at Mackay	9 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer	10 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  10.00 Baptism at the Cathedral 11.00 Baptism at the Cathedral  5.00 Eucharist at Magnetic Isl
11 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James  6.00 Lessons & Carols Service	12 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  1.00 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke  4.30 Evening Prayer	13 LUCY 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer	14 JOHN OF THE CROSS 8.00 Morning Prayer 9.00 Archdeacons' Meeting  12.00 Eucharist at St James  4.30 Evening Prayer 5.30 Eucharist at St James	15 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer	16 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  12.00 Friends Event  4.30 Evening Prayer 5.00 Eucharist at Georgetown	17 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  10.00 Eucharist at Croydon  5.00 Eucharist at Magnetic Isl 5.00 Eucharist at Karumba
18 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 8.00 Eucharist at Normanton 9.00 Eucharist at St James  4.30 Evening Prayer 6.00 "Blue" Christmas	19 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  Fr Kenneth in Cloncurry 1.00 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke  4.30 Evening Prayer	20 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer	21 THOMAS 8.00 Morning Prayer  12.00 Eucharist at St James  4.30 Evening Prayer 5.30 Eucharist at St James	22 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer	23 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  5.00 Kids' Christmas (Cathedral) 5.00 Christmas at Magnetic Isl 9.00 Christmas Eve Service
25 CHRISTMAS DAY 7.15 Christmas at St Mark's 9.00 Christmas at St James  4.30 Evening Prayer	26 STEPHEN 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  1.00 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke  4.30 Evening Prayer	27 JOHN 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer	28 HOLY INNOCENTS 8.00 Morning Prayer  11.00 Baptism at Cathedral 12.00 Eucharist at St James  4.30 Evening Prayer 5.30 Eucharist at St James	29 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer	30 JOSEPHINE BUTLER 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  4.30 Evening Prayer	31 JOHN WYCLIF 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist  5.00 Eucharist at Magnetic Isl

# MISSION OF THE MONTH

December

December 4<sup>th</sup> - Advent 2

The Second Candle:

The **PEACE** that is to come

## Second Sunday of Advent



Karen McGrath/Act for Peace

## Peace through food rations

It's been 11 years since the civil war broke out in Syria with thousands of families still living in neighbouring countries like Jordan. But as the cost-of-living increases, many refugee families are struggling to earn enough money to put food on the table.

Act for Peace's local partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), supports Syrian refugees by providing vital food rations along with psychosocial care. **Please give today.**



Christmas  
Bowl

[For more information](#)

[Second Sunday of Advent: Peace - YouTube](#)

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

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# Ministry Unit Council



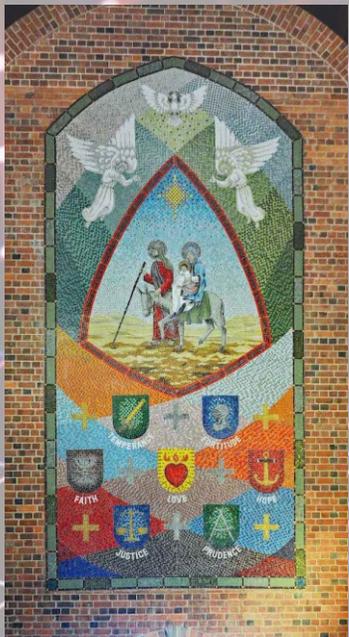
ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME

*Note change of time*

DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 11AM @ ST JAMES



Timberwork



Mosaics

Stained Glass



Textiles



# December Cathedral Tours

9am, 10am, 11am

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup>**



## December 8<sup>th</sup> The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



- <sup>35</sup> The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.
- Luke 1:35

# MISSION OF THE MONTH

December

December 11<sup>th</sup> - Advent 3

The Pink (or Rose) Candle symbolises **JOY** for the promise is almost fulfilled.

Third Sunday of Advent

## Sharing God's love this Christmas



Zimbabwe is suffering from critically low food reserves, as climate change brings harsher and more frequent drought. Families already living in poverty and hunger are now being plunged further into crisis.

Through your gift this Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, to provide training in the latest climate-resilient farming techniques so families can be more food secure. **Please give today.**



[For more information](#)

[Third Sunday of Advent: Joy - YouTube](#)



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A festive holiday scene featuring a nativity manger in the foreground, a Christmas tree with lights in the background, and blue sheer curtains. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

*6pm Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Lessons  
and Carols*



# *Friends of St James Cathedral*

You are invited to an

“End of Year Social Gathering”

West End Tea House & Gallery, 17 Echlin St, West End

**16<sup>th</sup> December @ 12 noon**

RSVP to Rev Shirley [shirleythomson77@gmail.com](mailto:shirleythomson77@gmail.com)  
by December 8<sup>th</sup>

Proposed January Luncheon at Rock Pool Pavilion ,  
Please email Shirley with preference for weekend or  
weekday

Expect an exciting and entertaining segment !!  
Bookings essential .

If you are interested in finding out more about “The  
Friends” go to

[Friends of St James Cathedral - St. James' Anglican Cathedral Townsville](#)

Steve's  
Ray of Sunshine  
Photography

December

# MISSION OF THE MONTH

December 18<sup>th</sup> - Advent 4

The Fourth Candle:

The **LOVE** of God for humanity

Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Waiting to return home



Many Sri Lankan refugees living in exile in India are finally ready to make the journey home to the country they love. But the current economic crisis and food shortages mean it's not safe for them to return.

Through the Christmas Bowl you are helping our local partner, the Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OfERR), continue to provide lifesaving medical care for refugees while they wait for Sri Lanka to be safe again. **Please give today.**



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# Blue Christmas

a service of remembrance and hope

6 pm

December 18<sup>th</sup>



*Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died or it may be a time that has always been lonely. The constant refrains on radio and television, in shopping centres and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost. We can feel alone in the midst of the celebrating and joy. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness; we need to know that we are not alone. We sometimes need encouragement to live the days ahead of us.*

# December 21<sup>st</sup> St Thomas

## St Thomas Anglican Church Hughenden

The first recorded services were held in 1883 and in 1885 Bishop Stanton dedicated the Parish Church of St Thomas. This church was demolished in 1949 by a cyclone.

- The origins of the Hughenden parish of the Church of England are closely bound up with the first settlement of the district, particularly with Mr. Robert Gray, who gained control of Hughenden Station from Henry in 1865. Gray's wife was a daughter of the first Anglican Dean of Goulburn.
- In his "Reminiscences of India and North Queensland" Gray recalls that the first cleric to visit Hughenden was Reverend James Hassall, a priest from the Dioceses of Sydney. He had come north to dispose of some cattle which he and his brother owned. While in the district he held two services for the Grays and their employees at Hughenden Station homestead.
- The next visit by an Anglican minister was not until 1871 when Reverend J Adams who was attached to the Townsville parish held services at Hughenden Station.
- A Foundation stone reads, " This stone was laid by the Lord Bishop of North Queensland The Rt Rev Ian Shevill M.A. 5th July 1953 - A.M.D.G. A.E. Turner Rector".
- A plaque on the adjacent Hall reads,  
*A Joint Initiative of St Thomas Anglican Church, Hughenden Flinders Shire Council and The Estate of Charles Smith (Smithy) Duncombe.  
Officially Dedicated by The Anglican Bishop of North Queensland The Right Reverend Bill Ray 8th July 2012.*

- [Hughenden, QLD - St Thomas' Anglican :: Australian Christian Church Histories](#)



“Kids’ Kristmas”  
5pm Christmas Eve



# Christmas Services

## Christmas Eve

5.00 pm "Kids Kristmas" St James'  
5.00pm St Margaret's  
9.00 pm St James'

## Christmas Day

7.15am Christ-Mass at St Mark's  
9.00am Christ-Mass at St James'



*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

# MISSION OF THE MONTH

December

December 24<sup>th</sup> The Fifth White Candle:

The "Centre Candle", is lit on Christmas Eve or Day to display that the light of Christ has come into the world in fulfilment of the prophecies

Christmas Day



## Merry Christmas!

Mugisha\*, along with her sister and two young children are just some of the millions of families living as refugees around the world. Mugisha fled to Kenya after conflict broke out in her home country of Congo. Since arriving, she has faced many challenges to meet the basic needs for her family. Through the Christmas Bowl, our local partners around the world can continue to share God's love with refugees like Mugisha by providing food, care and lifesaving support. **Please give today.**

\*Mugisha's name has been changed for safety reasons.



[For more information  
Christmas Day - YouTube](#)



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# December 27<sup>th</sup>

## St John

**Church of St John the Evangelist (built 1924),  
Masig Island (aka Yorke Island),  
Torres Strait  
Priest - Reverend Ned Mosby**

- Yorke Island is only 2.7 km long and 800 m wide and is presently very vulnerable to the encroachment of the sea because of the low elevation.
- The shape of the church building is very much the basic traditional style with a rectangle beneath a corrugated iron gable roof, and a porch at the front and a shallow apse at the rear. The apse has three windows containing some coloured glass.



# December 28<sup>th</sup> Holy Innocents

Heather and Lawrie send greetings from their summer home in Jeeralang, near Traralgon, Vic

*Holy Innocents is part of our parish and is the smallest Anglican church in Australia. It is the Cooperating churches of Churchill, Yinnar and Yinnar South. Services are held here every 5th Sunday. It seats about 14. It's beautifully furnished inside in Baltic Pine. Outside the cows graze almost to the door and it's always green in this part of the world except in the worst drought.*



**We had the "Blessing of Animals" service in our local park in October. Lawrie's dog, Tiki, being blessed by Rev Brenda. (That day she was Rev Zebra Brenda).**

*We'd love to see any of Townsville family church members at our place. We have lots of room and we're not bad cooks either.*

**Flowers from Heather's garden**





# MONTH IN REVIEW

November



# Baptism

**We welcome**

Mia Marie Parrish

Nate James Clifford Tregidga

Harper Zylstra

Elizabeth Mc Gregor

Oden Campbell

**into God's Family**

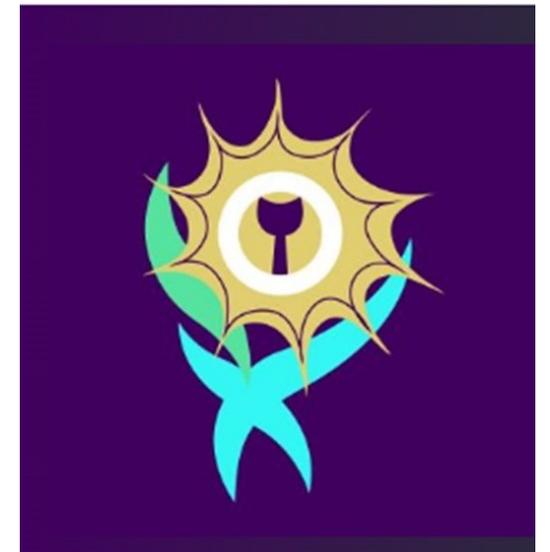
Fr Mitchell Porter conducted the Defence Sunday Service and Major Justin Parker gave a very interesting address about the different religious beliefs of the people who he had met while on deployment around the world.





6pm, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Service celebrating  
30 years of Women's  
Priestly Ministry





## Rev Florence Li Tim-Oi

In a move which showed that there are times when pastoral care trumps theology, January 25, 1944 saw Bishop Ronald Hall, the Anglican Missionary Bishop of Hong Kong and China, ordain the first female priest in the Anglican Communion, Florence Li Tim-Oi.

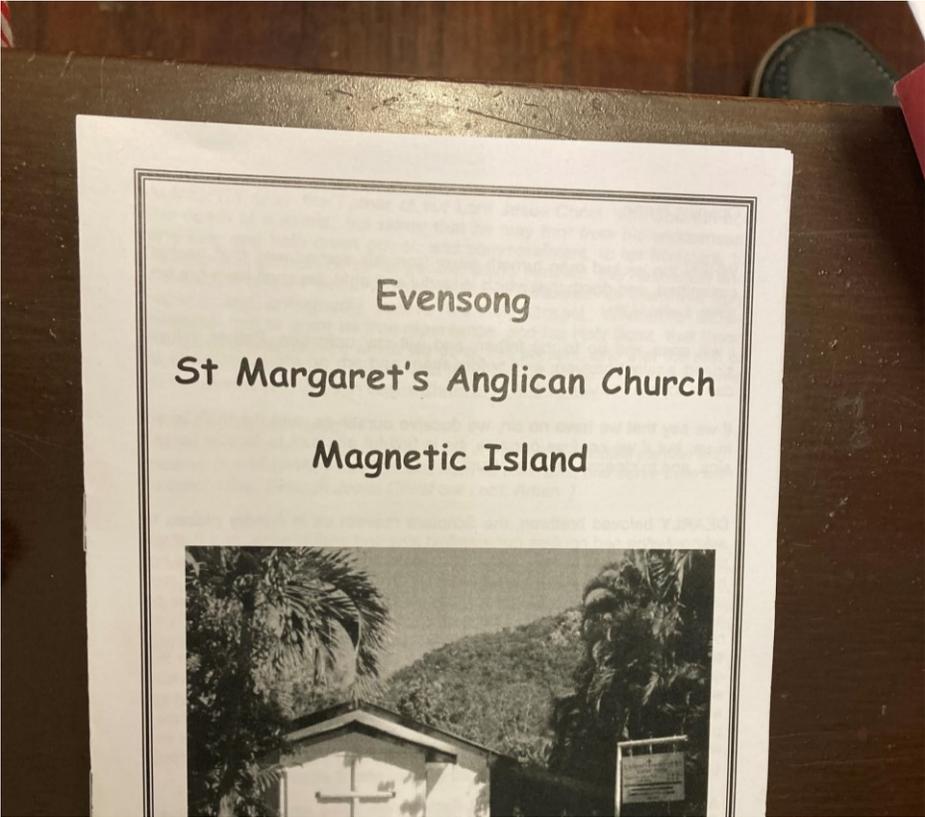
He had previously written to the Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, advising him that "I have given her permission to celebrate the Lord's Supper. If I could reach her physically I should ordain her priest rather than give her permission ... I'm not an advocate for the ordination of women. I am, however, determined that no prejudices should prevent the congregations committed to my care having the sacraments of the Church."

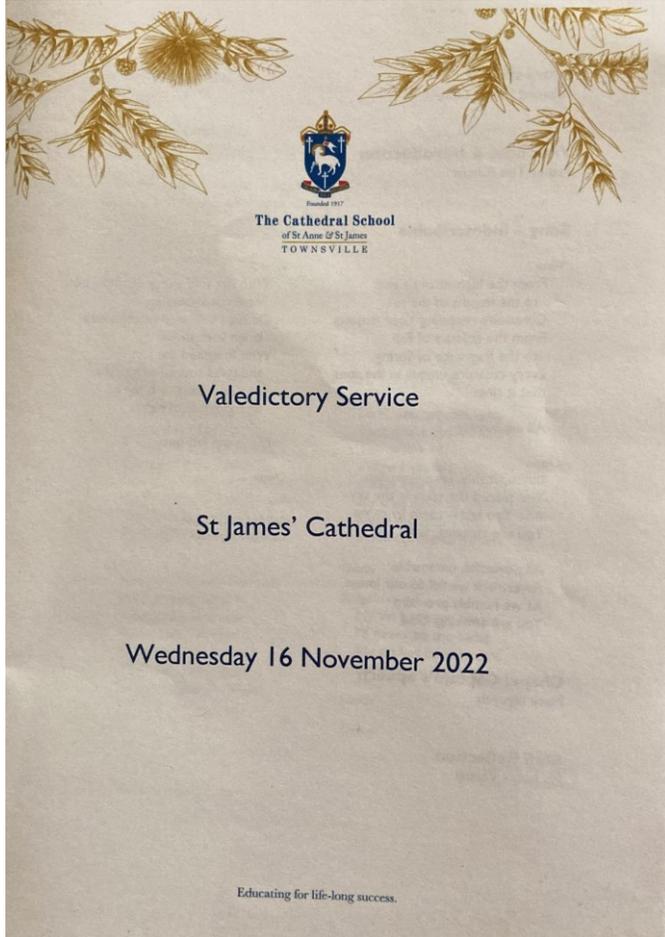
*(from Fr Kenneth's sermon on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ordination of Women in Australia)*

[Rev. Florence Li Tim-Oi -- First Woman Ordained in Anglican Communion 25 January 1944 — Women's Ordination Worldwide \(womensordinationcampaign.org\)](http://womensordinationcampaign.org)



Painting donated to St James by the Franciscans





The Year 12 students and families gathered at St James' Cathedral last night for their final chapel service, led by school chaplain Fr. Tim Adkins.

Photography by Jo Duncan.





# Townsville Concert Band Concert.

Last one of 13 concerts for 2022



*The choir farewells Jeffrey Titus*

# Last one for 2022



Rumi Dunlap writes.....

What a great surprise to see the display at Cathedral on last month. Many ladies keep their wedding dress for long time providing good care. One of dress was worn by 3 generations. It is certainly a family treasure.

The Japanese also wear white kimono at the wedding ceremony (However, many brides now choose the western style white dress. But either way, we change to wear a colourful dress for the reception

Rumi & Walt Dunlap  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 1992



Japanese women also wear white by tradition as white has connotations such as “purification”, “purity”, “innocence” and to invoke the “sacred” light of the Japanese Sun God (Shinto religion). In Christian tradition, white also attributes the religious doctrine of virgin sanctity. In the ancient traditions of Japan, the white costume also signifies the “rebirth” of death. It is still common to wear a white kimono at your own funeral service for burial or cremation.

- I do not believe that the modern Japanese world now fully embraces this traditional concept. Yet, white is the symbolic wedding colour of change for entering one’s marriage and acceptance of your partner’s family. In this meaning, I like the symbolism of wearing a white wedding dress.

Ya?

”..... My wedding photos show my traditional wedding kimono and headdress. For our wedding reception, I changed into a colourful kimono. Many family members wore a traditional black kimono with family crest displayed on the chests and back.

*One more tradition which my husband fond of!*

I wore a “Tsunokakushi (direct translation: “Hiding Horns”), which is a type of traditional wedding kimono headdress worn by brides in during the Shinto wedding ceremony. Growing “horns” is a symbol of anger. So, by hiding them, one can become an obedient and docile wife. It is said that if a woman goes mad with jealousy, she will become a horned demon, so the headdress is worn to hide the “horns of jealousy

# Parishioners IN THE NEWS

Dr Lynore Geia. Picture:  
Caitlan Charles



## Residents knock back island art

**DANIEL SHIRKIE**

PLANS for a new Museum of Underwater Arts installation for a Palm Island bay have been scrapped after residents called for the project to be abandoned.

Dr Lynore Geia, a health professional from Palm Island, was an early critic of the proposed underwater art exhibit, but said the push to stop the installation was a whole community effort.

"There was a couple of things that we were concerned about, particularly the designs, but also the level of consultation that the Museum of Underwater Arts undertook on Palm," Dr Geia said.

"It was insufficient and it really didn't meet the needs of the Palm Island people, particularly, the Bwgcolman people who are a majority of the population on the island."

Dr Geia said concerns had been raised multiple times with MOUA's board about how the consultation process had been handled, but also the designs of the proposed statues themselves.

"Particularly the designs of heads, that caused quite a bit of stress because that's just not part of our cultural art-forms. People felt that if those heads resembled people they could recognise and that person passed away,

then it would be very inappropriate to have that image sitting there constantly."

Dr Geia said the location that had been nominated to host the art exhibit, close to Challenger Bay, was of tremendous cultural importance. "That's where the original old people came to Palm Island and a lot of significant community memories were made on that beach," she said.

In a statement Museum of Underwater Art Board Chair Paul Victory said the organisation was "disappointed" to not proceed with the planned installation.

The organisation withdrew its permit application for the installation of underwater sculptures created by artist Jason deCaires Taylor after pushback from the Manbarra Elders Council.

"While MOUA had a strong partnership with some entities on Palm Island including traditional owner families at the Manbarra Aboriginal Corporation, the Palm Island Art Centre and Rainbow Gateway Centre, it has not been able to satisfy all issues raised by the Manbarra Elders Council (MEC) and MOUA and the GBRMPA acknowledges the importance of the Elders' approvals in this project."

Dr Geia said the residents of Palm Island were not opposed to tourism, but said consultation processes had to start earlier, and involve input from locals from the first step.

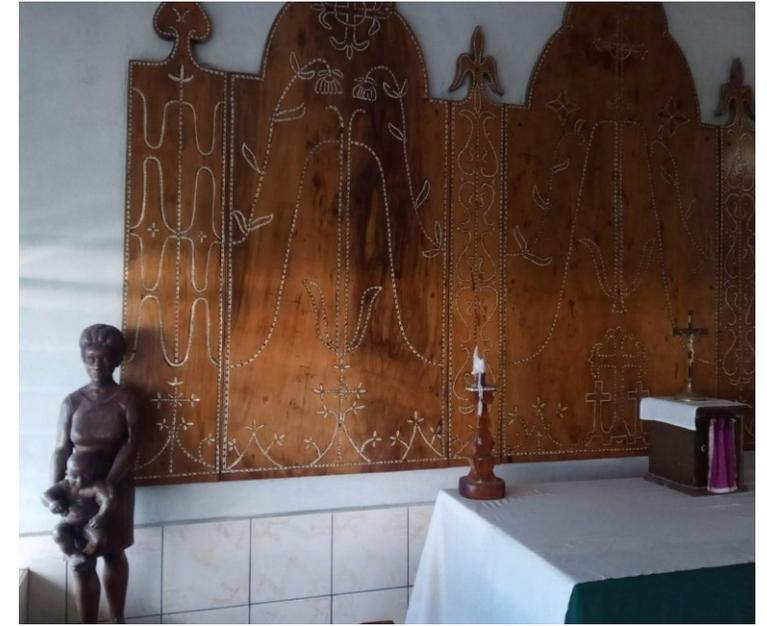


The statues planned for Palm Island as part of the Museum of Underwater Art.

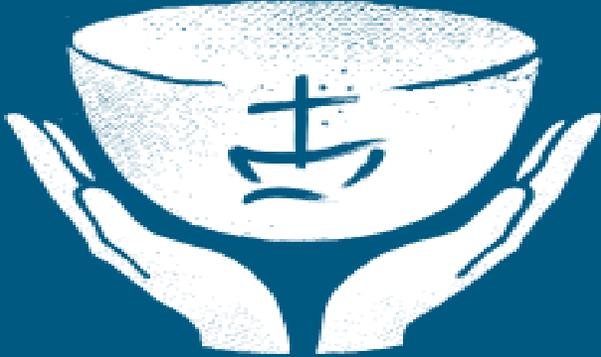


## Melanesian Madonna

Thanks to Fr Alphonse and Beglen, we are able to confirm that the delightful 1m high statue of a Melanesian woman and her baby boy, carved by Stan Moses, is still located in the Lady Chapel, St Barnabas Cathedral, Honiara. It was presented to the Cathedral by Canon J Edwards in memory of M. E. A. Bush, perhaps on the consecration of the cathedral, June 11<sup>th</sup> 1969.



[Timber, Metal | Art of Stan Moses \(jimdosite.com\)](http://jimdosite.com)



# Christmas Bowl

“Love your neighbour as yourself.”

Mark 12:31

Share God’s love through the Christmas Bowl.

Please give today. 1800 025 101

[www.actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://www.actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)

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December



Thankyou from the Althea Project  
\$ 220 donated



*Althea*  
PROJECTS

# Do you send or receive Christmas Cards?

Remember the beautiful Anneka Silver cards on the table near the west door

ONLY \$2 each  
or 6 for \$10

Also, please save your stamps for the Australian Board of Mission





**THANK YOU**

To those who

~~Had~~ **Golf Scraps?**

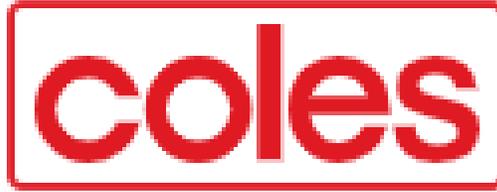
The Women's Prison are using them for crocheting.



2 x Short Tumblers  
FREE with 20 credits



2 x Tall Tumblers  
FREE with 24 credits



until 3 January 2023

- Do you shop at Coles or Woolies and collect Credits but do not need extra glasses /cutlery/plates?

everyday  
rewards



until 31 January 2023

- If so, we can donate these to the Althea Project to help those setting up home.

THANK  
YOU

Also to all those who have left toiletries for the MU Women's Shelter project



 **Monthly Report**  
**October 2022** 



Photos clockwise: On-signing crew for the "Lautoka Chief," The Franciscan Eucharist for the Feast of St Francis; Crew from the "Ocean Sataloka" with Bibles they received; Volunteer Alex. Calendar design for 2023 for MTS centres to distribute to seafarers.

**The Mission to Seafarers: Port of Townsville**  
Serving seafarers in Townsville for 95 years. Established: 1927 Port of Townsville

*"Then I saw a flying angel in mid- heaven, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those on earth, to every nation and tribe, language, and people.*

If you would like to be kept up to date with the happenings at the Mission to Seafarers email

Graham Miller  
[mtstownsville@hotmail.com](mailto:mtstownsville@hotmail.com)





**2022 SEAFARERS**  
**Christmas Appeal**

The Mission to Seafarers Townsville invites you to help us make Christmas 2022 a time of Joy and Celebration for our international Seafarers at the Port of Townsville. We all benefit from the work performed by these crews, in one way or another. This is a simple way we can say Thank you to them.

Please make a donation to:  
**The Mission to Seafarers, PO Box 729,**  
**Townsville4810**  
[mtstownsville@hotmail.com](mailto:mtstownsville@hotmail.com)

To keep our Ministry Unit going **EVERY** week **SOMEBODY** does these things **PLUS MORE**



## “Whose Job Is It, Anyway?”

*This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.*

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

**Do you have time or skills to share in 2023?**

# THE ROSTER

## St James

If there are difficulties, please contact Anne

[farrago@westnet.com.au](mailto:farrago@westnet.com.au)

As many people will be away in January, could you please fill in the roster at the back of the Cathedral if you can help out during that time

Due to holidays, the Cathedral may also not be open as usual

Ministry	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	Christmas Eve 9.00pm	Christmas Day 9.00am
	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<u>Cleaning</u> (Saturday BEFORE rostered Sunday)	Jennie R & Lorraine	Wendy & Eddie	Beglen	Dee Anaka	
Welcomers/Offertory	Darrell	Darrell	Lisa & Glen	Phil & Marion	Glen & Lisa
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm	Beglen	Frank	Wendy	Wendy	Ray Bailey
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Leigh	Georgie	Robyn	Robyn	Beglen
Gospel	Lynore	Phil Cole	Rev Shirley	Phil	Glen
Prayers	Lisa	Lynore	Jennie R	Jennie R	Lisa
Morning tea	Lorraine & Leigh	Bernice and Glenda	Wendy and Eddie		( <u>no</u> morning tea)
Offering counting/ banking	Owen S & duty guide	Jennie R & duty guide			Owen & duty guide

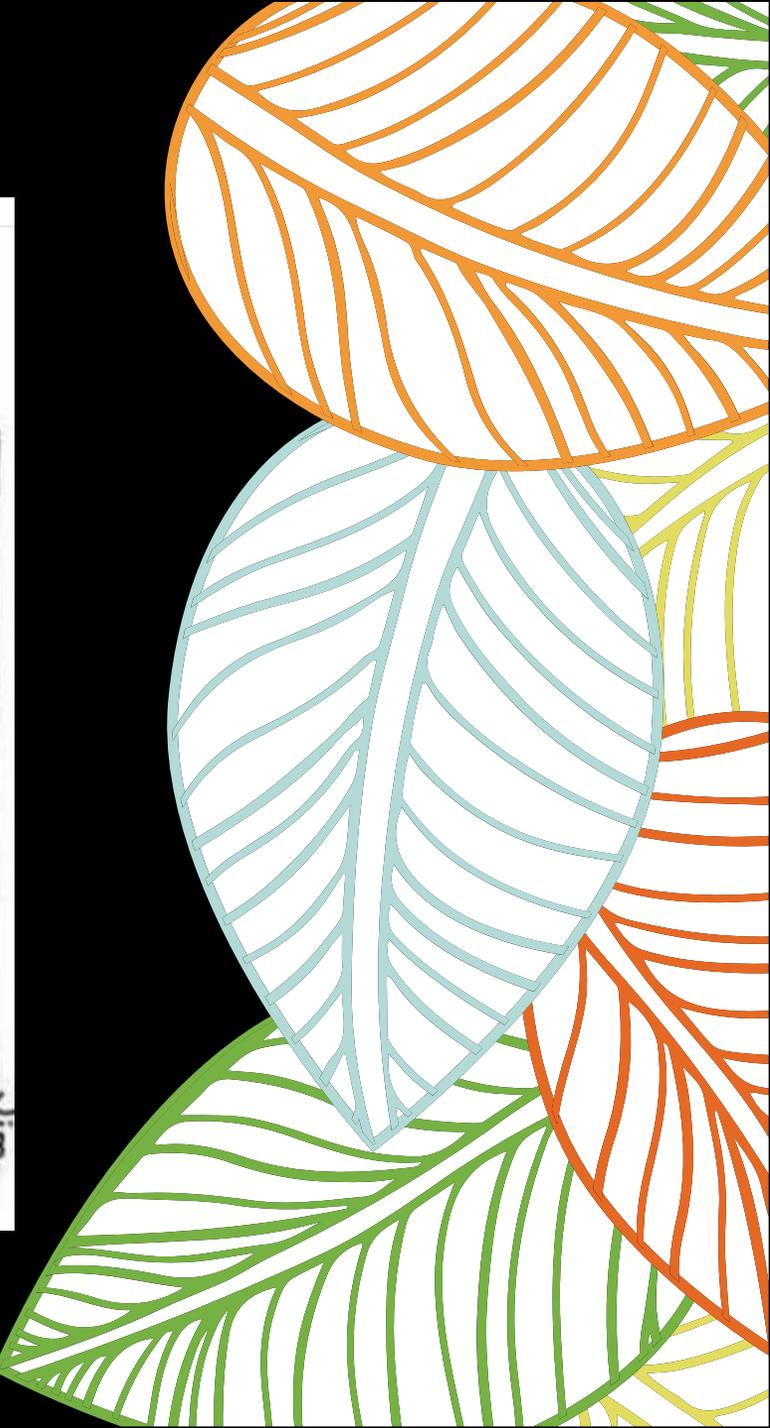
# THE ROSTER

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> READER	2 <sup>ND</sup> READER	INTERCESSOR
04 DEC	GEOFWHITING	DI MACGREGOR	HELEN MILLICAN
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18 DEC	DI MACGREGOR	FERN GALT	HELEN MILLICAN
25 DEC	DI MACGREGOR	GEOFF WHITING	JAN WHITE

## St Mark's

Please check the roster. If you are unable to complete your duty, please make a swap or let Betty Daly know

Mother and baby  
are doing well...  
Both are in a  
stable condition.





## St James' Cathedral Townsville

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1892



WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2, 1892.]

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ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL, TOWNSVILLE.  
South View Complete! Building—Shaded Part now completed.



THE COMPLETE DESIGN.

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## Townsville Cathedral

Residents of Townsville, irrespective of class or creed (says the Bulletin), cannot but be proud of the fact that St. James's Church of England Cathedral, which was consecrated on October 27 by the Right Rev. Bishop Barlow, is essentially a North Queensland structure.

For that portion of the cathedral which was opened yesterday the diocese of North Queensland is indebted to its first bishop, the much venerated Bishop Stanton, who now has charge of the diocese of Newcastle, New South Wales.

In 1884, five years after his arrival in North Queensland, Bishop Stanton promulgated the idea of the building of a cathedral, and although at the time the project was deemed by many persons to be premature, such was the determination of its originator, so large his individual liberality and so powerful his influence, that on June 21, 1887—the jubilee of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria—Bishop Stanton, with due ceremony, turned the first sod of the excavation for the foundation. All the details had been well thought out, and it needed only a clever organiser and controlling master mind to carry the ambitious scheme to a successful issue by securing enthusiastic support. At the meeting of the Synod on January 15, 1891, the resignation of Bishop Stanton of the see of North Queensland was accepted, and he was in due course translated to that of Newcastle.

Bishop Barlow, who was unanimously elected as his successor at the same sitting of the Synod, has pushed on the building to its present stage with characteristic energy, sparing no personal exertion in order to secure the consummation of the project inaugurated by his predecessor. It is due to Bishop Barlow that the opening of the cathedral has been celebrated at a much earlier date than was at first anticipated

Bishop Stanton communicated to Mr. Arthur Blackett, of Sydney, all the special features required in such a structure in a tropical climate, and in February, 1885, Mr. Blackett paid a visit to Townsville, inspected the proposed site, and examined the material then proposed to be used—namely, the reddish gray sandstone from Bungaree Creek, on the Northern Railway. Having acquired full knowledge of the dimensions of the proposed building Mr. Blackett returned to Sydney, and in a few months supplied two designs—one in Italian Gothic with a large central dome, the estimated cost of which was £35,000, and the other in the neo-Norman style of architecture of cruciform plan, with an apse at the east and a tower at the west end to carry a peal of bells, and a fleche at the intersection of the transepts for ventilation purposes. "With certain modifications" this latter design was accepted, the question of cost preventing the use of the beautiful sandstone, and necessitating the adoption of brick. The estimated cost of the approved design was £24,000 ; or without the top of the tower and flecho, £20,000 ; or with partial tower, nave, and transepts, without the choir, £14,000. The choir and transepts were estimated to cost £10,000 ; the flecho and decorations, £300 ; top of the tower, £3,300 ; and fences, stops, &c., £400. That portion of the cathedral which was opened on Thursday consists of the apse, choir, and transepts, the western end being temporarily bricked in.

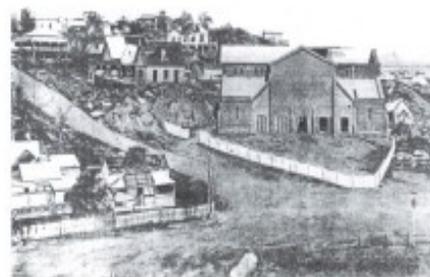
Standing in an elevated position at the corner of Cleveland Terrace and Hamilton Street, the cathedral overlooks the busiest portion of the town. The main entrance is at the west end, which is approached by an incline from the side of the old church. When the building is finished the west entrance will be high above the level of Cleveland Terrace, to which steps will lead down.

The floor of the nave will then be sufficiently high from the ground to allow a crypt, in which will be located a system of fans for the diffusion of cold air throughout the building.

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Cathedral unroofed following cyclone 'Leonta' in March 1903 [Photograph: John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland]



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In the earliest days, when Townsville formed part of the Sydney diocese, services were conducted in the old Court House, by Mr James Gordon, and it was in 1866 that the first incumbent was appointed, the Rev. James Adams. In 1871 the erection of the building known as St James' Pro-Cathedral was commenced, and it was upon the first Sunday in October of that year that the first service was held therein. Nearly seven years later, namely, in June 1878. The Rev. G. H. Stanton D.D. was consecrated the first Bishop of North Queensland, but he did not proceed direct to his new diocese. He spent some months in England, during which, with a full realisation of the state of the country he was going to, and the many hardships and difficulties he would have to face—he devoted his time to the obtaining of funds for Church purposes, and in the setting together of a class of clergymen suitable for his requirements. It was not then until May 1879 that he landed in Townsville, upon the 21st of which month he preached his first sermon to a Townsville

congregation, and to the credit of the town it may be said that that congregation was a very large one. Upon Bishop Stanton's active and useful life in North Queensland we need not here further dilate, but in 1884 he first announced the idea which he had conceived of building a cathedral church at Townsville, but the plan required considerable time to mature, and the matter of ways and means was one which has of course to be taken into account. Upon 21st of June, however, in 1887 (Jubilee Day), the first sod of the excavations of the cathedral was turned, since which time the building has been proceeded with up to the present time, and though not yet completed, it is in every way a credit to those who have devised and carried it out, as well as to the town.

The original architect was Mr Arthur Blackett, of Sydney, and the local superintending architect. Mr Eyre, of the firm of Eyre and Munro. The contractors are Messrs McMahon and Cliffe, and the cost up to the present time has been about £10,000.

Two designs were submitted by Mr Blackett, one in Italian Gothic with large central dome, at an estimated cost of £35,000, and the other in a semi-Norman style of architecture, with an apse at the east and tower at the western extremity.

The latter, with certain alterations and modifications, was adopted. The portion of the cathedral, which was to-day opened, was the apse, chancel and transepts, the western end being left unfinished, where the building will subsequently be finished by the additional of tower, &c., and when completed the cathedral will be decidedly a most imposing edifice. Coming to the interior, the width of the building across the transepts is 94ft, and the width of the transepts is 23ft 4in. The length from the apse to the present western door is 84ft, the width of the apse being 34ft 6in.

The pillars, which were specially exhibited at the Melbourne Exhibition, are the largest castings ever made in Australia, and the weight of the four central ones is six tons apiece, the intermediate ones being about two tons' weight.

The pulpit, which is manufactured entirely from Queensland woods by Messrs McMahon and Cliffe, is the gift of the clergy of the diocese in memory of Bishop Stanton's episcopate. The brass lectern of the pulpit was turned out by Mr Horn, of the firm of Horn and Petersen. The stalls for the canons are the gift of the Mayor of Townsville Mr C. F. Sparre. The organ was the gift of Miss Holland, a friend of Bishop Stanton's in England, some years ago, but in the Pro-Cathedral it was unable to be allotted such a position as would do it justice.

Yesterday, however, it was heard to great advantage, its splendid volume of tone filling the building beautifully. There is extensive seating capacity, and the Cathedral today was comfortably filled, a large proportion of the congregation being ladies.

The opening ceremonies commenced at noon, the profession leaving Bishop's Lodge punctually at that hour in the following order, the choir singing hymn 215 "The Church's one foundation Verger.

Workmen of Cathedral.

Members of Parish Vestries.

Members of Diocesan Synod.

Members of Diocesan Council.

Wardens of St. James' Parish.

The Choir.

Lay Headers.

Clergy of the Diocese.

Vicar of Cathedral Parish (Canon Tucker).

Diocesan Registrar (Mr. G. A. Roberts).

The Bishop's Chaplain (Rev. W. A. Turner, bearing pastoral staff).

The Bishop of North Queensland.

The Bishop's Chaplains (Canons Edwards and White).

THE RIGHT REV. DR. BARLOW, D.D.

Chancellor of the Diocese (His Honor Mr Justice Chubb.)

On arrival at the western door, the procession separated into two lines, and the Bishop passing up to the entrance, and having gone through the forms of service set for the occasion, knocked at the door, saying:

"Open ye the Gates," and entering, said: "Peace be unto You." Canon Edwards then presented the petition for consecration, saying: "My Lord, in the name of the Diocese, I desire that you will be pleased to consecrate this Cathedral to the uses set forth in this petition."

The Registrar then read the petition, the Bishop answering "I am ready to do as you desire, and I pray God to bless and prosper this our work."

The Bishop, Canons, and others with the choir then proceeded to the chancel singing Psalm XXIV, and after prayers had been said, the work of consecration was performed by the Bishop, with Canons Edwards, Tucker and White and the Revd. W. A. Turner, proceeding first to the front and then in order, to the Lectern, the Pulpit, the place of marriage, and the place of confirmation. The Bishop then, standing before the Holy table, offered up prayer for all who should hereafter worship within the building, and, then sitting in his chair, and the congregation also being seated, the Chancellor of the Diocese read the sentence of consecration, which was afterwards signed by his Lordship, and the choir sang Hymn No. 160.

Here followed the order of Holy communion, and after the Nicene creed, the Bishop gave a brief but eloquent address from the pulpit. He thanked God from his heart that the church in North Queensland was able to say that it had arrived at the position of that day, and he rejoiced with his congregation upon the opening of the building in which they were then assembled.

The cathedral, however, must not be looked upon as for Townsville alone, but as an object of pride to every son and daughter of the church from end to end of North Queensland. The hour of opening had necessarily, in conformation to the rules of the church, been fixed at an hour which was not very convenient to all, but he rejoiced to see so large a congregation on the occasion.

He had received a letter from Bishop Stanton a day or two ago, who spoke with regret that he could not personally be present at the opening ceremony, but he had said "My heart and thoughts will be with you on Thursday."



Going on, Bishop Barlow reverted to over 20 years ago, when he had rejoiced upon the opening of the limited building which had supplied their wants from then up till now. He noticed some around who had been present upon that occasion, and he feelingly spoke also of the number then present who had since passed away forever. He concluded by inviting the congregation to join in the partaking of the Holy Communion. The choir sang hymn No. 360 during the offertory, the letter resulting in the collection of over £182.

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