

TOWNSVILLE ISLAMIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 reminders:

- **Maintain a distance of 1.5m between yourself and others**
- **Wash your hands regularly with soap**
- **Stay home if you are feeling unwell**
- **Sign in when you arrive at the mosque**



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

17 Community Iftar dinner

27 Year 12 students from Saint Margaret Mary's College visiting mosque (group 3)

MAY

13 Year 12 students from Saint Margaret Mary's College visiting mosque (group 4)

13/14 Eid Al-Fitr

MONTHLY AYAH & HADITH

Sawm is the second obligatory duty after prayer which every Muslim is required to perform during the month of Ramadan. The word sawm, which has been used in the Holy Qur'an and the Hadith for fasting, means "to abstain." Sawm signifies fasting or abstaining from food and drink and sexual intercourse from the dim beginning of dawn till sunset. Fasting as an institution for the purification of the soul is common to all Divine religions. The writer of the article on "Fasting" in the Encyclopedia Britannica states that "it would be difficult to name any religious system of any description in which it is wholly unrecognized." This institution was well established among the Jews and the Christians. In Islam, fasting is primarily an institution for a spiritual discipline and self-control. It is in fact an exercise in religious devotion in the form of cheerful and willing renunciation, for a definite period, of all the appetites of flesh lawful in themselves (the unlawful ones being ruled out of course).

The Qur'an says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

O you who believe! Observing As-Sawm (the fasting) is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may become Al-Muttaqun (Sura Baqara, Verse 183.)

Fasting has been ordained as a religious duty for the Muslims for subduing their lust and keeping their appetites well within reasonable bounds so that man and woman may not become their slave and lose control over themselves. The Qur'an clearly states that a man cannot attain salvation unless he learns to restrain himself from low desires. "And as for him who fears to stand before his Lord and restrains himself from low desires, Paradise is surely the abode."

وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَافَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ وَنَهَى النَّفْسَ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ

But as for him who feared standing before his Lord, and restrained himself from impure evil desires, and lusts.

فَإِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ هِيَ الْمَأْوَىٰ

Verily, Paradise will be his abode. (Sura Naziat Verse 40-41)

Fasting is an institution for moral elevation which can be judged from the fact that Allah does not impose restrictions only upon eating, drinking and sexual intercourse from dawn to sunset, but also exhorts His servants to refrain from other foul acts, for example, backbiting, indulging in foul speech, telling lies, etc. Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: If one does not abandon falsehood and other actions like it, God has no need that one should abandon one's food and drink (Sahih Bukhari).

The social aspect of fasting in Ramadan is that the whole atmosphere is permeated with religious piety and devotion to Allah. There is one extra congregational prayer, Tarawih, during the night, in which the Qur'an is recited and the Muslim is reminded of the fact that it was in the month of Ramadan that the revelation of the Qur'an commenced. The sadaqa are also given with greater zeal and fervour in this month. Thus, the whole Muslim society is inspired by the love of God. Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: When Ramadan begins, the gates of Heaven are opened, the gates of Hell are locked, and the devils are chained (Bukhari Book 6, Number 2361: and Muslim).

COMMUNITY NEWS



We have reached our Goal

Thanks everyone for your support in fundraising for Sohaib Ahmad's fight against Blood Cancer.

We are ending this fundraising campaign as we have reached our goal of \$100,000 in 4 days. Your heart felt generous donations helped us to achieve fundraising goal. It will help Sohaib Ahmad to get his much-needed treatment.

On behalf of Sohaib Ahmad, family, friends and community, we want to thank each and every one of you who donated, supported, shared and even cared for the cause. We are truly humbled and so proud of everyone who came together and supported Sohaib Ahmad a Pakistani Phd International Student of Geology at James Cook University, Townsville (Queensland).

(We request you to share this message to stop further donations. Thanks again for your support!)

Brother Sohaib, a valued and committed member of the Townsville Muslim community, was diagnosed with blood cancer. Alhamdulillah, the community has managed to raise enough money for him to receive his treatment. Please keep our brother and his family in your duas.



MADRASAH TIMETABLE

Teachers: *Sheikh Osman, Sheikh Abdelkhani, Sheikh Abdikarim*

BOYS' BEGINNER CLASS

(cannot read/write Arabic)

> Monday - Thursday between Asr and Maghrib

GIRLS' BEGINNER CLASS

(cannot read/write Arabic)

> Monday - Thursday between Asr and Maghrib

BOYS' ADVANCED CLASS

(can read/write Arabic)

> Monday - Thursday between Asr and Maghrib

GIRLS' ADVANCED CLASS

(can read/write Arabic)

> Monday - Thursday between Asr and Maghrib

Please enrol your children according to their most suitable group.

All classes are managed by the teachers.

Monthly payment is \$50 per child.

For more information, kindly contact Sheikh Osman on 0466 549 811.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Alhamdulillah, we have a guest imam visiting from Melbourne to assist in performing prayers (particularly taraweeh) during Ramadan. Hafiz Abdullahi will be staying in the madrasah building, so please do not go into the house uninvited while he is here.
- Weekly Zoom is temporarily on hold during Ramadan.
- On the 17th of April, Townsville Mosque will be holding a large Iftar dinner with dignitaries from the community invited. Free food will be served in pre-packaged containers to comply with COVID safety rules. Please maintain social distancing where possible and only eat while sitting down. Both the mosque and madrasah carparks will be open for people to sit and eat. All cars will need to be parked on the street for this event.
- We need at least 15 volunteers to assist with the Iftar event on the 17th. If you are able to help, please contact Br Abdi Musse ASAP on 0402 926 564
- There are still two groups of Saint Margaret Mary's students due to visit the mosque. Please do your best to keep the mosque tidy in preparation for their visits and make them feel welcome.
- Farm Works vacancies for men and women. Local labour hire is going to pay workers. Quick registration available via phone 0469 821 393 or email info@uhc-medical.com. Register now to get called first for work. For more information, contact the phone number or email address listed above.
- Message for TIS members: Please email info@townsvilleislamicsociety.com with your current email address if you wish to receive our monthly newsletter and other important information.
- The mosque needs reliable volunteers to help out with events and general mosque maintenance. If you are willing and able to be a volunteer, please provide your name and contact information to Ss Ferzana (0425 000 822) or Br Abdiaziz (0432 411 535).
- Message for parents: TIS is considering organising parenting lessons/workshops. If this interests you, please let us know by contacting us via email.
- A local meat industry is looking for a Muslim meat worker. Please contact Professor Usman Malabu (0407 586 026) or Br Ahmed Osman (0435 854 117) for more details.

No madrasah during Ramadan

ALL AGES ZOOM

> Every Friday between Asr and Maghrib

ALL AGES ZOOM SESSION

> Every Wednesday between Maghrib and Isha. New topic each week. Join in person at the mosque or on Zoom.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MARCH

General account - amount received: \$7,169

General account - amount spent: \$3,808

Imam account - amount received: \$3,585

CONTACT US

MOBILE: 0400 561 341

FACEBOOK: Townsville Mosque

INSTAGRAM: @townsvillemosque

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DONATE TO THE TIS GENERAL ACCOUNT

BSB: 064-823

ACC: 1077 9034

DONATE TO THE IMAM FUND ACCOUNT

BSB: 064-823

ACC: 1104 4507

JAMA'AT PRAYER TIMES

Fajr 5:30

Zuhr 13:00

Asr 16:30

Maghrib soon after sunset

Isha 20:00

Taraweeh soon after Isha

Jummu'ah 13:00

RAMADAN CALENDAR 1442/2021 - TOWNSVILLE

(With the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful)



From the Quran

O you who believe! The fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may become Al-Muttaqun (the pious)" (Surah Baqara 2:183)

The Prophet (PBUH) said "Whoever does not give up forged speech and evil actions and does not abandon foolishness, Allah is not in need of his leaving food and drink (i.e. Allah will not accept his FASTING)." Al-Bukhari (6057)

Niyaat/Intention for FASTING

Allahumma inni laka sumtu wa bika aamantu wa alayka tawakkaltu wa ala rizq-ika-aftartu

O Allah! I fasted for You and I believe in You and I put my trust in You and I break my fast with Your sustenance

Dua for BREAKING FAST

Tzhabaj jwamma-aa wabtallal 'urruqu wa thabatal aajru inshaa allah (Thirst has gone, the arteries are moist, and the reward is sure, if Allah wills)

TIS Donations

Acc: TIS General Acct
BSB: 064823
Acc Number: 10779034

Reference: TIS General Acct

Zakat Only

Acc: TIS
BSB: 065903
Acc Number: 00903270

Reference: Zakat-ul-Maal OR Zakat-al-Fitre

Fajr means both Fajr Adhan and Imsak (starting fast) and
Maghrib means both Maghrib Adhan and Iftar (breaking fast) time.

DAYS	RAMADAN	APRIL/MAY	FAJR	SUNRISE	DUHUR	ASR	MAGHRIB/ SUNSET	ISHA
Wed	**1	14	5:10	6:53	1:00	4:30	6:05	8:00
Thu	2	15	5:10	6:53	1:00	4:30	6:03	8:00
Fri	3	16	5:11	6:53	1:00	4:30	6:02	8:00
Sat	4	17	5:11	6:54	1:00	4:30	6:01	8:00
Sun	5	18	5:11	6:54	1:00	4:30	6:01	8:00
Mon	6	19	5:11	6:54	1:00	4:30	5:59	8:00
Tue	7	20	5:12	6:54	1:00	4:30	5:59	8:00
Wed	8	21	5:12	6:54	1:00	4:30	5:58	8:00
Thu	9	22	5:12	6:55	1:00	4:30	5:57	8:00
Fri	10	23	5:12	6:55	1:00	4:30	5:57	8:00
Sat	11	24	5:13	6:55	1:00	4:30	5:56	8:00
Sun	12	25	5:13	6:55	1:00	4:30	5:55	8:00
Mon	13	26	5:13	6:55	1:00	4:30	5:55	8:00
Tue	14	27	5:13	6:56	1:00	4:30	5:54	8:00
Wed	15	28	5:13	6:56	1:00	4:30	5:53	8:00
Thu	16	29	5:14	6:56	1:00	4:30	5:53	8:00
Fri	17	30	5:14	6:56	1:00	4:30	5:52	8:00
Sat	18	01	5:14	6:57	1:00	4:30	5:52	8:00
Sun	19	02	5:14	6:57	1:00	4:30	5:51	8:00
Mon	20	03	5:14	6:57	1:00	4:30	5:50	8:00
Tue	21	04	5:15	6:57	1:00	4:30	5:50	8:00
Wed	22	05	5:15	6:58	1:00	4:30	5:49	8:00
Thu	23	06	5:15	6:58	1:00	4:30	5:49	8:00
Fri	24	07	5:15	6:58	1:00	4:30	5:48	8:00
Sat	25	08	5:16	6:58	1:00	4:30	5:48	8:00
Sun	26	09	5:16	6:59	1:00	4:30	5:48	8:00
Mon	27	10	5:16	7:00	1:00	4:30	5:47	8:00
Tue	28	11	5:17	7:01	1:00	4:30	5:47	8:00
Wed	29	12	5:17	7:01	1:00	4:30	5:47	8:00
Thu	30	13	5:17	7:01	1:00	4:30	5:47	8:00

TOWNSVILLE MOSQUE IQAAMAH time for **DAILY** prayers during Ramadan
FAJR; 5:30 DUHUR; 1:00 ASR; 4:30 MAGHRIB AFTER SUNSET ISHA; 8:00

** Beginning of Ramadan may vary

CONTRIBUTORS



Address: 155 Ross River Rd,
Mundingburra QLD 4812 Open
hours: MON - FRI 8:30 am
- 4:30 pm



Address: Shop 2/306 Ross River Rd
Open hours: 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Everyday



Address: Shop 3 Stockland, Kmart
Centre, 145 Nathan St
Open hours: MON - Sat 9:30 am -
4:30 pm



Address: Shop 22 Stockland,
Kmart Centre, 145 Nathan St
Open hours: MON - FRI 8:30
am - 4:30 pm



Address: Shop 234 Stockland,
310-330 Ross River Rd
Open hours: 9:30 am - 4:30
pm Mon - Sat



Address: 183 Ross River Rd,
Mundingburra QLD 4812
NQ Ummah Care was formed to assist
homeless people and other
disadvantaged members of the
community.

The Prophet, upon him be peace, said:
"Give charity without delay, for it
stands in the way of calamity." (Al-
Tirmidhi)

Abu Ayub (may Allah be pleased with him)
reported that the Prophet (peace and
blessings be upon him) said, "Whosoever fasts
in Ramadan and then follows it with fasting six
days of Shawwal, it is as if he fasts
forever." (Muslim)

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