



Trinity Grapevine

Cairns Lutheran Parish

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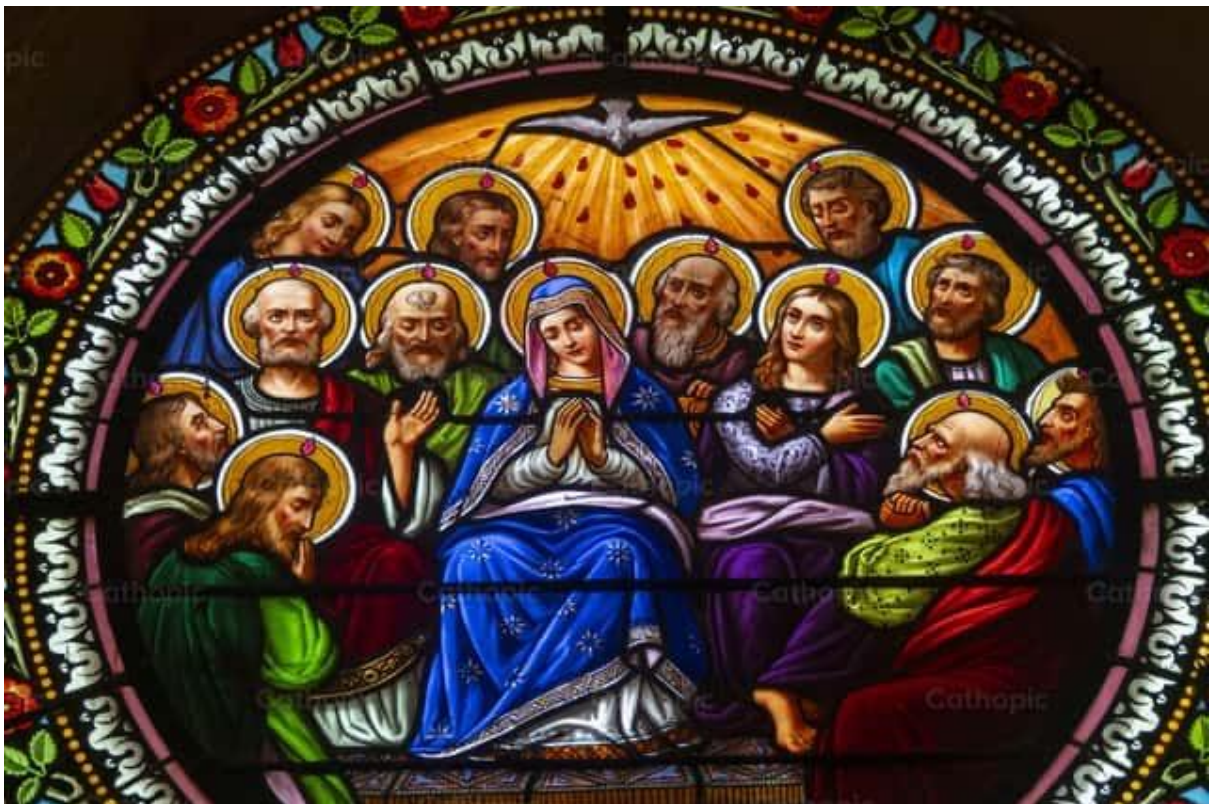
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May 2026

Mission - Let your light shine for the Gospel.

Task - Keep spreading the Good News!



Prayers

- ✚ For any who are sick, especially Sergio and Eddie, and all those caring for and supporting them.
- ✚ For those grieving and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time of the year.
- ✚ For those who are unable to attend services and share in Christian fellowship with their congregations.
- ✚ For the congregations of Trinity, Our Saviour, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Coen as they faithfully continue services to hear God's word and equip members to share the Lord's mission in Far North Queensland.

UPCOMING SERVICES

3rd May – Trinity Lutheran Church, **9am**

10th May – Peace Lutheran College, **9am**

17th May – Trinity Lutheran Church, **9am**

24th May – Pentecost – Peace Lutheran College, **9am**

31st May – Holy Trinity – Trinity Lutheran Church, **9am**

DATE CLAIMERS

16th May – Working Bee at Trinity Lutheran Church

23rd May – Trinity Lutheran Ladies meeting. **9.30am** at the Church.

Congregation and Parish News



Confirmation on Palm Sunday

A wonderful celebration occurred on Palm Sunday, 29th March, with the Confirmation of Lars Fraser, Ben Pullar and Henry Rowden from the Trinity family. The three Confirmands worked through their classes with pastor David and seemed to enjoy being the focus of celebrations on Palm Sunday.

Easter celebrations

The Dawn service on Clifton Beach proved extremely popular this year. The service on easter morning as the sun rises on the water front has been a lovely way that Pastor Adam contributes to the Lutheran ministry in the region.

Pastor Adam also conducted the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services at Trinity.

Preparing to Call for a Pastor

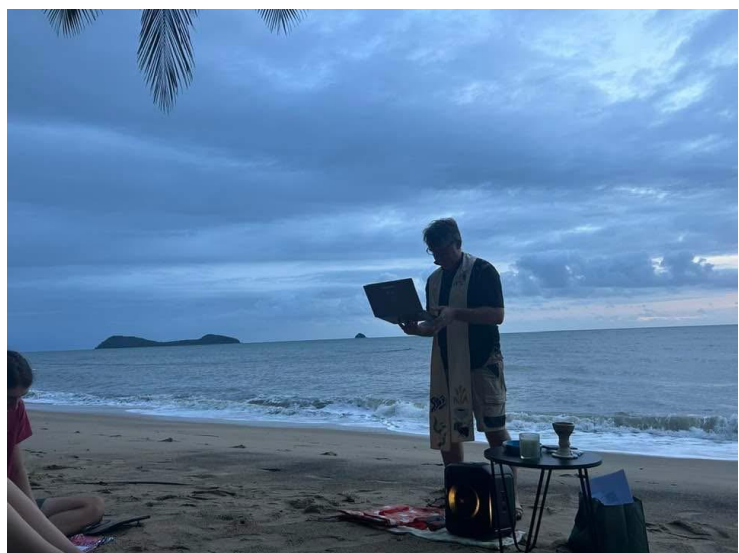
It is now confirmed that we do not have an assigned Pastor available for the Cairns Parish. On 19th April, members of the Call Committee met with the Parish Executive to discuss the process required to progress a call for a Pastor.

Earlier in the month LCAQD had been in touch to provide information relevant to the process and to encourage the Parish to continue progressing this important process.

The Call Committee, including the Parish Chairperson, will work on our behalf on this matter.

The members of the call Committee are: Isaac Strickland, Michael Fraser, Martin Klink, Elaine Krenske, Lynalee Strickland, and April Strickland.

The Trinity representatives will update us as this matter develops.





Please save the date –

Working Bee, 16th May 2026

We are planning a Working Bee at Trinity on the 16th May, commencing at 8am.

If you are willing and able to assist, we would love to see you on the day.

You will only be asked to get involved in tasks within your capability.

Ladies Group

The Ladies group gets together monthly on the 4th Saturday each month at 9.30am at the Church. All are encouraged to come along.

The Ladies recently put their heads together regarding fund raising and social opportunities. The details of our current fund raiser are shared below.

Fund Raiser - Bakeless Cake Sale

You are invited to **NOT** bake a cake, pie, biscuits or brownies. You do **NOT** have to find the recipe. You do **NOT** have to shop for ingredients. You do **NOT** have to mix. You do **NOT** have to cook. You do **NOT** have to cut. You do **NOT** have to wrap. You do **NOT** have to wash dishes. You do **NOT** have to clean up your kitchen. You do **NOT** have to stand in the heat/cold/rain to sell the baked product. You do **NOT** have to buy the goods from the stall.

We ask instead that you make a donation and stay home and enjoy something yourself or with your family!

During April we distributed envelopes to all members of the congregation. **We are seeking the return of your envelope by 3rd May 2026 (whether you find yourself able to support this or not).** We have a receptacle at the rear of the church to collect returned envelopes.

Please consider supporting this initiative. The Trinity Ladies Group are fund raising to refresh the flowers and plants decorating the church.

Thankyou for your support.

Join the ladies group for fellowship on Saturday 23rd May at 9.30am at the Church. This month we will seek to bring along items that we have had for many years that have significance to us and share our story with the group.

News from around the region

A summary of activity across the broader region, prepared by Pastor David Spanagel.

Dear friends within the Cairns Parish,

God is Good.

While I realise that numbers are not everything, they do tell a story. This past Easter weekend the deep North experienced some very solid support, allow me to explain:

- Baptism service at 3pm Saturday 4th April = attendance 65
- Dawn service at Hope Vale 5th April = attendance 160
- 9.00 am service at Hope Vale 5th April = 105
- 4pm service at Wujal Wujal 5th April = 17

In total = 347

This indicates a positive approach from the 'church', and that we remain an important part of the lives of many people in these smaller towns in NQ. With regular every Sunday attendance not the 'norm' these days many do still recognise the role of the church.



From left to right; A grave prepared for Easter Sunday Dawn Service, in Hopevale; 3 young people who wish to be confirmed along with their parents in Wujal Wujal; Hope Vale cemetery.

The conversations with people after the service on Sunday indicated many positive requests that ranged from Baptism, Confirmation and even Marriage.

The challenge is to work through times when everyone is available for these events to happen because boarding school, NAIDOC week and personal family matters take away a range of dates and the ability to reach these people.

It continues to be important that we remain with a presence.

Commitments through April and into May

- Mary Cobus funeral – 7th April – Hope Vale
- Vincent Gibson funeral – 17th April – Hope Vale
- Atherton April 19th 4pm
- Maria Gierz grave side funeral – 20th April - Cairns
- Farron Nunn funeral - 24th April – Wujal Wujal
- Peta Readeaux& Ebuka Emenicke - Wedding - 26th April - Cairns
- Valerie Wilson funeral – 29th April - Atherton
- Hope Vale service – 3rd- May
- Henry Kulka grave side funeral – 7th May – Cooktown

On the bright side...

I was walking through the Smithfield Shopping Centre when an 8 year old boy ran up behind me and said 'Hey are you the Pastor from Hope Vale' what a surprise, this little boy from a few years ago recognized me. To me that's the epitome of our ministry when young people respond like this. The moral of the story is always befriend the younger next generation as they come across our paths. It's our response that they respond to, and it's our (the church's) future.

May God bless us all as we respond according to the ways we are called
David

Home visits

We are very thankful for the efforts of our Locum Pastor, David Spanagel, including his efforts to visit those experiencing challenges across the congregation.

Michael Fraser will take on a role of scheduling visits that are requested, so please contact Michael on TrinityLutheran4870@outlook.com should you wish to be included in the list of those to receive a visit.

If you receive a call from someone wanting to schedule a visit, know that it is the result of our efforts to reach out to members of the congregation, especially those experiencing some challenges.

Would you be interested in supporting the Ministry in Far North Queensland?

[The following content has been developed for sharing with wider audiences through LCAQD communications. Previously shared in the April Bulletin.]

Up in far north Queensland, where there are two Lutheran parishes, the “tyranny of distance” is something to genuinely be reckoned with.

The Cairns Parish includes the congregations of Cairns and Atherton.

The Hope Vale Parish consisting of Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Coen also covers a large area, and each of these settlements are quite remote from larger population centres. Hope Vale is a five hour drive from Cairns. With Coen being a seven hour drive from Cairns. Wujal Wujal is one and a half hours from Hope Vale.

Both parishes are without a full time Pastor at present with Emeritus Pastor David Spanagel providing locum services that cover the whole region and the pastor for Peace Lutheran College, Pastor Adam Eime, supporting the services offered in Cairns.



The Cairns Parish are contemplating a call at present and there is discussion occurring to consider how the Hope Vale Parish may best be serviced.

We understand that this unique style of ministry supporting Hope Vale, Coen and Wujal Wujal is not within everyone’s skillset, and this narrows down the number of people available to fill this role – whether ordained pastor or lay person.

If God sparks this interest deep within you, please contact Pastor David Schmidt in our District office on 07 3511 4000. He will be able to help you with the finer details and facilitate an exploration of how you may be able to support the efforts. Of course, for those within the Cairns Parish, a conversation with Pastor David Spanagel is also a good initial step.

Should interest progress to being on the ground, a comprehensive and supportive orientation will be provided so that this can be a smooth transition for all, especially for the local people.

Ways of Giving

1. Offering plate during service
2. Regular Electronic Giving (REG) with LLL – visit the [LCA website](#) or complete the forms available on the front table at Church
3. [Home | LCA Donations & Payments](#) To donate, click on Parishes & congregations.
4. Deposits into the Trinity’s NAB Account –
 - o National Australia Bank. BSB 084472 A/C 508664430

ROSTER - May

Please arrange a swap if you cannot help on your allocated day.

	May 3rd Trinity 7.00pm HC	May 10th Peace 09:00am HC	May 17th Trinity 09:00am	May 24th Pentecost Peace 09:00am	May 31st Trinity 09:00am HC
Pastor / Lay Reader	Peter Schmidt	Pastor Adam	Martin Klink	Pastor Adam	Pastor David
Lesson Reader	Michael Fraser		Rod Krenske		Jo-Anne Scarini
Ushers	Andrew Schelberg		Andrew Schelberg		Rod & Elaine K
Powerpoint	Bernie Weidner		Peter Ricketts		Rod Krenske
Lead Musician	Julie Smith		Julie Smith		Julie Smith
Church Cleaning	Peter & Patricia Schmidt		Working Bee		Eime family
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Containers for Change

You can support the Church when recycling your containers. The following code allows funds to be allocated to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Alternatively, you can drop off your containers in the bins held in the Vestry.

Containers for Change Code: **C10162743**



Live Streaming at Trinity

We continue to work to bring a live stream to those across the region. We have not been able to do this reliably. Once we get this working, you can find live streams at the following address:

<https://www.youtube.com/@cairnslutheranlive/streams>

Alternative ways to attend Sunday Services

Listen to a service

- **Radio** - **89.1 FM** Sundays at 9:00am a service recorded by Pastor Greg is broadcast. Access this at the same time on *Cairns FM 89.1 or 92.3FM* on your devices.

There are a range of view at home options.

You can utilise the [Lutheran Church of Australia online worship](#) option that meets your needs.

Alternatively, you can navigate directly to the following online options, which can be utilised live or during the week:

- [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba Queensland](#) Streamed live at 9am Queensland time every Sunday.
- [Nazareth Lutheran Church](#), South Brisbane Streamed live at 8.30am Queensland time every Sunday.

Pastoral Assistants - David Spanagel (Locum Pastor), Raelene Ricketts, Martin Klink, Michael Fraser, Phoebe Weier.

Trinity Council: Chairperson - Michael Fraser, Secretary - Jo-Anne Scarini, Treasurer - Andrew Schelberg, Member - Rod Krenske, Member - Mark Henseleit, Property Manager - Vacant.

Our Saviour Council: Chairperson - Lynalee Strickland, Vice Chairperson - Isaac Strickland, Secretary - Kathy Tidmarsh, Treasurer - April Strickland.

Parish Council: Chairperson - Isaac Strickland, Secretary - Rod Krenske, Treasurer - Jo-Anne Scarini

Key Holders - Please be advised that the following people hold keys to Trinity Lutheran Church, should access to the building be required for example to carry out cleaning: Michael Fraser, Rod Krenske, Grace Pullar, Jo-Anne Scarini, Andrew Schelberg, and Bernie Weidner.