



**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
February 2022**



Ministry Unit Directory

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whAt's On

in February

February, 2022 **The Townsville Ministry Unit**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 4.30 Evening Prayer	2 CANDLEMASS 8.00 Morning Prayer 12.00 Eucharist at St James 4.30 Evening Prayer 5.30 Eucharist at St James	3 FIRST ANG SERVICE IN AUS 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 4.30 Evening Prayer	4 ANSKAR 8.00 Morning Prayer 4.30 Evening Prayer	5 MARTYRS OF JAPAN 5.00 Eucharist, Magnetic Island
6 5TH SUNDAY AFT EPIPHANY 7.15 Eucharist at St Mark's 9.00 Eucharist at St James 4.00 Ministry Unit Council Mtg 6.00 Evensong to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM the Queen	7 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 1.00 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke 4.30 Evening Prayer	8 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 4.30 Evening Prayer	9 8.00 Morning Prayer 12.00 Eucharist at St James 4.30 Evening Prayer 5.30 Eucharist at St James	10 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 4.30 Evening Prayer	11 8.00 Morning Prayer 4.30 Evening Prayer	12 8.00 Morning Prayer 9.00 Friends of the Cathedral Annual General Meeting 11.00 AMUA Meeting 5.00 Eucharist, Magnetic Island
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This gong was given to a North Queensland Anglican Bishop and was displayed in Bishop's Lodge, Belgian Gardens, until the lodge and the gong were both sold.

The questions are

WHO gave WHICH Bishop
the Chinese gong?

WHEN was it given?

WHY was it given?

YEAR OF THE TIGER

Chinese New Year 2022





February 2nd
Presentation of our
Lord in the Temple

Inscribed on the wall of the
Temple of the Holy Spirit
by the Rev. Fr. J. J. O'Connell
1905-1905

First Anglican Service at Sydney Cove

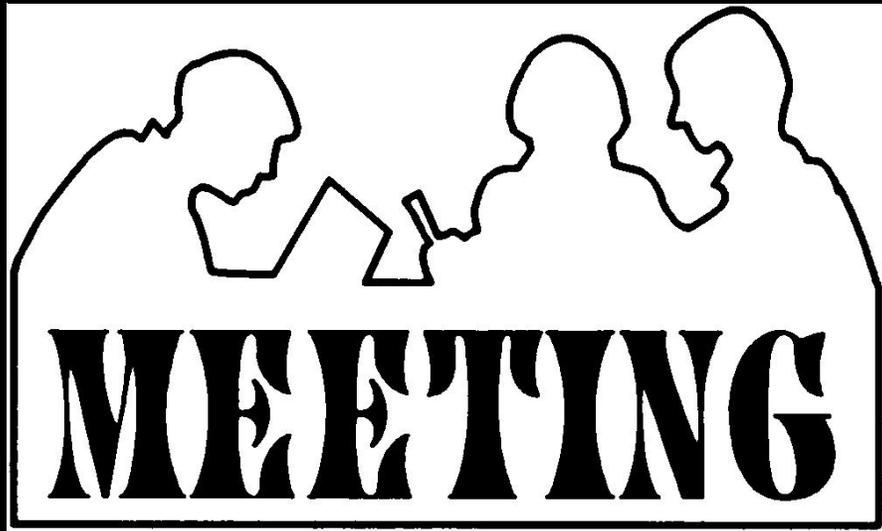
February 3rd 1788

The Revd Richard Johnson led the service of Morning Prayer with approximately 1500 people – civil servants, soldiers, mariners and convicts.

He preached on Psalm 116:12 - “How shall I repay the Lord for all his benefits to me? I will take up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.” Ever since, not a Sunday has passed in this land without the word of the Lord being heard, and praise and prayer being offered to God in response.

[The First Fleet and the Anglican Church \(anglicanfocus.org.au\)](http://anglicanfocus.org.au)

Ministry Unit Council



ALL
ARE
WELCOME

4.00 PM FEBRUARY 6TH

FESTIVAL CHORALE EVENSONG
TO MARK THE PLATINUM
ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ACCESSION OF
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN



6PM FEBRUARY 6TH
ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL

COVID RESTRICTONS ALLOWING

Elizabeth II was proclaimed queen throughout the Commonwealth after her father, King George VI, died in the early hours of 6 February 1952, while Elizabeth was in Kenya.

Proclamations were made in different Commonwealth realms on 6, 7, 8, and 11 February (depending on geographic location and time zone).

- The Governor-General of Australia, Sir William McKell, issued the proclamation of Elizabeth's accession as Queen of Australia on Thursday, 7 February 1952. It was read from the steps of Parliament House as follows:

- **WHEREAS it hath pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy Our Late Sovereign Lord, King George the Sixth, of blessed and glorious memory, by whose decease the Crown is solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary:**

- **We, therefore, Sir William John McKell, The Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia and members of the Federal Executive Council do now hereby, with one voice and consent of tongue and heart, publish and proclaim that the High and Mighty Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary is now, by the death of our late Sovereign of happy memory, become Queen Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, Queen of this realm and of all her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, Supreme Liege Lady in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, to whom her lieges do acknowledge all faith and constant obedience, with hearty and humble affection:
Beseeching God, by whom Kings and Queens do reign, to bless the Royal Princess Elizabeth the Second with long and happy years to reign over us.
Given at Canberra this seventh day of February, in the Year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, and in the first year of Her Majesty's reign.**

- **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!**

If you are not a member, but would like to join a happy group of people that work to raise the profile of St James in the community and to raise money to maintain the Cathedral please come along

Friends of St James' Cathedral

The logo for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) features the letters 'AGM' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with a slight 3D effect, set against a white rectangular background.

9am Saturday February 12th

2022 Membership Fees are due now

\$30 Individual

\$40 Family

\$20 Pensioner

For more details go to

<https://www.stjamescathedral.com.au/friends-of-the-cathedral/>

Feb
24th

Matthias

His symbols are
the Bible with Axe

Chosen to take the
place of Judas, he is
symbolized by an open
Bible and double
bladed battle-axe. He
is said to have been
beheaded after his
missionary work

The Warrior Chapel mosaic by Stan Moses <https://art-of-stan-moses.jimdosite.com/>



COVID Regulations
allowing



MEN'S

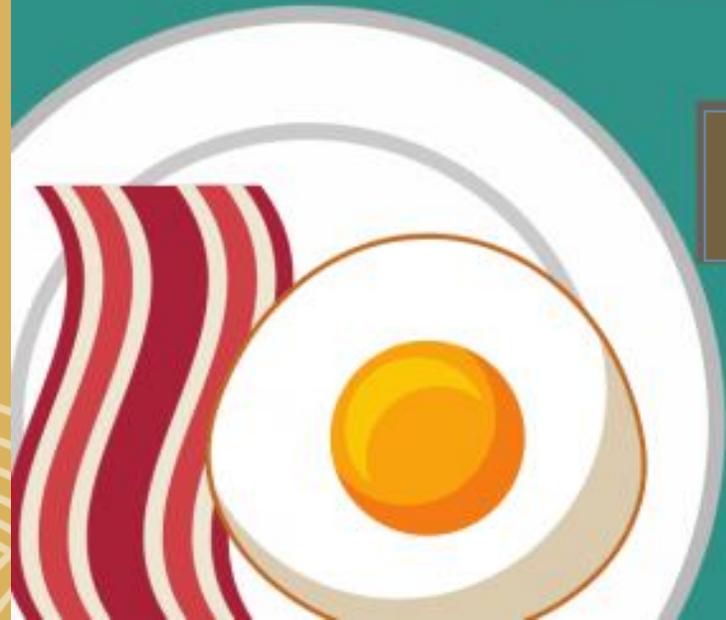
PANCAKE

BREAKFAST



@ the Cathedral 7.30am

**Saturday Feb 26th
(in preparation for Shove Tuesday)**



February 27th Transfiguration

In the New Testament, the Transfiguration of Jesus is an event where Jesus is transfigured and becomes radiant in glory upon a mountain. The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36) describe it, and the Second Epistle of Peter also refers to it (2 Peter 1:16–18). It has also been hypothesized that the first chapter of the Gospel of John alludes to it (John 1:14).

[The Hidden Message of the Transfiguration](#)
[- Ascension Press Media](#)





MONTH IN REVIEW

January

RIP

Rev'd Dr Fae Amy Rouse

Deacon in the Church of God

16 November, 1940 – 4 January 2022

- Rev Dr Fae Rouse was a member of the St James Cathedral Parish for many years before being ordained as a Deacon in 2004. An intelligent and accomplished woman, she will be remembered for her contribution to the community and this church.
- Fae will be much missed by all her friends who knew and loved her. We also pray for her husband Graeme and their family, and all who mourn at this time.





Baptism

We welcome

**Scarlett Daisy Frankling
Grayson Gerard Beil**

Into God's Family

Lynore's first sermon January 23rd

Lynore asked us to consider a number of questions

How often do we pray?

How often do we think about ourselves being set apart and consecrated to God?

How often do we preach the good news to ourselves?

How often do we recognise that there is something in our hearts holding us in captivity?

How often do we let God love us in all our mess, and cry out for our prison walls to come down?

How often do we open the door of our heart and soul a little wider for the Holy Spirit to come in and lead us into truth of what's in our hearts, and lead us in our daily lives in Christ?

How often do we ask God to give us His sight and anoint us to see with His eyes?

Are we willing to see things in our lives through the eyes of Christ through His understanding?

How often do we bring our issues or oppressions to God and tell Him that we want to partner with Him and His work of love in us to free us from the oppression of self, the carnal nature (sometimes these present as fear, pride, jealousy, hatred, coveting, lust, impatience, wrong attitudes, toxic behaviours)



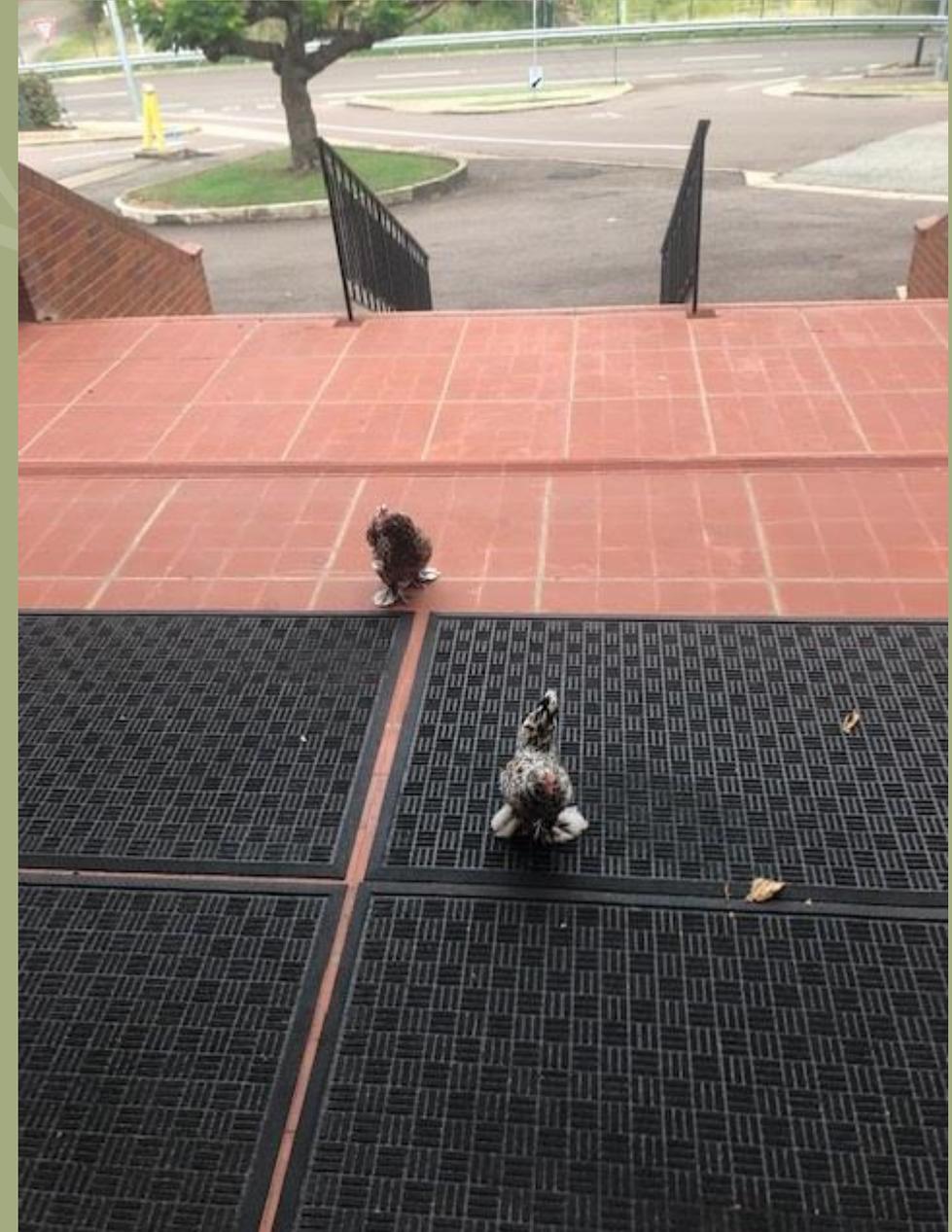


Belgian D'Uccle Roosters

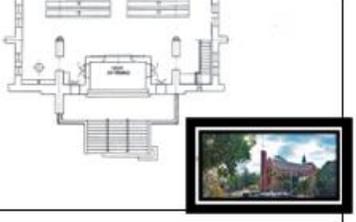
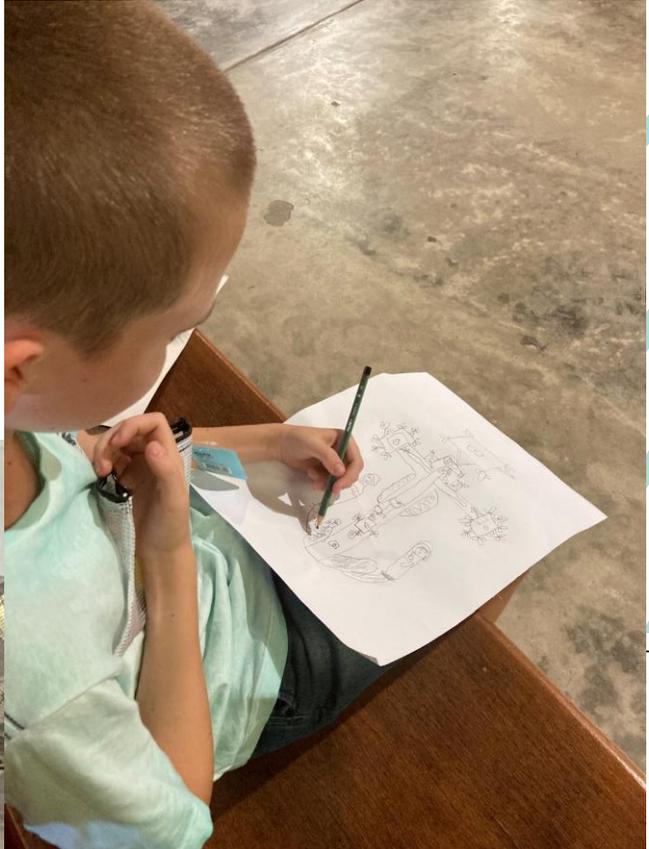


Last Sunday we had 2 roosters attend our 9am service.

We named them James and John before they were fostered by Renee from Rooster Rescue and Rehoming.



School Holidays exploring the Cathedral

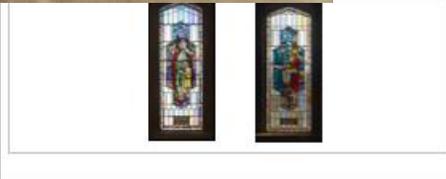


What are the words on the high altar?

WDWV Children's Union Windows MU

Which Rosette is different?

Look at the North Door.
Guess what the wooden posts were for?



Across

- ... did missionary, pastor and teacher, John Clewell die?
- ... did Officer Charles Frenkel Logan lose his life?
- ... did St. J. B. Sheehans die?
- ... did Frank Carroll begin as Director of Music at the Cathedral?
- ... did Thomas Halverson die?
- ... was Cyclone Lancelot?
- ... did Cheryl Keene die?

Down

- ... commemorated 70 years working with the Aboriginal people of north Queensland?
- ... did William Paul motorcycle begin at the Cathedral as 'Baird Street'?
- ... was the Cathedral consecrated?
- ... was the Foundation Stone set?
- ... was the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial dedicated?
- ... was the organ donated?
- ... was the Mission to Seafarers window dedicated?

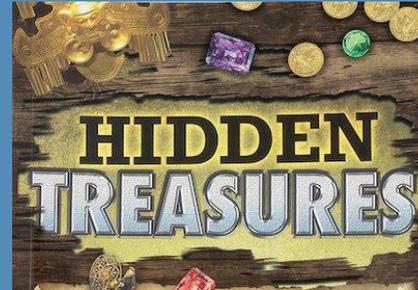
List all the names of the Saints windows that you can find



Our Cathedral has 130 years of hidden treasures.....

The Dean, on a ladder, found two dusty shields.

Read on to find out where they came from.....



1952 St Anne's

1954 Holy Trinity Mackay

1956 St Matthews Mundingburra

1958 St Paul's Charters Towers

1960 St Matthews Mundingburra

1962 St Matthews Mundingburra

Diocesan Youth Festival

This was a biennial gathering over the May long weekend. Youth from all over the Diocese were billeted with Townsville parish families for the weekend.

The Festival consisted of

*Drama performed in Synod Hall,
Choral Singing held at St Anne's Assembly Hall, next to the lagoon
Folk Dancing held on the Bishop's Lodge lawns,
Team Sports (tunnel ball etc) held on the Townsville Grammar School oval.*

The Festival commenced with a service at St James Cathedral on Saturday. On Sunday, the youth worshipped with the family that they were staying with, at their own local church.

On Sunday night, a dance was held in the AWU Hall (located where the carpark is next to St James Place). Many "out-of-towners" wandered between the hall and Castle Hill.

The Festival allowed the youth of the Diocese to mix and enjoy each other's company. It was a fun weekend.

Fr Vic Hall



DIOCESAN YOUTH FESTIVAL



TOWNSVILLE

May 1st to 3rd, 1954

THE FESTIVAL

The Festival is the response made by the Youth of the diocese to a request made by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who asked them to come at this time to the Cathedral City:—

1. To join with him in the offering of the Holy Sacrifice and the corporate receiving of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral Church of S. James.
2. To show their dedication to the missionary task of spreading the Gospel and building the Kingdom of God by joining in the March of Witness.
3. To join in a series of Competitions in typical youth activities in a spirit of friendly rivalry.
4. To help strengthen the bonds which unite us in one great diocesan family by living, laughing, working and playing together.

The youth of the diocese earnestly ask all who will see any part of the Festival, or be associated with it in any way, to pray that it may be the great factor for good in the diocese which they hope it will be.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 1st :

At various times during the morning : Representatives met at station and taken to their billets.
 3.30 p.m. : General Assembly at the Synod Hall for instructions and questions.
 4.30 p.m. (Approx.) : At the Theatre Royal. Commence Drama Competition for the Bishop's Shield.
 7.30 p.m. : Main session of the Drama Competition at the Theatre Royal. Members of the Festival free; others 3/6.

SUNDAY, MAY 2nd :

7 a.m. : Solemn Eucharist at the Cathedral with the Lord Bishop presiding, preceded by Procession of choir, clergy, and penitents.
 9 a.m. (Approx.) : Breakfast for visitors, and members of Choral Groups, at Seamen's Mission.
 10 a.m. : Choral Competition at Seamen's Mission, for the Conroy Shield.
 1 p.m. (Approx.) : Tea will be provided at the Synod Hall for those who want it.
 2.30 p.m. : Folk Dancing Competition for the Bishop Feetham Shield, at Bishop's Lodge.
 7 p.m. (Assemble at 6.30 p.m.) : March of Witness moves off from the Railway Oval to Cathedral.
 7.30 p.m. : Evensong and Procession at the Cathedral. Preacher : The Lord Bishop of the Diocese. After Evensong a discussion in the Cathedral.

MONDAY, MAY 3rd :

9.30 a.m. : Athletics Competition for the Chancellor's Shield at the Grammar School Oval. March Past begins precisely 9.30 a.m.
 1 p.m. : Festival Lunch. Presentation of Awards.
 Monday Afternoon : Visitors will prepare to leave. Others are needed to clean and tidy S. Anne's School, Synod Hall, etc.

Drama Competition Programme

The Competition is for the Bishop's Shield (presented by Bishop Belcher), which will be awarded to the team presenting the best One Act Play.
 Because of the very large number of entries at this Festival, three of the plays will be presented in a special afternoon session beginning at 4.30 p.m. The Youth Council hope that all who can manage it will attend this session so that those who have drawn the first four places may have as much help from 'Audience Reaction' as is possible.
 The plays will be presented in the order set out here.

"THE LITTLE DARK CUPBOARD"

By PHILIP JOHNSON.
 Played by S. Peter's Parish, Townsville.
 Eva Janet Rutace Ernest Prideaux
 Bill Ralph Martin David Roy
 Mrs. Luscombe Cherry Hayden The Constable

The scene is set in the living room of a house on Dartmoor. The thick fog of Dartmoor has chilled the morning outside, but here in the room the good taste of the owners has made a place of warmth and colour.

"THE OLD BULL"

By BERNARD GILBERT.
 S. John's, Cairns.
 Charles Elmitt Alan Potts John Lewis
 James Elmitt Ian Moore Harriet Keegan
 Tom Bones Hugh Hipkin Sara Tinsley
 Pantacks, William Smithson

The Play takes place in the Elmitts' kitchen in the village of

"ANYBODY"

All Souls' School.
 Mr. Bond R. Smith G. Wakeford
 Tapp R. Sherrington R. Gavin
 Bate A. Edwards W. West
 Tom D. Gray D. Johnson
 Pike J. Dunstan Mr. X

"A NOD, A SNEEZE, AND A GOAT"

By MABEL CONSTANDUROS and HOWARD AGG.
 Nelson Sparkes S. James', Townsville.
 Monnie John Tooth Gladys Murphy
 Ruby Gorman Nurse Schofield Beverly Linthwaite
 The scene is set in the little sitting-room of the Sparkes' house. The room is furnished with tasteless modern factory furniture, and like hundreds of its kind, is entirely without character.

"HIGH TEA"

By HUGH MILLER.
 S. Matthew's, Townsville.
 Jimmy Danvers Edward Steel
 Maie Danvers Kay Taylor
 Phil Danvers Chris. Kootonokos
 Olive Tremayne Jennifer North
 Grandpa Len. Ridsdale

The scene is the living-room of a modern gimcrack house on the outskirts of Brighton. It is late afternoon on a bright warm Monday in Summer. Jimmy is at the phone.

"SAINT JOAN"

By BERNARD SHAW.
 Holy Trinity, Mackay.
 Captain Robert de Baudricourt Robert, The Steward - Stan Burns
 Bertrand de Poulengey Viv Brake Joan D'Arc
 Neville Smith

The scene is set in the bare and bleak hall of a mediaeval French Castle.

"THE SEWING PARTY"

By DOROTHY HOPKINSON.
 S. Luke's, Sarina.
 Miss Webb Ainsley Murray Mrs. Sanderson Joan Needes
 Miss Rider Deirdre Murray Chaseley Pfeiffer
 Miss Bailey Ivy Watson Mrs. Plank Nancy Baxter
 Billy O'Casey

The scene is set in the living room of a middle class family. It is the sort of room which can be found in a thousand towns.

"EVERYBODY COMES TO MABEL"

A Very Light Comedy.
 By T. B. MORRIS.
 S. Gabriel's School.
 Esther, a maid Kay Owen-Turner Ruth Hides Sonia Lancaster Marilyn Page
 Faith Camerley Alison Philp Pearl Willison Barbara Paul
 Daphne Jennifer White Desdemona Cianvelli Lorna Reece
 Mabel Knowles Mrs. Rocking Gladys Murphy
 Scene : The drawing room of the Knowles' house in St. Benedict's Crescent.

"THE MONKEYS' PAW"

A Story in Three Scenes.
 By W. W. JACOBS.
 S. Paul's, Charters Towers.
 Mr. White Clive Fellows Sgt. Major Morris
 Mrs. White Dorothy Fellows Towers
 Herbert Martin Stuart-Fox Mr. Sampson

The scene is set in a cottage living-room. It is evidently the home of a poor Artisan family.

..and the winners were



St Mary's Herberton

1957 St Paul's Charters Towers

1958 St John's South Townsville

1959 St Matthew's Mundingburra

1960 Cathedral Townsville

1962 Holy Trinity Mackay

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Anglican Board of Missions

February

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



Dear Friends,

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More news and information is to be found here:

<https://www.abmission.org/appeals.php/212/emergency-appeal-for-tonga>

I commend this appeal to you, as we pray for our sisters and brothers in Tonga.

Yours in Christ
+ Keith



Recent Appeal
\$515



Christmas
Bowl

THE ROSTER

St Mark's

6-2-22	FERN GALT	DIMACGREGOR	HELEN MILLICAN
13-2-22	ROSS GARLING	ERL BLACKHURST.	JAN WHITE.
20-2-22	GEOFF WHITING	FERN GALT	HELEN MILLICAN
27-2-22.	DIMACGREGOR	ROSS GARLING	JAN WHITE.

I am also seeking help from the St Mark's congregation with the history of St Mark's
Please go to

<https://www.stjamescathedral.com.au/home/our-congregations/>

Any extra photos, would be helpful.
Please email regarding any errors of omissions.

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

THE ROSTER

St James'

A new roster is being constructed for the year- Please let Fr Kenneth or Anne McCutcheon know if you can help out.

THE ROSTER

Mon	Tuesday	Wed	Thurs	Friday
Diana	Kennedy	Helen	Beglen	Philip
Ray	David P	Vacancy	Vacancy	Darrell

St. Matthew's + Parish Notes.

Vol. 2. No. 10. Price, 1d. November, 1939.

Staff.—The Rev. H. G. Robinson, B.A., Th.L.
The Rev. Alan Innes, Th.L.

'Phone 598.

THE OPEN CHURCH.—Well, why does it stand open? It is in order that people may go in and find a certain measure of peace and quiet in the midst of many labours and many anxieties, in which to say their prayers, to offer their praise to God, and to make their requests known to Him. There is a special significance about this at the present time. Surely every person of goodwill is concerned with events in the world to-day, and is not only wishful for a better order, but also ready to work through prayer for it. There must be many such who pass the Church often. Well, why not stop the car, or stop walking, and turn in for a few moments? When you get off the 'bus, before you stride off to your own house, pass into God's House for a time. Kneel or sit quietly, and meditate upon God in His house, and commend to Him the causes and the persons which are dear to you. If we want the world to improve, we must be ready both to watch and to pray.





Parishioner Profile

My name is Jeffrey Titus. I was born in India and came to Australia as a student in 2017 to do my masters in Environmental Engineering in Melbourne, Victoria.

In 2019, I moved to Queensland in search of work opportunities, and was employed on Heron Island as a desalination plant Engineer.

In June 2021, I got a better work opportunity with Aurizon, Townsville, so I moved up here.

I visited various churches around Townsville. But the only church, where I felt like family, was St. James' Cathedral. The church was very friendly and supportive in every way. My passion for music has enabled me to join the church choir.

God has helped me find this loving, supporting and caring church, God bless.

- (NB Thanks to all who have been looking for accommodation for Jeffrey, he has found a suitable place in Pimlico)



St James' Cathedral 130th Anniversary

October 27th 2022

OPENING OF ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL, TOWNSVILLE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.) TOWNSVILLE, October 27.

THE opening of St. James' Cathedral at Townsville, which took place to-day, marks an era in the annals of the English Church in North Queensland, and before proceeding to the actual opening ceremonies, a retrospective glance at the history of the church in Townsville from its earliest days to the present time is a pleasurable undertaking from the fact of the satisfactory development which has slowly and surely obtained as a result of the steadfast labors of those who had the best interests of their church at heart. To none is more credit due than to His Lordship Bishop Stanton for the position of the church to-day, his unflagging zeal and disinterested exertions having endeared him to the diocese, which was in his care between the 24th of June, 1878, and the 15th of January, 1891.

[02 Nov 1892 - OPENING OF ST. JAMES' CATHEDRAL, TOWNSVILLE. - Trove \(nla.gov.au\)](#)



Thanksgiving

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St James Cathedral
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*A full brochure and information can
be found at*

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

Anonymous Gift

The person next to you...

Look around you...Who are the people sitting next to you?

The people next to you...are the greatest miracles you will ever meet at this moment- and the greatest mysteries.

The people next to you...have an inexhaustible reservoir of possibilities, which have only been partially been touched.

The people next to you are a unique universe of experience seething with necessity and possibility, dread and desire, smiles and frowns, laughter and tears, fears and hopes – all struggling to find expression.

The people next to you...
... are surging to become something,
... to arrive at some destination,
... to have a story and a song,
... to be known and to know.

The people next to you...
... believe in something,
... stand for something,
... count for something,
... labour for something,
... wait for something,
... run from something,
... run towards something.

The people next to you...
... are more than any description,
... are more than any explanation,
... are more, much, much more.

The people next to you...are searching...
... for meaning,
... for inner-peace,
... for self-esteem,
... for something they already have
... they just have to realize that.

The people next to you have problems and fears,
... just like you,
... are often undecided,
... but are endowed with great toughness in the face of adversity and are able to survive the most unbelievable difficulties and challenges.

The people next to you...
... are combinations of people met during all of their lifetimes.

The people next to you have something they can do better than anyone else in the world, have strengths they do not even recognize, need to talk to you about those abilities, need you to listen, but do they dare speak them to you?

The people next to you...
... need a friend,
... want to be a friend,
... can comfort you,
... care for you,
... understand you,
... and love you.

Isn't that what you want?
It's what they want.

The people next to you are special human beings... and so are you!

You will want to get to know these people

Author Unknown

