

Welcome to the Townsville (CBD) Ministry Unit



January
Parish News
2024

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)

Our Ministry Unit

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- BSB 034 222
- Acc 250713

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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

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What's Happening in January

January, 2024 **The Townsville Ministry Unit**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NAMING OF JESUS 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist 1.00 Eucharist at Bolton Clarke	2 ELIZA HASSALL 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	3 8.00 Morning Prayer 12.00 Eucharist at St James 5.30 Eucharist at St James	4 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist <i>all day Charters Towers</i>	5 8.00 Morning Prayer/Eucharist	6 EPIPHANY 8.00 Morning Prayer 5.00 Service at Magnetic Isl
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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 1st Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

(Luke 2:21)



January 2nd

Eliza Hassell (1834-1917).

In July 1880 she helped to found the New South Wales branch of the Young People's Scripture Union, of which she became secretary.

In July 1892 the Church Missionary Association of New South Wales was formed, reflecting unprecedented interest in evangelical missions. Eliza was made an honorary life member of the Church Missionary Society, London. Almost three-quarters of Australian missionaries overseas in her time were women. She had contributed significantly to their recruitment in Sydney.

To find out more.....

[Biography - Eliza Marsden Hassall - Australian Dictionary of Biography \(anu.edu.au\)](#)

January 6th

Epiphany of our Lord

Even before 354, the Western Church had separated the celebration of the Nativity of Christ as the feast of Christmas and set its date as December 25; it reserved January 6 as a commemoration of the manifestation of Christ, especially to the Magi, but also at his baptism and at the wedding feast of Cana.



4 Facts About Epiphany

- It marks the day Jesus was revealed to the world. ...
- In some countries, Epiphany is as important as Christmas Day.
- Some believe it is the wise men, not Santa, who bring gifts for children. ...
- Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas on Epiphany.

January 7th

Baptism of our Lord

The **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, or **Theophany**, commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany. Over time in the West, however, the celebration of the baptism of the Lord came to be commemorated as a distinct feast from Epiphany. It is celebrated in many churches on the first Sunday following The Epiphany of Our Lord



Our Oliver Crowley window was dedicated in 1994 to Bishop George Tung Yep, the first priest of Chinese descent born in the Diocese of North Queensland



January 7th 6pm

EVENSONG

January 26th Australia Day

Dear Heavenly Father,

On this Australia Day, we come before you with hearts filled with gratitude for the land we call home.

We thank you for the vast landscapes, diverse ecosystems, and the unique beauty that defines Australia.

We pray for your blessings upon this great nation and its people. May your love and grace be upon every Australian, guiding us to live in harmony with one another and with the land.

Grant us wisdom and compassion to care for the environment, recognizing our responsibility as stewards of this precious gift.

As we celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures that make up Australia, may we embrace unity, understanding, and respect for one another. May the spirit of mateship prevail, fostering a sense of community and support in times of joy and challenge.

We remember those who have come before us, the indigenous peoples and the pioneers, and we seek reconciliation and healing for the wounds of the past. May we move forward together with a shared commitment to justice, equality, and inclusivity.

Bless our leaders with wisdom as they guide the nation, and inspire us all to work towards a future that reflects the values of compassion, justice, and peace.

May Australia continue to be a land of opportunity, where all can thrive and live in abundance.

In your name, we pray.

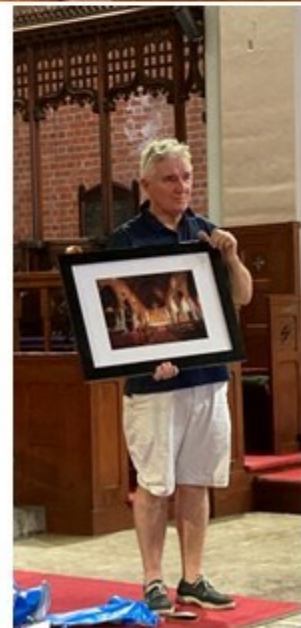
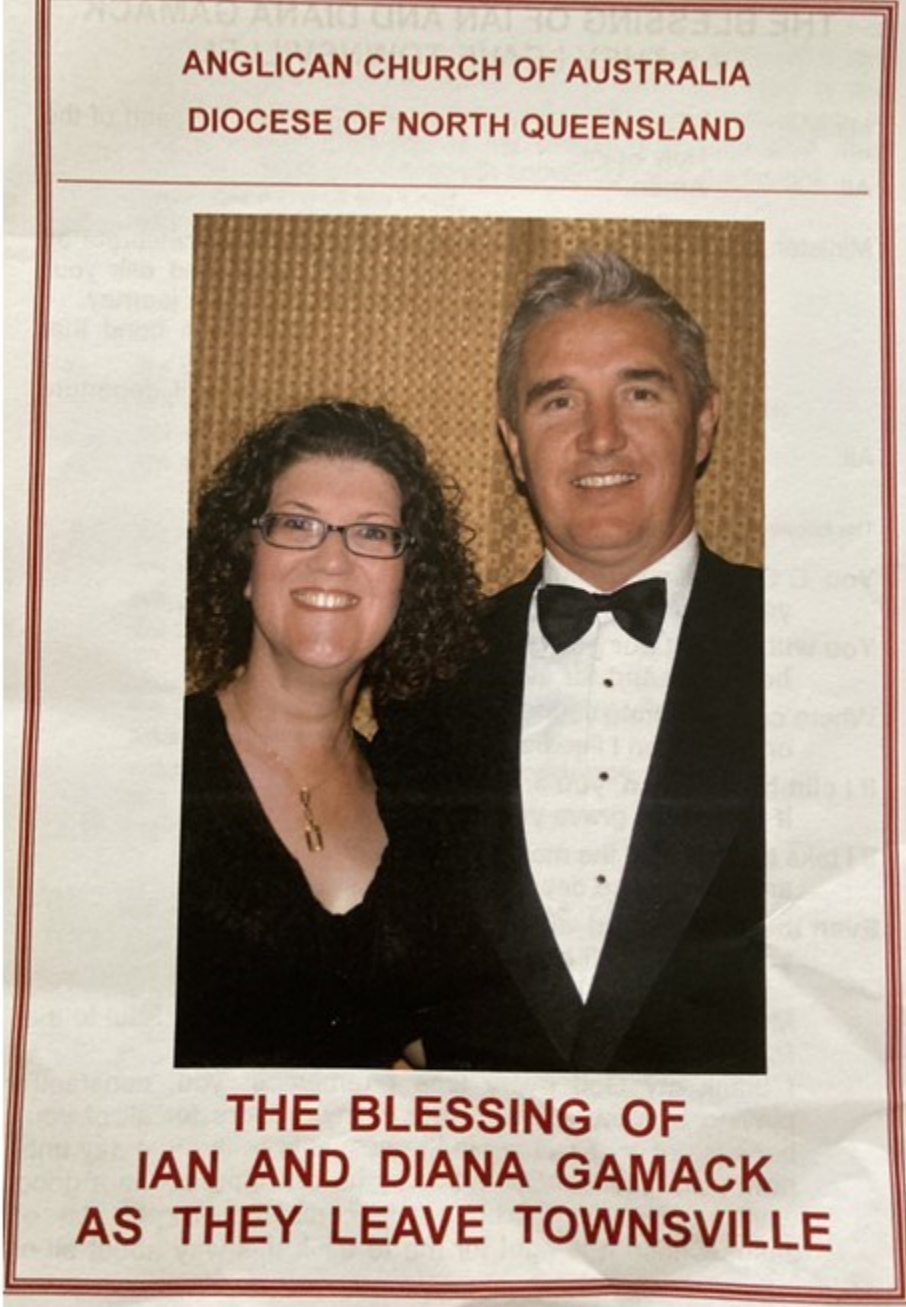
Amen





MONTH IN REVIEW

December



On December 3rd, we said "Good bye" to Ian and Diana Gamack. Ian has spent the last 15 years as the Principal at The Cathedral School of St Anne & St James

2024



Georgie, with Frank's parents and brother, Harry, from Darwin





We welcomed Sarah Ng's family from Singapore



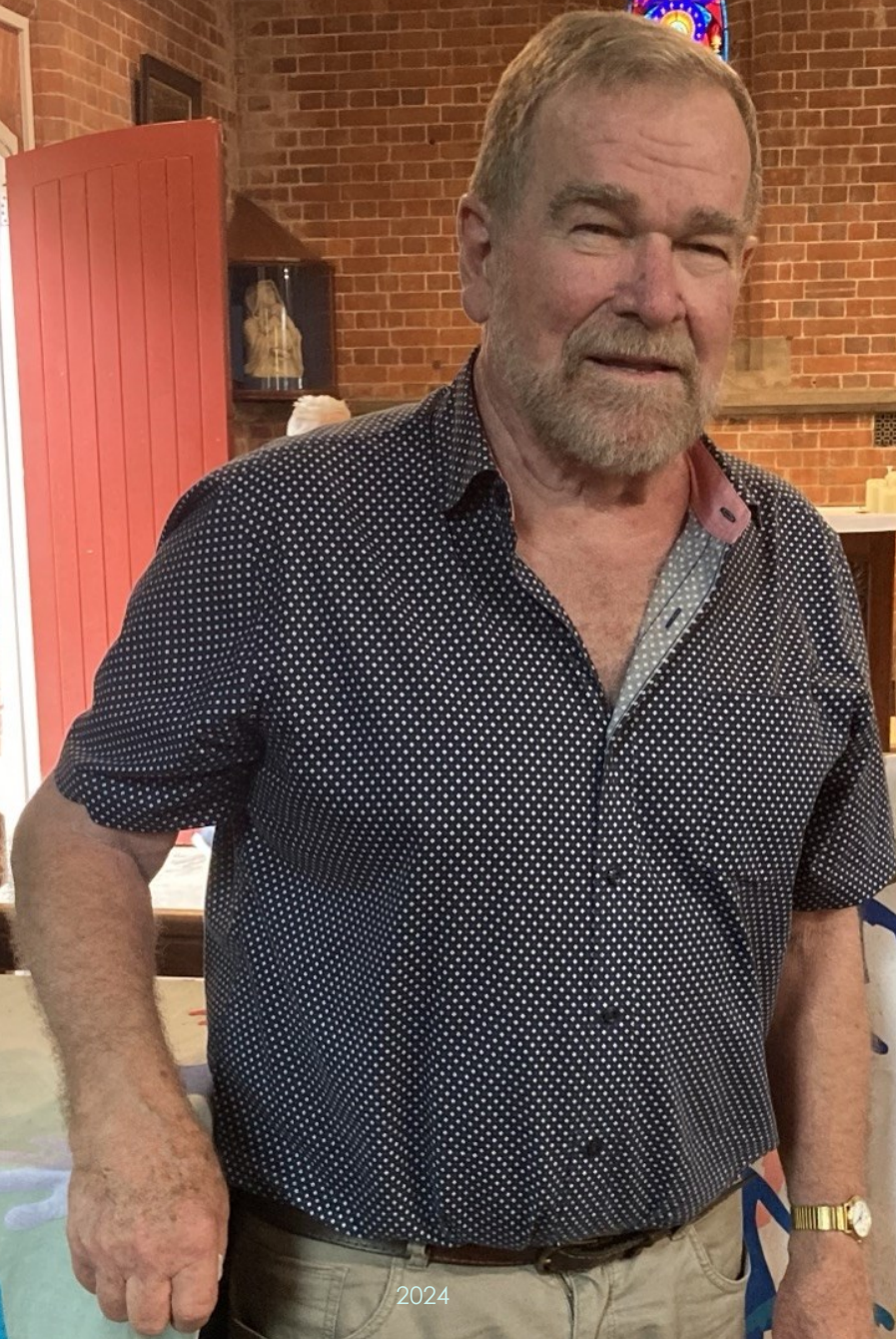
Sarah, with her mother, Emily, and her brothers

Ng Family welcomed by Owen Stanley





Ex-Parishioner, Richard Keene, with some of the artwork done by his late wife, Cheryl.



Margaret Evans welcomes Richard from Adelaide



Oceania Cruises' Regatta passengers Ray and Lois from Tennessee.

Lois is a Textile Artist and was very interested in the textile art of Stan Moses



Lois' kneeler in St Elizabeth's Farragut, Tennessee.



**Volunteer
Diana**

2024

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

800 years later the tradition continues





Thank you to Graham Miller
for the beautiful new
Christmas decorations



7pm Sunday December 17th

Lessons and Carols



"Kids' Kristmas" Christmas Eve

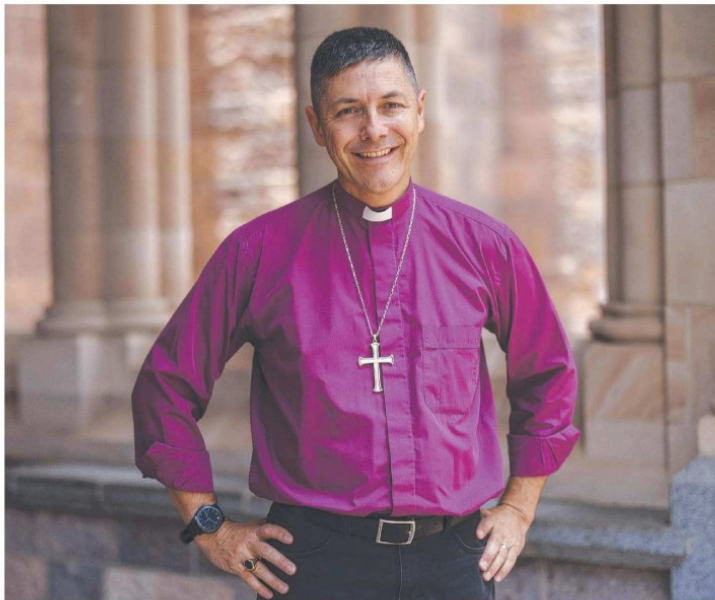


At the same time, a small group in the middle of China were reading through the same Nativity script and following the ppt

One of our congregation architects, designed and constructed a typical Townsville Gingerbread House
Guess Who?



New archbishop reveals 'terrible secret' of sex abuse as a teen



New Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane Jeremy Greaves at St John's Cathedral

GLENN HUNT

EXCLUSIVE

JAMIE WALKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

It took Jeremy Greaves three decades to come to grips with what happened to him as a teenager and only now, the day of his installation as Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane, is he willing to speak openly about the sexual abuse he endured.

The 54-year-old father of three wants to share his story so that other survivors will know his heart is in the right place, that he is serious when he promises to do better by those who have suffered at the hands of predatory priests and church workers.

Archbishop Greaves was "14 or 15" when he was sexually assaulted by a scouts leader in Adelaide in the early 1980s and kept the terrible secret to himself until about eight years ago, when he finally

went to South Australian police. He's not yet ready to publicly detail the abuse. But it turned out his accused assailant was a convicted sex offender who allegedly preyed on other children around the time he entered the paedophile's orbit.

"I think the royal commission (into institutional child sexual abuse) suggested that it often

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takes 20 or 30 years for people to disclose, and that was certainly my experience." Archbishop Greaves told *The Weekend Australian*.

"Over the last 10 years or so I've done the work that I've needed to do to understand all of that."

A mixture of "shame, embarrassment and bewilderment" made him keep the harrowing experience to himself for all those years, he said. Archbishop Greaves could not bring himself to confide in anyone, not even his wife, Josie, until the dam broke.

After telling his family, he called in the police.

"It was quite a long process of working out that this was actually abuse, and my primary concern was: were there others?" he said.

"And subsequently I have discovered there were, before me and after me. So my primary reason for going to the police was about making sure there were no others after that time."

As head of the sprawling Brisbane Diocese, Archbishop Greaves is one of five "metropolitans" who sit atop the Anglican Church of Australia and provide candidates to be primate, its elected leader. More than three million people identify as being Anglican in this country.

He follows in the footsteps of former primate Phillip Aspinall and Peter Hollingworth, central figures in the decades-long reckoning over child sexual abuse in the churches. Dr Hollingworth was forced to quit as governor-general in 2003 in the face of ac-

cusations that he had put the Anglican Church first in dealing with survivors while archbishop of Brisbane, compounded by a disastrous attempt to defend his record from Yarralumla.

Dr Aspinall was still answering questions about Hollingworth-era cases when he appeared at the royal commission in 2015. A bitter internal dispute relating to one of them, claimed to involve fallout from the crimes committed against at least 140 children at the

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JEREMY GREAVES
ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP OF
BRISBANE

Anglican St Paul's School in Brisbane's north between 1981 and 1997 by student counsellor Kevin Lynch and teacher Gregory Robert Knight, will be waiting on Archbishop Greaves' desk when he sets to work on Monday.

He immediately put his mark on the role by opting to be installed rather than "enthroned" as archbishop at Saturday's pomp-filled service in St John's Cathedral.

Drawing on his experience, he said he hoped to speed compensation in sexual abuse cases and

make the church's redress system more "victim-survivor centric". Protracted processes were "incredibly hurtful and damaging", he said.

"We are moving into a different place," Archbishop Greaves said. "The primary concern for me, it seems, would be that we do things quicker."

"I had the experience of being a victim of child sexual abuse, not in the church ... and my experience of dealing with the scouts was they were terrific."

"I've now spent a number of years dealing with the police and revisiting stuff, and while I have done a lot of work to come to terms with and work out what all that means for me, I can absolutely see for some people that a drawn-out process would be incredibly hurtful and damaging."

Suffering sexual abuse provided him with "a little bit of insight" and fired his determination to make a difference as a church leader.

"You know, while my story is not anyone else's story, hopefully it brings me a bit of understanding or a bit of sensitivity or compassion," he said.

After making a statement to police, Archbishop Greaves entered the National Redress Scheme, established in the wake of the 2013-17 royal commission. He received a financial settlement.

Scouts SA said in a statement it had in the past "failed some of our members", but there was zero tolerance for any form of child abuse or endangerment.

"We're not in a position to

name the perpetrator," the organisation said of the archbishop's case. "To do so may compromise the privacy of any other victims."

South Australian police declined to comment.

While Archbishop Greaves kept the abuse secret until he was well into his 40s, he said it had had a telling impact on him as a teenager and young man. His school grades plunged in the aftermath of the abuse; he started a science degree but dropped out of university to backpack around Europe.

Entering the priesthood was the furthest thing from his mind.

Then, about 10 years ago, he "joined the dots" and began to come to terms with the ordeal he had undergone. "I've done a lot of work with good professional advisers, a spiritual director, and I think I now understand its impact on me," he said.

In comments that will anger conservative Anglicans, Archbishop Greaves said he was prepared to green-light same-sex marriage blessing ceremonies and would ordain gay priests if he had the power to do it.

The Brisbane Diocese, the church's third largest with 50 parishes spanning a vast catchment that reaches north past Bundaberg and south to the NSW border, is now the centre of a split between its progressive and conservative, evangelical wings.

The breakaway Diocese of the Southern Cross, backed by the powerful and conservative-dominated Sydney Diocese, had started at least six chapters in southeast Queensland, Archbishop Greaves said.

If planning your holidays for 2024, have you thought of visiting the north of our Diocese for the Coming of the Light (JULY 1st)?



Quetta Memorial Cathedral Church
20 Chester Street,
Thursday Island



<https://monumentaustralia.org.au/themes/disaster/maritime/display/92664-quetta-memorial-precinct>



St George's Church, 183 Wasui Street, Bamaga

https://deadlystory.com/page/culture/Annual_Days/Coming_of_the_Light

More Island Churches



St Paul's Church,
Moa Island



St James Church,
Mer Island



St John the
Evangelist
Church,
Yorke Island



St Andrew's
Church,
Coconut Island



All Saints Church,
Darnley Island



St Mary's Church, Mabuiag Island



St Peter's Church, Kubin, Moa Island

News from the Mission to Seafarers



Happenings Around the Mission in December



2023 marks the 10th year of the Aitkenvale Girl Guides visiting in December to wrap the hundreds of individual gifts for seafarers. Their enthusiastic and willing help makes the task easy and loads of fun.

The first crew to receive their gifts was the cement vessel AKUNA, a regular visitor.

Thank you to the sponsors who contributed towards the gifts, and the Guides and committee members who assisted in preparing or wrapping the Christmas presents.



TOURISTS IN PORT

The Cruise Season is here again and Bev and John Smith-Trim have again taken on the task of volunteering to sell our souvenirs to tourists and crew on the cruise liners that visit Townsville over the summer cruise season.

Many thanks for this work of presenting the Mission to the visitors of our Port city.

Gospel Reflection and Breakfast

Wednesdays 7am

Recommences February 7th



St James' Cathedral

Concert Series



Resumes March 2nd

Thank you to all those who helped with the 2023 concerts. A special "thank you" to Ann Milanovic for organising the artists and to Mick Cutler for producing the programs and publicity

Do you want to begin the year
with a new name badge?
Place orders with Fr Kenneth

St James' Cathedral Townsville

Your Name

More than a church, we are a family



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 JANUARY 16th

coles

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.



Althea
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shredded paper?**

**Do your pots need
shredded paper?**

Please take a bag from the Cathedral Office

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



It's been an incredible year and we're so happy that
you're here helping us make change.



You've been a busy
change maker stopping
1,677 containers
from going to landfill this year alone.

And that good work has earned
\$167.70



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



Scheme ID

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**POSITION
VACANT**



THE ROSTER

If you have not yet added your name to the 2024 roster at the back of the church, please do

In January, the Cathedral will be closed, 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

January

Anglican Diocese Flood Relief

The January mission is one close to home as we raise money to assist those in the Diocese who have lost everything due to the floods in Mossman and Cairns.



Mission of the Month

Connect • Volunteer • Give
to educate, prepare, & empower

Donations can be made through the envelopes or direct debit, marked with the name of Mission
BSB 034 222Account Number 250713 250713 Thank you for \$650 for Gaza Hospital Emergency Appeal

"For the greater glory of God."

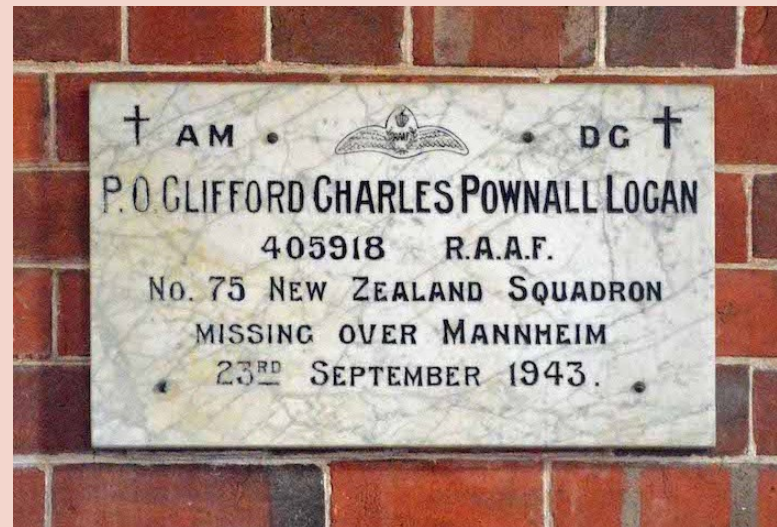
Looking at Latin



The initials A.M.D.G. can be found in a number of places in St James.

It is an abbreviation of the Latin Motto
Ad maiorem Dei gloriam
or *Ad majorem Dei gloriam*

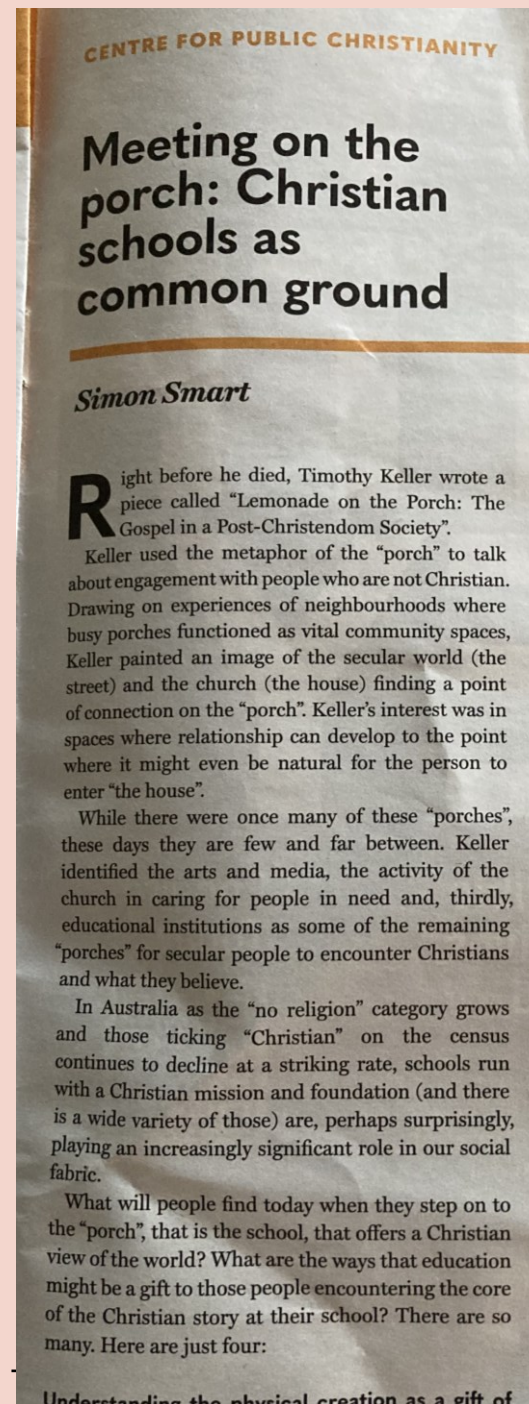
"For the greater glory of God."





Have you ever browsed the magazines at the back of the Cathedral?

Some interesting articles.....



Holy croc causes mass panic

The first time Brutus the croc went to church, chaos gripped the congregation.

Sarah Weatherhead-Kous and son Alex Kous brought their 40cm freshwater crocodile to the Blessing of the Pets service at Christ Church Cathedral in Darwin.

Among pews of cats, dogs, and parrots, Ms Weatherhead-Kous said their two-year-old croc stood out from the crowd.

"The vicar said it was the

first time a crocodile had been to that church," she said.

Mr Kous said he had been holding Brutus until the slippery reptile escaped his grasp.

"The rest is self explanatory – crocodile decides, 'hey, look, an opening, bye', and off he goes," he said. "He tried to run under the altar but thankfully we got him back."

Though Brutus sometimes bites when picked up, Mr Kous said he was "by no means a

guard dog". But that never stopped the croc-lover's sense of humour.

"We did have a sign that says, 'beware of the dog', we don't have a dog," he said.

"So I went outside one day, crossed it out, and put 'crocodile'."

Ms Weatherhead-Kous said "croc's are loners, but they get used to people,".

"We taught ours to jump for food," she said.

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EVERYWHERE

