



Welcome to the Townsville (CBD) Ministry Unit

December
2023

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0417 602 868

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The Very Rev'd and Venerable
Dr Kenneth Lay
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Services

Sundays:

**7.15 am St Marks Belgian
Gardens**

9 am St James' Cathedral

Monday- Friday:

8 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday:

12 noon & 5.30pm Eucharist

Saturday:

**5 pm St Margarets,
Magnetic Island**

St James' Cathedral is open

**Most weekdays 8am-noon
(except in Jan)**

Assisting Clergy

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THANKSGIVING

*Church Wardens
of St James
Cathedral
General Account*

BSB 034 222

Acc 250713

Direct Debit



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

A full brochure and information can be found at

*ANFIN — Anglican Church
Southern Queensland
(anglicanchurchsq.org.au)*

Anonymous Gift

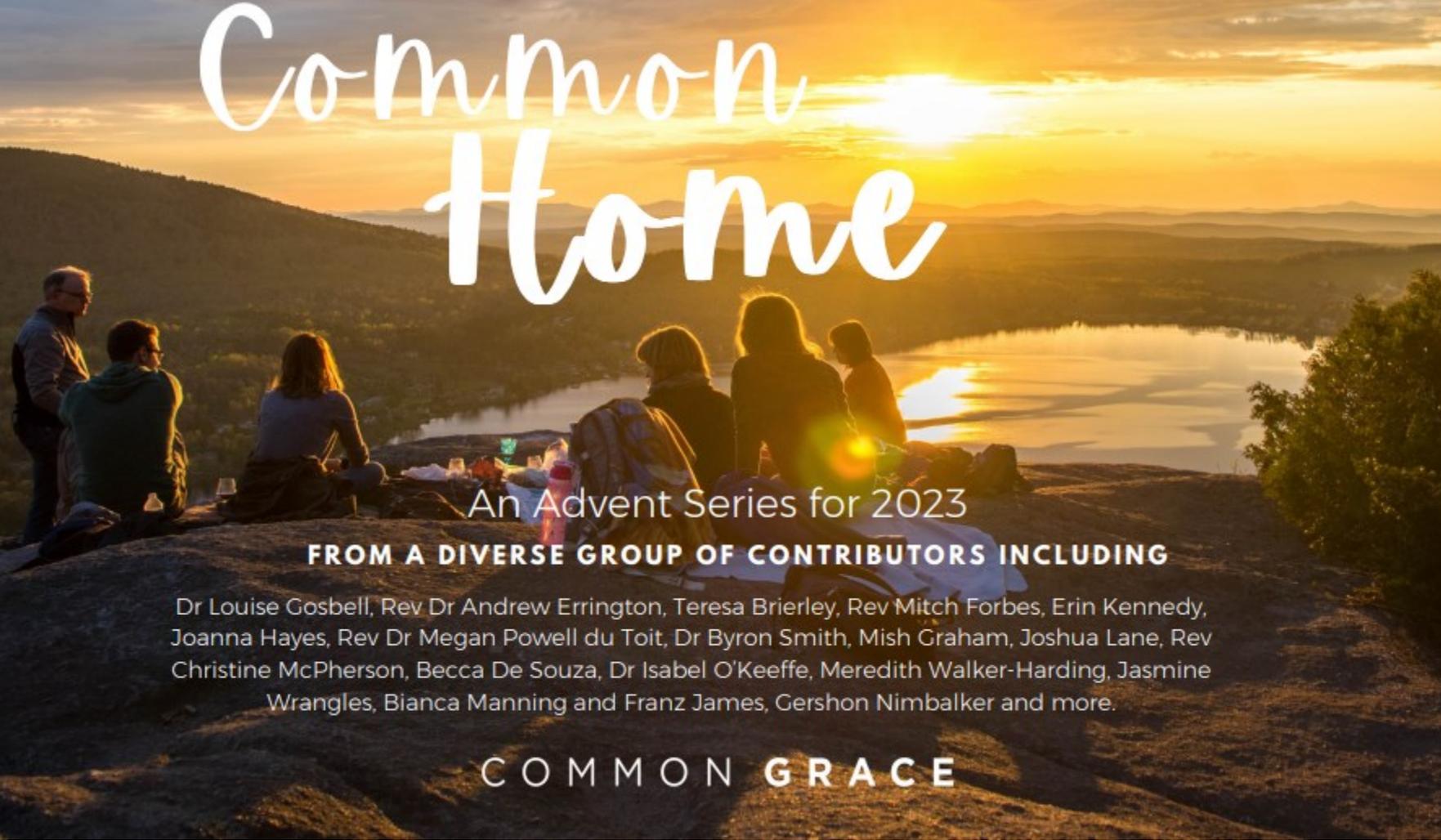
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December, 2023 **The Townsville Ministry Unit**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 1ST SUN AFT CHRISTMAS 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James					1 RICHARD HOOKER 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	2 FRANCES PERRY 8.00 Morning Prayer 4.00 Wedding at the Cathedral 5.00 Service at Magnetic Isl
2 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James Farwell to Ian Gamack	4 NICHOLAS FERRAR 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 1.00 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	5 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	6 NICHOLAS OF MYRA 7.00 Study Group 8.00 Morning Prayer 9.00 Diocesan Council Mtg 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	7 AMBROSE OF MILAN 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 2.00 Senior Leadership Team	8 THE CONCEPTION OF MARY 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist Fr Kenneth leaves for the Gulf 5.00 Eucharist at Georgetown	9 8.00 Morning Prayer 10.00 Eucharist at Croydon 5.00 Service at Magnetic Isl
10 2TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 8.00 Eucharist at Normanton 9.00 Eucharist at St James 3.00 "Blue Christmas" Ascension Heatley 5.00 Eucharist at Mt Isa	11 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 1.00 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	12 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	13 LUCY 7.00 Study Group 8.00 Morning Prayer 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	14 JOHN OF THE CROSS 8.00 Morning Prayer 4.00 MUC Meeting Bowen	15 8.00 Morning Prayer	16 8.00 Morning Prayer 10.00 Installation of Archbishop of Brisbane 5.00 Service at Magnetic Isl
17 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James 7.00 Lessons and Carols for Christmas	18 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 1.00 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	19 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	20 7.00 Study Group 8.00 Morning Prayer 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	21 ST THOMAS 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	22 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	23 8.00 Morning Prayer 5.00 Service at Magnetic Isl
24 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James 5.00 Kids Kristmas 9.00 Vigil Mass	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 7.15 Christmas at St Mark's 9.00 Christmas at St James	26 ST STEPHEN 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	27 ST JOHN 8.00 Morning Prayer 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	28 HOLY INNOCENTS 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	29 THOMAS BECKET 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	30 JOSEPHINE BUTLER 8.00 Morning Prayer 5.00 Service at Magnetic Isl



Common Home

An Advent Series for 2023

FROM A DIVERSE GROUP OF CONTRIBUTORS INCLUDING

Dr Louise Gosbell, Rev Dr Andrew Errington, Teresa Brierley, Rev Mitch Forbes, Erin Kennedy, Joanna Hayes, Rev Dr Megan Powell du Toit, Dr Byron Smith, Mish Graham, Joshua Lane, Rev Christine McPherson, Becca De Souza, Dr Isabel O'Keeffe, Meredith Walker-Harding, Jasmine Wrangles, Bianca Manning and Franz James, Gershon Nimbalker and more.

COMMON GRACE

Common Home is a daily Advent email series of written and creative devotionals and prayers that have been crafted by a diverse group of contributors, reflecting on the longing, hope, and beauty of God's 'Common Home' being realised, revealed, and renewed through the birth of Jesus.

You can sign up [here](#).

In the beginning God made a home. Not a house with four walls and a door - a place of belonging and safety for all for bodies with wings and tails, or fins and scales, or human skin like you and I exist within
We could describe this space as one that was marked with common grace.

From ['For our Common Home'](#) video written by poet Will Small

Dec 1st

Happy 70th Birthday to
our Church Warden

Philip



December 2nd

Cooper Roberts-Day &
Natasha Van Antwerp

Best wishes
for your wedding
at St James



- Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas
Advent means 'Coming' in Latin.



The First Candle:
A time of expectation
and **HOPE**



Week 3: 10 December 2023

Mikaela O'Neil/Act for Peace

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

Our partner EOC-DICAC in Ethiopia provides refugees with vocational training to help improve their potential income through courses such as tailoring, hairdressing, and food preparation.

The Second Candle:
The **PEACE** that is to come





BLUE
CHRISTMAS

**A Service of
Remembrance and Hope
Sunday 10th December at 3.00pm
The Ascension, Heatley**

The Christmas season as it approaches is often a difficult and painful time to face when a loved one is no longer with us. Memories of our loved one and their absence at this very special family time cause grief to resurface.

To help at this stressful time mixed with joy and sorrow, the Central Deanery will hold a Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance

This will be an opportunity to remember your loved one's and to acknowledge your loss and to seek support
Afternoon tea will be served in the hall.

**The Service is open to anyone
ALL WELCOME**

**NATIVITIES
FROM AROUND
THE WORLD**

**St Peter's Anglican
Church**

Cnr Leigh St & Ralston St

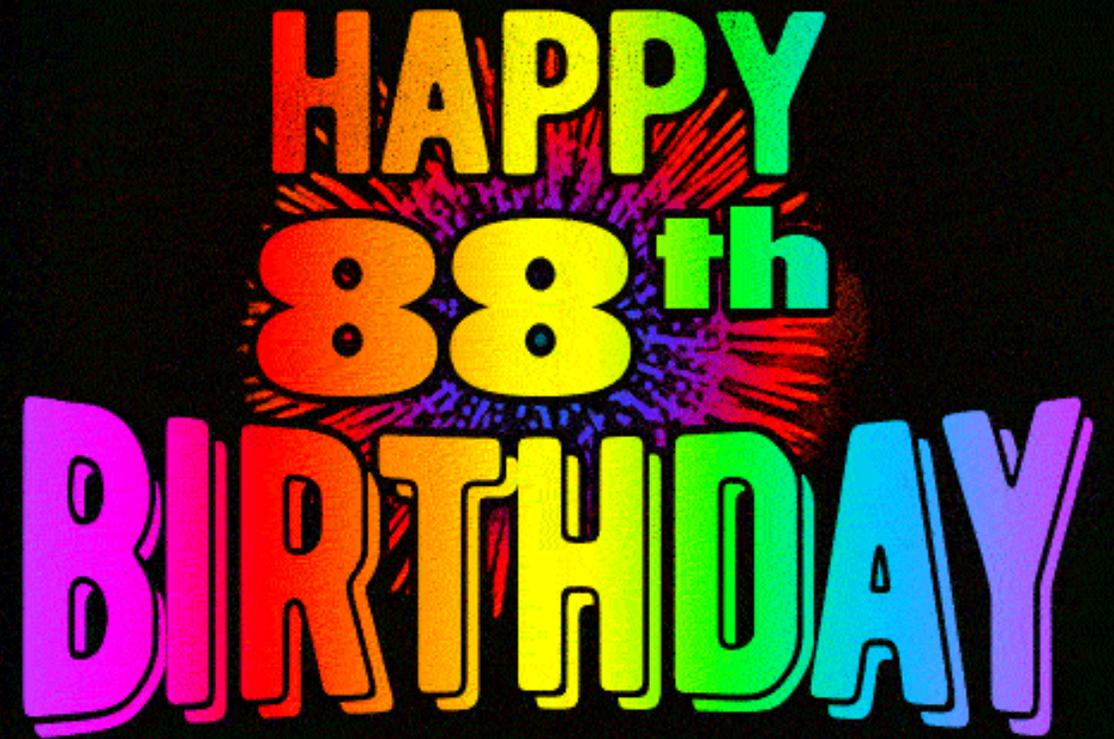
**Monday 11th December -
Friday 5th December**

6.30pm - 8.00pm



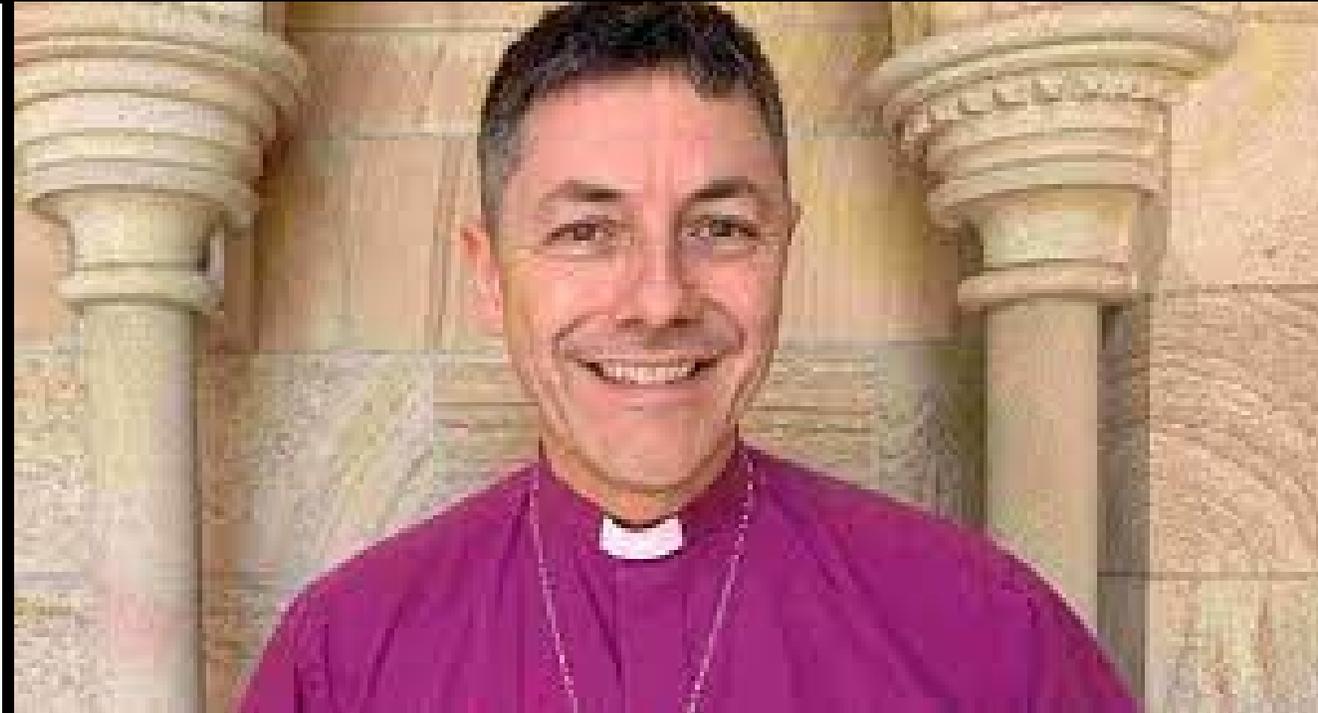
December 12th

Rev Shirley



HAPPY
88th
BIRTHDAY

Installation of
The Right Reverend Jeremy Greaves
as
Archbishop of Brisbane
and
Metropolitan of the Province of Queensland
at
St John's Cathedral
373 Ann Street, Brisbane
on
Saturday 16th December 2023
at
10:30 am



- <https://www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/leadership>

Week 4: 17 December 2023

DSPR supports Syrian refugee families in Jordan with vital food packages, as well as small business training such as cooking, weaving and hairdressing to help them to become less reliant on aid.

Ben Littlejohn/Act for Peace



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

Third Sunday of Advent: Joy





7pm Sunday December 17th

*Lessons
and Carols*

We are thrilled to each year bring to Townsville - The Stable.

Come and join us at **Stable at Riverway** from the 18th -22nd December, as we immerse ourselves in the story of Christmas with live actors, realistic scenes, costumes, animals and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

There will also be heaps of entertainment, a wide selection of food, Christmas markets, a yarnning circle, free tea and coffee and Christmas cake, a designated youth area, Children's craft and so much more. Children can pat the animals, dress up as soldiers, dance with the angels, bake bread, go fishing, hammer in nails, watch the puppet show, hassle the marketeers, clean the inn, and discover baby Jesus.

This is a great event for the whole family to come to this Christmas.

Sun 17th Dec 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Dress rehearsal and Preview night. A special quieter night for seniors and those with disabilities.

Tues 19th Dec Food Fiesta 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Over 20 Pop up food trucks especially for this night, come down and try the tastes of Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean!

Thurs 21st Dec Christmas Markets 5:00 -9:00 p.m.

Get those last-minute gifts for Christmas – over 30 stalls. Come and buy!!!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWrrqdyMipo>

Week 5: 24 December 2023

Our local partner in India, OfERR, provides vital medical care for Sri Lankans who are living in refugee camps.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

The Fourth Candle: The LOVE of God for humanity.



“Kids’ Kristmas”
5pm Christmas Eve



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

5.00 pm "Kids Kristmas" St James
9.00 pm Vigil Mass St James' Cathedral

Christmas Day

7.15am Christ-Mass at St Marks
9.00am Christ-Mass at St James



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Week 6: 25 December 2023

Our partner The Border Consortium are working to ensure everyone within the two northernmost refugee camps on the Thai-Burma border receive the support and services they need to live safely in exile.

Christmas Day: Light of the World



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

November

Month in Review

We welcome

Oliver Orborn Reed
Chase Walter Watts-Frattner
Rose Jane Benvenuti
Atlas James Lawrence
Ellie Grace McCarthy
Enen Elliana Drewitt Smooth
Flynn Jay Healy-Donovan
Haley Anne Travers
Josie Joce Tamblyn
Myla Annabele Selkig

into God's Family



Baptism



*Rest
in
Peace*

Richard Muir



RIP

Rest in peace

Pauline has been a member of the "Friends of St James Cathedral" for many years and she has been a great supporter of the annual Art and Craft Exhibition.



Pauline Catt
RPL Coordinator, AACC

Dylan Newman & Dannielle Glaves

**Congratulations
on Your
Wedding...**

at St James' Cathedral



Farewell
Anne McCutcheon



Farewell Anne McCutcheon

Anne has been an active member of the St James Cathedral and the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland since arriving in Townsville in 1992

Mentor and Spiritual Advisor to many clergy and Bishops in the Diocese .

Examining Chaplain on the Ordination Discernment Committee. Bishops John and Bill valued her wise counsel about people seeking ordination. It was a role Anne exercised when required.

Anne was involved with the **military program** that was held on Magnetic Island

2008 Inaugural Chair of the **Friends of St James' Cathedral** and committee member

Leader and Presenter for many Townsville Street Chaplain Workshops

Leader and Presenter at a number of Anglican Diocese of NQ retreats

May 2001. -Clergy Spouse Weekend - Bishops Lodge -

The Cathedral School of St Anne and St James

1998 Parent Information Evening
April 2004 Staff Retreat, "Stress and How to Respond to It". Boys in Education

Anglicare NQ Board Member for over 20 years-

2000, Anglican Diocese of North Queensland **Synod Representative**

2011 Bishop's Appointment as **Cathedral Lay Canon**

Cursillo Lay Director Women's 6 (2003) and on the Team W4 & W8

Convenor of **Relationship Workshop** (Marriage Preparation)

Cathedral Chapter Member

and many more

Farewell to Anne McCutcheon

- Anne has been an active member of the St James Cathedral congregation since arriving in Townsville in 1992. She has been a facilitator of many Bible studies, Lenten Studies, Relationship workshops and more.....

- Presentation by the Wednesday Morning Reflection Group



The Friends of St James' Cathedral Farewell to Anne







DIOCESE OF NORTH QUEENSLAND

BISHOP'S MEDAL

Presented to

ANNE CAROLYN McCUTCHEON

for outstanding service and devotion in the Diocese of North Queensland.

Anne is a prominent member of the Cathedral congregation, but her ministry goes well beyond the Cathedral. She has been involved in many ministries including (but not limited to) Examining Chaplain, Inaugural Chair of the Friends of St James Cathedral, leading and presenting a number of retreats, a board member of Anglicare North Queensland for over twenty years, a Synod Representative since 2000, Cathedral Lay Canon since 2011 and a Lay Director of Cursillo. Above all she is also a loving servant of our Lord.

In witness whereof we have caused our seal to be affixed this Twenty sixth day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three and in the Fifth year of our Consecration.

+ Keith North Queensland

Bishop of North Queensland





Presentation of the Bishop's Medal by Bishop Keith Joseph on behalf of the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland

Congratulations
Father Vic Hall

30 years since
ordination





50TH
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATING

PENNY AND ROD

NOV 25 5PM

The Very Reverend Rodney MacDonald
Dean of St James' Cathedral 2013-2020

The image shows the interior of a Gothic cathedral. The architecture features high, pointed arches supported by white columns. The ceiling is made of dark wooden beams. In the center, a large stained glass window depicts a religious scene with figures and various heraldic shields. Below the window, a red carpet leads down a central aisle lined with wooden pews. The lighting is warm, highlighting the stone and wood textures.

Thanks to James Ryder we have some beautiful drone footage of the Cathedral- both inside and out
<https://youtu.be/p2MD7G9ZgF8>



Mothers' Union



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Overseas & Northern Outreach Newsletter – November 2023

If you would like a copy of the complete Newsletter please email

SEWING MACHINE FOR LOCKHART

A new sewing machine was donated to give to Elizabeth the new wife of Father Matthias at Lockhart River and material and accessories were also purchased. Elizabeth will use the machine to make linen for the Church and to give sewing lessons.

WONTOP-BI-BUYA COLLEGE

Many first nations women are trained in Ministry at the College, and we were asked to supply a graduating gift of a Dove. We have in the past provided prayer books and bibles.

GRANT FROM AUSTRALIA COUNCIL

A grant of \$7,500.00 was received this year. This subsidised expenses that occurred this year to provide ministry and resources to our First Nations women. We had monies remaining from previous years, so it was possible to pay for all the expenses incurred by Overseas and Northern Outreach NQ. Without the yearly grant from Australia, we would not be able to travel to the Torres Strait and the Vice President would not be able to visit the outlying island or to attend the Executive Meetings.

Blessings

Wendy Mabey
Overseas & Northern Outreach Coordinator
ono@muaustralia.org.au



Friends in the news.



Townsville Hospital and Health Service Women and Children's service group director Vicki Carson.

‘This is what keeps you going’

Townsville Hospital and Health Service Women and Children's service group director Vicki Carson is celebrating 40 years with the organisation.

Kick-starting her career in 1983 as a student nurse, she then went on to qualify as a registered nurse and midwife.

She earned a postgraduate diploma in neonatal intensive care and special care nursing

at the University of the West of England and a masters in public health and tropical medicine.

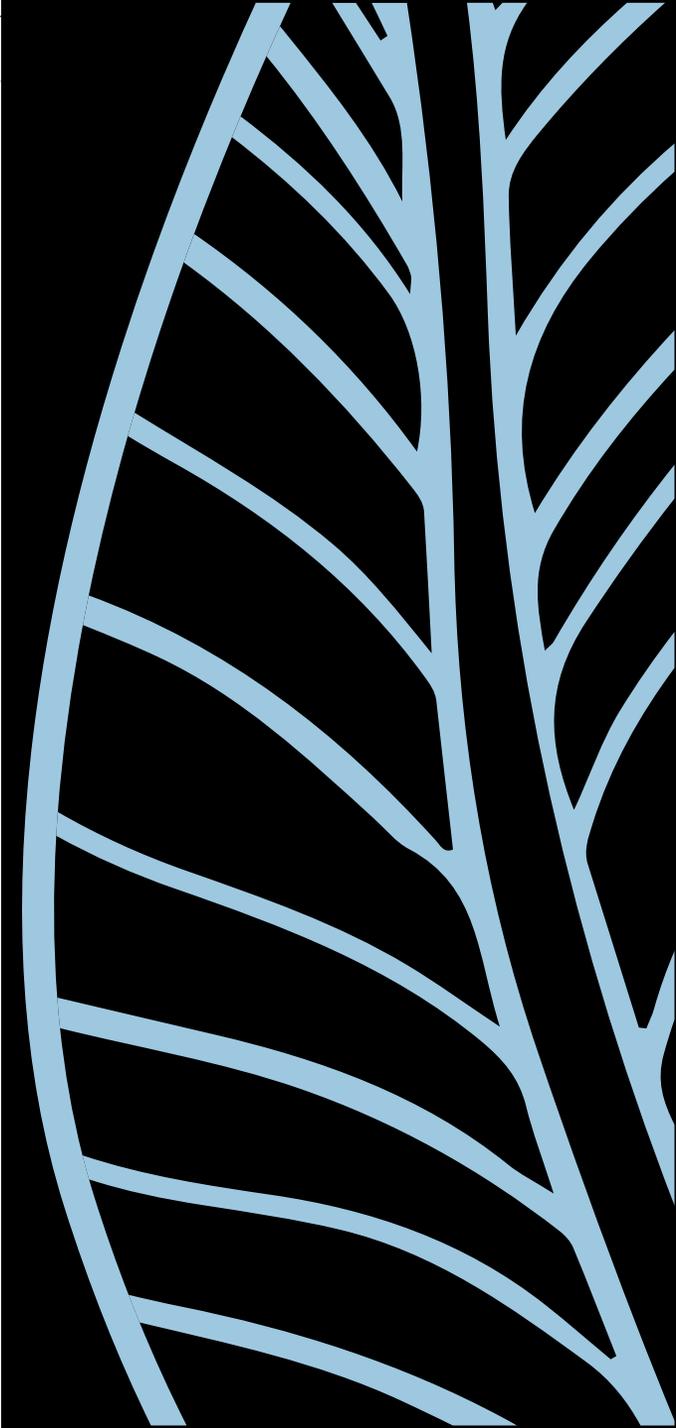
“I've always worked in a teaching hospital and have been a lifelong learner and this commitment has helped me contribute meaningfully to healthcare in our community,” she said.

Ms Carson said she gets emotional when talking about the lives her work as a

nurse has touched.

“Those moments when people recover when they think they are not going to stay with you,” she said. “It is always those patients who have been through the toughest times that have so much generosity.

“That is what keeps you going in a career like nursing, seeing parents walk out of hospital with a healthy baby is really special.”





ST. MARGARET'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

8 Endeavour Road, Arcadia

Family Worship, Eucharist and Evensong
5:00pm Saturdays



Join us in faith and fellowship.

Enjoy reading? Borrow from our free community library,
in the courtyard - fact and fiction, adult and children's books.

Always open!

www.stmargaretsmagneticisland.org

November 16th

St Margaret's celebrated St Margaret's Feast Day

St Margaret was Queen of Scotland from 1070 to 1093 (she was married to King Malcolm III - his father Duncan was murdered by Macbeth). Margaret was canonised in 1250 in recognition of her unstinting charity to the poor and her personal piety.



Philip Allnutt visited St Margaret's Chapel at Edinburgh Castle in September.

"It's a charming and very holy place", he says, "and well worth visiting - but then, so is dear little St Margaret's on the island"

December

MISSION

Share God's love through the Christmas Bowl



Thank you for joining with churches across Australia as we share God's love through the Christmas Bowl.

Since 1949, the Christmas Bowl has brought together committed Australian Christians with dedicated local partners around the world to give hope to people uprooted by conflict and disaster. By sharing this tradition, you are helping build a world where all people have a safe place to belong. **Thank you.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au

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

OF THE MONTH

[Christmas Bowl 2023 \(actforpeace.org.au\)](http://actforpeace.org.au)

Donations can be made through the envelopes or through direct debit, marked with the name of Mission
BSB 034 222 Account Number 250713

**Thank you for your donations of \$220
to the Mission to Seafarers**



Curtis Stone BBQ Collection

Here are the items on offer with the promotion:

- Multi-purpose BBQ Shears - 16 credits
- Heat Proof Mitts - 24 credits
- Marinade Dish - 36 credits
- BBQ Grill Basket - 46 credits
- BBQ Cooking Utensils Set - 50 credits
- Carving Board - 54 credits
- Carving Knife and Fork - 60 credits
- Teppanyaki Plate - 80 credits

Until 16/01/24



If you do not want to redeem your credits for the Coles BBQ Collection please remember Althea can use these items to add to their accommodation starter kits.

[Home - Althea Projects](#)



Althea
PROJECTS



**ON SALE
NOW!**



Thanks Bernice

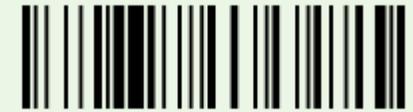
Used stamps for
Australian Board of Missions



If you want to take your own
containers to the depot and donate
to St James Cathedral, use the ID
below and the money will be
deposited directly to St James

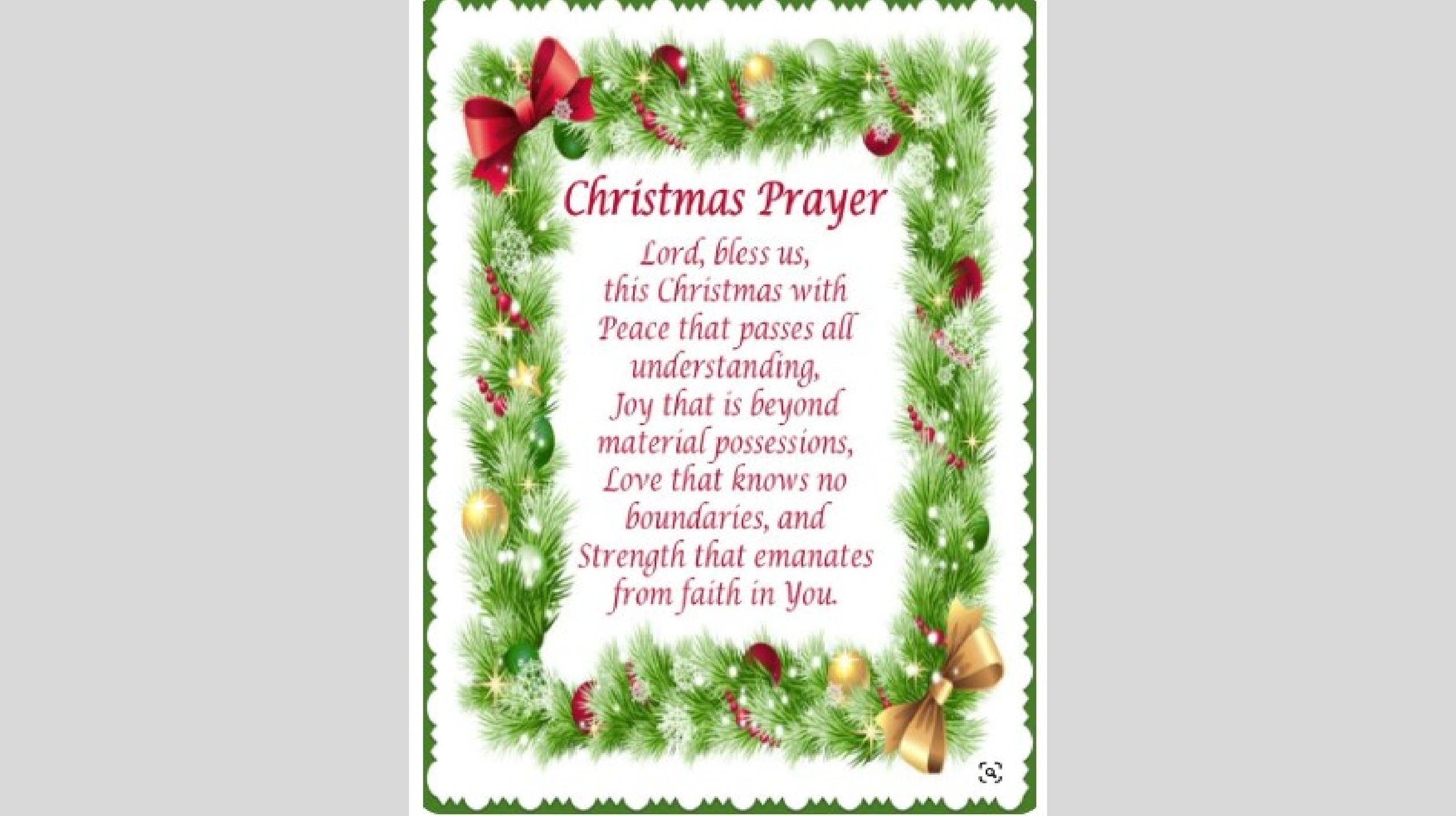


It's time to cash in on
your spirits and wine!



Scheme ID

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Christmas Prayer

*Lord, bless us,
this Christmas with
Peace that passes all
understanding,
Joy that is beyond
material possessions,
Love that knows no
boundaries, and
Strength that emanates
from faith in You.*