

# Welcome to the Townsville (CBD) Ministry Unit



January  
Parish News  
2025

# Our Ministry Unit

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# Thanksgiving

## DIRECT DEBIT

- Church Wardens of St James Cathedral General Account
  - BSB 034 222
  - Acc 250713

## ANONYMOUS DONATION (ANFIN)

A full brochure & information can be found at

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



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

# Services

## **Sundays:**

**7.15 am St Marks Belgian Gardens  
9 am St James' Cathedral**

## **Monday- Friday:**

**8.30 am Morning Prayer**

## **Wednesday:**

**Eucharists 12 noon & 5.30pm**

## **Saturday:**

**5 pm St Margarets Magnetic Island**

**St James' Cathedral is open**

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





*The Mission to Seafarers at the Port of Townsville  
takes this opportunity to say a heart-felt  
Thank You  
for your support and assistance during 2024,  
and to send our Best Wishes to you and yours,  
over Christmas and the new Year.*



what's happening

in  
January



# January, 2025

## The Townsville Ministry Unit

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|--|
|   |  |  | <b>1 NAMING OF JESUS</b><br>8.00 Morning Prayer<br><br>12.00 Eucharist at St James<br><br>5.30 Eucharist at St James | <b>2</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist<br><br><b>12.00 Eucharist at Charters Towers</b><br><br><b>7.00 Franciscan Service</b> | <b>3</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist                     | <b>4</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer<br><br>5.00 Service at Magnetic Isl                                      |
| <b>5 EPIPHANY SUNDAY</b><br>7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's<br>9.00 Eucharist at St James       | <b>6 FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist<br><br>1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke | <b>7</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist                      | <b>8</b><br>8.00 Morning Prayer<br><br>12.00 Eucharist at St James<br><br>5.30 Eucharist at St James                 | <b>9</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer<br><b>9.00 Eucharist at Ayr</b>  | <b>10 WILLIAM LAUD</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist       | <b>11</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer<br><b>11.00 Baptism at St James</b><br><br>5.00 Service at Magnetic Isl |
| <b>12 BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b><br>7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's<br>9.00 Eucharist at St James  | <b>13 HILARY OF POITIERS</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist<br><br>1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke   | <b>14 SAVA, ABP OF SERBIA</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist | <b>15</b><br>8.00 Morning Prayer<br><br>12.00 Eucharist at St James<br><br>5.30 Eucharist at St James                | <b>16</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist<br><br><b>4.00 MUC Mtg, Bowen</b>   | <b>17 ANTONY OF EGYPT</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist    | <b>18 CONFESSION OF PETER</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer<br><br>5.00 Service at Magnetic Isl                 |
| <b>19 2ND SUN AFT EPIPHANY</b><br>7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's<br>9.00 Eucharist at St James | <b>20</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist<br><br>1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke                      | <b>21 AGNES</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist               | <b>22 VINCENT</b><br>8.00 Morning Prayer<br><br>12.00 Eucharist at St James<br><br>5.30 Eucharist at St James        | <b>23</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist<br><br><b>12.00 Eucharist, Ingham</b>   | <b>24 COMPANIONS OF PAUL</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist | <b>25 CONVERSION OF PAUL</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer<br><br>5.00 Service at Magnetic Isl                  |
| <b>26 AUSTRALIA DAY</b><br>7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's<br>9.00 Eucharist at St James        | <b>27 JOHN CHRYSOSTOM</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist<br><br>1.30 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke      | <b>28 THOMAS AQUINAS</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist      | <b>29</b><br>8.00 Morning Prayer<br><br>12.00 Eucharist at St James<br><br>5.30 Eucharist at St James                | <b>30</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist   | <b>31</b><br>8.30 Morning Prayer/Eucharist                    |  |

# ***NEW YEAR PRAYER:***

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.

Amen.

January 1<sup>st</sup>



The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

# January 1<sup>st</sup>

Secular customs in connection with the beginning of the New Year

usually overshadow the religious observance of the feast. In the Middle Ages they eagerly seized upon any event that afforded a reasonable excuse for a banquet or feasting. On "Newyere Daie" in medieval England the country folk after copious repasts drank each other's health in cups of wassail.

Wassail! wassail! all over the town,  
Our toast it is white and our ale it is brown;  
Our bowl it is made of the white maple tree;  
With the wassailing bowl, we'll drink unto thee

## Wassail Bowl

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|----------------|--|
| Nutmeg         | 1. Grate a little nutmeg & some ginger root over sugar |
| Ginger root    | 2. Add 1 litre of beer and then sherry                 |
| 500g sugar     | 3. Add lemon slices and finally the rest of the beer.  |
| 3 litres beer  | 4. Stir, taste, add more sugar if necessary.           |
| 120 ml sherry  | 5. Serve in a bowl and float the toast on top.         |
| 3 slices lemon |  |
| 4 slices toast |  |



# THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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January 6th

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**The Epiphany of the Lord** celebrates Jesus' manifestation to the world, and the adoration of Jesus by the Magi, or the three kings



# January 6<sup>th</sup>

The Twelfth Day cake is baked and eaten in many lands.

In France the "Galette des Rois" is cut carefully so that there will be one more piece than there are guests at the table. This, called "la part de Dieu," goes to the first poor person who comes to the door.

In Greece this is a double feast day for it is also that of Saint Basil, and the first piece of cake is cut for Christ, the next for Our Lady, and the third for Saint Basil.



At Drury Lane Theatre in London a custom prevailed called "cutting the Baddeley Cake." A comedian of that name left the provision in his will that on each Twelfth Night the performers at the theatre be served cake and wine from the interest of a fund he bequeathed for that purpose. So each year the cake was cut with great ceremony on the 12 stage.

January 10<sup>th</sup>

# William Laud archbishop of Canterbury

(7 October 1573 – 10 January 1645)

He was a bishop in the Church of England .  
Appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by Charles  
1 in 1633, Laud was a key advocate of Charles 1's  
religious reforms ;  
he was arrested by Parliament in 1640 and  
executed towards the end of the First Civil War in  
January 1645.



January 12<sup>th</sup>

Baptism of our Lord



# January 21: Feast of St. Agnes

Agnes means lamb. In Rome on this feast day two lambs are blessed, and the wool from these lambs are used in making the pallium, the symbols archbishops wear as sign of their authority. Included is a beautiful prayer for St. Agnes. St. Agnes is a wonderful saint for teen-agers because she remained innocent amid pagan corruption and died at thirteen rather than sully herself. Rome still keeps the marked path that she trod to martyrdom. St. Agnes, like St. Valentine, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Anthony of Padua, is invoked by single women in search of a husband -- and today is a good day to pray such a prayer. In fact, Medieval folklore says that on St. Agnes Eve, girls are often granted visions of their future husbands. Scottish girls would meet in a crop field at midnight, throw grain onto the soil, and pray:

Agnes sweet and Agnes fair,  
Hither, hither, now repair;  
Bonny Agnes, let me see

*Saint Agnes, who's to lovers kind  
Come ease the trouble of my mind.*



St Agnes Day Cake

# AUSTRALIA DAY

January 26<sup>th</sup>

Lord, please be in our midst as we come together as your body to lift up our country and our leaders. Please protect our country from the division that challenges our ability to live lives pleasing to you. Defend the vulnerable and voiceless, and bring justice to those who have suffered injustice.

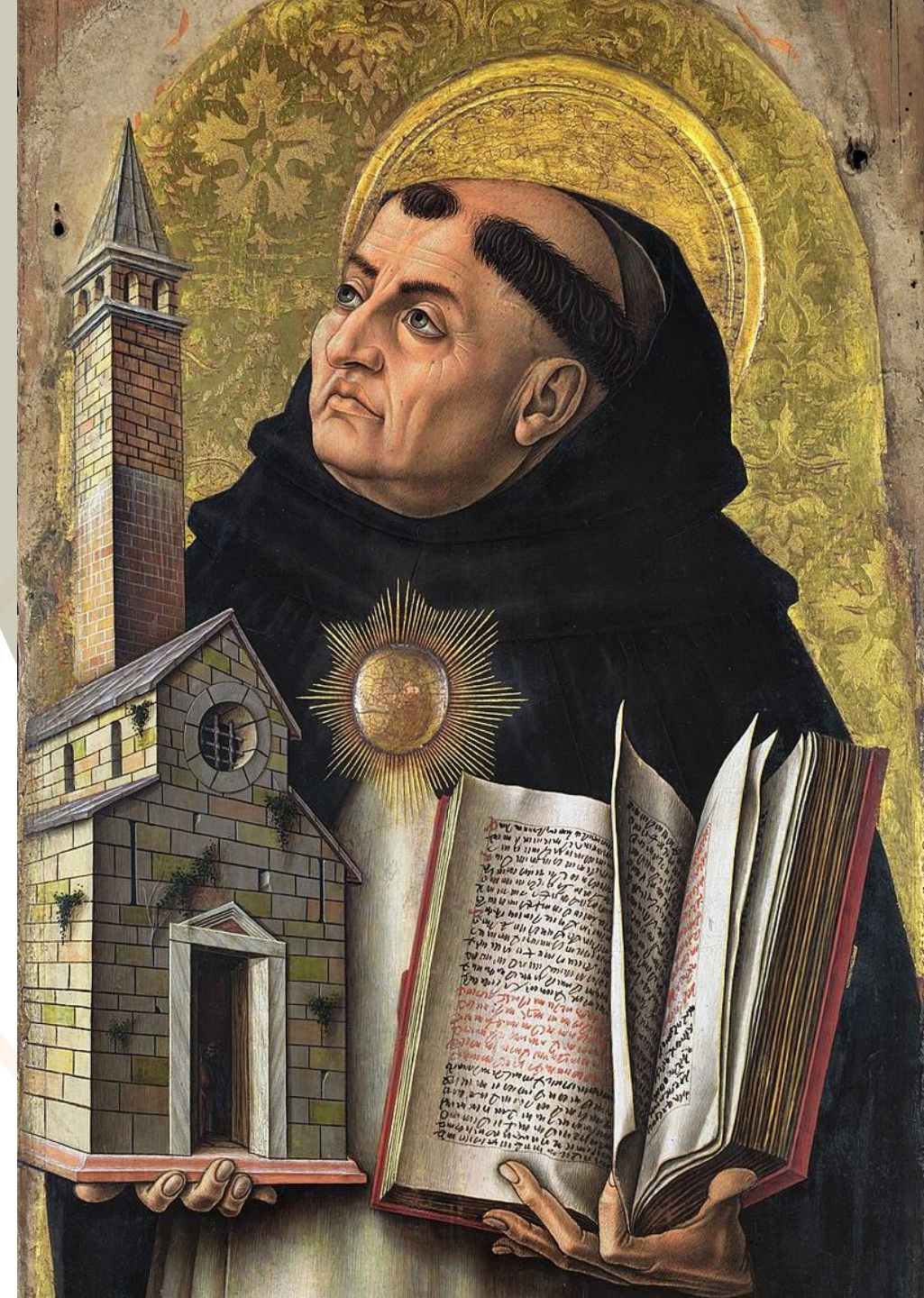


January 28<sup>th</sup>

# Thomas Aquinas

c. 1225 – 7 March 1274

He was an Italian Dominican friar and priest the foremost scholastic thinker, as well one of the most influential philosophers and theologians in the Western tradition. He was from the county of Aquino in Sicily



# A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER



Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Most schools return  
January 28<sup>th</sup>

# January 30<sup>th</sup>

## Charles 1, King of England, Scotland and Ireland

(19 November 1600 – executed 30 January 1649)

Charles was born into the House of Stuart as the second son of King James VI of Scotland, but after his father inherited the English throne in 1603, he moved to England, where he spent much of the rest of his life





# Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal



**23/12/24 UPDATE** Earthquakes continue to rock Vanuatu, with the death toll rising to 16. The first earthquake was the strongest (magnitude 7.3), striking Vanuatu's capital city, Port Vila, on 17 December. Further earthquakes have followed almost every day, including another strong earthquake (magnitude 6.1) on 22 December. Communities and government authorities are working to restore water supplies, electricity services, bridges and communications systems on the worst hit Island, Efate, while also treating the injured and searching for missing people.

**ABM AID's partner organisation, the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM), has begun distributing food and water to affected families on Efate Island, as well as providing psycho-social support. ABM AID has already sent AUD \$15,000 from our rapid response funds to support ACOM Vanuatu's relief efforts.**

<https://www.abmission.org/appeals/emergency-appeals/vanuatu-earthquake-appeal-2024/>

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

**MISSION**  
OF THE MONTH

Therefore **GO** and make disciples of **ALL** nations

*Gracious and merciful God,  
we ask you to look with compassion on the people of Vanuatu as they deal with the aftermath of the recent earthquake.*

*Receive into your loving arms those who have died, among them Crimson Lilip, Priest Assistant of the Church of the Resurrection, Tagabe Parish in Port Vila.*

*Comfort and guide all who mourn, that they may know you to be their unchanging rock when the earth around them moves and shakes.*

*We pray for your Spirit to heal all those who have been injured, whether in body or in mind, so that they may be returned to full health.*

*Help those whose property has been affected by the quake, the aftershocks and the resulting landslides, that buildings may be promptly repaired or replaced, and that land may be quickly remediated.*

*Hear our prayers of thanks for all those who acted as rescuers, those who found people in darkness, and brought them back into the light.*

*We make our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, the rock of our salvation.*

*Amen.*

# WHAT HAPPENED?



## in December

*Max & Louise*



*Congratulations  
on your  
Wedding*



*at St James Cathedral*

*on December 19<sup>th</sup>*



*Sunday December 1st*

# TOWNSVILLE CONCERT BAND CONCERT





**SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TOUR 2024**

MELBOURNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

7:30pm  
Tuesday 10 December  
St James Cathedral, Townsville

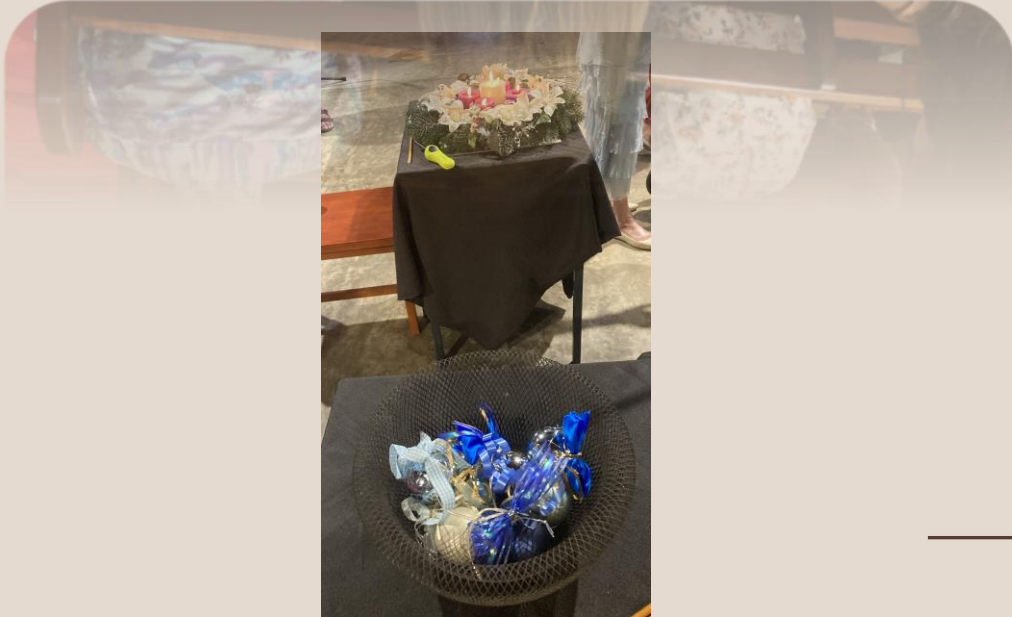




The blessing of new Licenced Lay Assistant, Geoff Abel

# Blue Christmas

a service of remembrance and hope



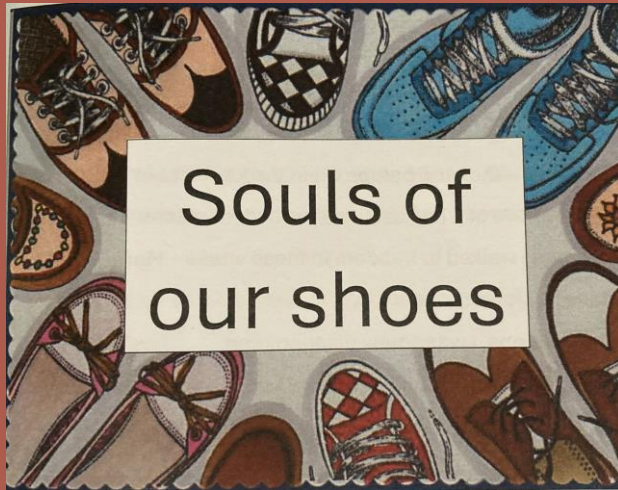
The first recorded Nativity manger was set up by Saint Francis of Assisi in Greccio, Italy in 1223.



# “Kids Kristmas”



# THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM IS...



Pray for those who are no  
longer with us.  
Those who have been killed by  
someone they should have  
been able to trust.

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DON'T WASTE  
YOUR POINTS.  
REDEEM THE  
KNIVES FOR  
ALTHEA

Until January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025





**Do your worms  
need bedding?**

**Do your pots need  
mulching?**

Please take a bag of  
shredded paper from  
the Cathedral Office

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Did you get Christmas cards in the post?  
Please save the stamps for ABM



IT'S PAY  
DAY

If you take your  
containers to the  
depot to donate  
to St James,  
please use this  
ID and money  
will be  
deposited  
directly to  
St James.



Scheme ID

**C10657575**

**POSITION  
VACANT**



# **THE ROSTER**

**If you have not yet added your name to the 2025 roster at the back of the church, please do**

**In January, the Cathedral will not always be opened, other than for services.**

**From February onwards, we are looking for extra people to help keep the Cathedral doors open weekdays from 8.30-12noon**

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# BIBLE STUDY

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**Recommencing in February**

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# Coming up

Friends of St James



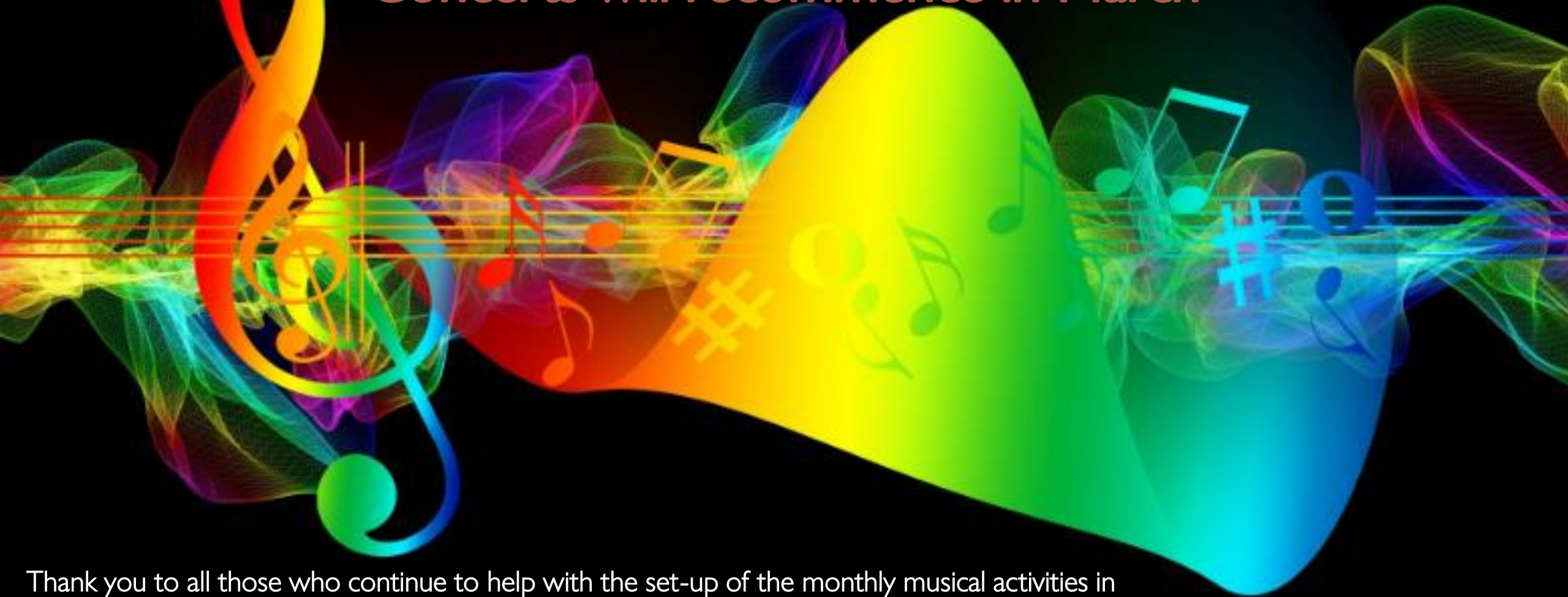
February 8<sup>th</sup>

Ministry Unit Council



March 30<sup>th</sup>

St James Cathedral Concert Series  
began 10 years ago  
Concerts will recommence in March



Thank you to all those who continue to help with the set-up of the monthly musical activities in the Cathedral , especially Anne Milanovic for her co-ordination of the program



# **EVENSONG**

**Recommences  
6pm February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Why go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all". This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

## REPLY

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL, YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL !

B I. B L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

When you are about to forward this to others, the devil will discourage you.

So go on! Forward this to people who are DEAR to you and TRUST GOD. HALLELUJAH ❤️





Celebrating **175** Years