

PRAY & ADORE

Please remember in your prayers

Recently deceased: Helen Basco, Ana Skolan, Teresa Borsato, Anne Daveron, Joan Morison, William O'Hehir, Brendan & Sean O'Connor, Jean M^cGrath, Barry Maxwell, Colin John Moran, James Mate.

Anniversary: Len Woldseth

Sick: Darcy Hetheron, Jan O'Brien, Leonie Owens, Connie de Dassel, Maria Moran, Gracie Jackson, John McCain, Pauline Cahill, Joan O'Brien, Gregory Shield, June Foster, Georgio Franco, Judy Brooks, Val Browning

Baptisms: Lily & Flynn Braddick, Levi Schultz

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Our Lady of Mercy Chapel

Located at the Curran Centre
(ramp access available via Parish Office)

Opening hours: 8:30am - 4pm
Monday to Friday

HELP NEEDED: Vacant hours

Monday 3pm,
Tuesday 9am, 3pm, Friday 10am, 3pm

If you would like to become a guardian or can assist with vacant hours on a temporary or permanent basis, please contact
Ken 0439390191



"The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, 'Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health.' - St. Bernadette Soubirous

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mass Times

Monday 15 August	9am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Solemnity Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:30am	St Francis Xavier Primary School
	5:30pm	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
	Tuesday 16 August	7:30am
Wednesday 17 August	7:30am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
9:30am		St Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga
	Thursday 18 August	5:30pm
Friday 19 August	9:15am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Saturday 20 August	9am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
St Bernard		
Vigil Saturday 20 August	5:30pm	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Sunday 21 August	8am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
	5:30pm	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
	9am	St Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga
	10:30am	St Therese's, Coramba

Confession Times

SATURDAYS, St Augustine's Church, Coffs Harbour

after 9am Mass (9:30am—10:30am) and
before 5:30pm Mass (4:45pm - 5:15pm)

SUNDAYS, St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga

before 9am Mass (from 8:30am)

Confessions are also available at any time by appointment by calling the Parish Office on 6651 0000

Groups & Events

Tuesday 9am Parish Playgroup, Curran Centre

Wednesday 2pm - *Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help*,
St Augustine's Church

7pm *Men's Spiritual Formation*, Curran Centre

Thursday 7am *Rosary for life*, St Augustine's Church

Saturday 9:30am *Rosary* (after Mass), St Augustine's Church

Sunday - *Children's Liturgy* at the 8am Mass, St Augustine's Church & 9am Mass, St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga

6.30pm—Youth Group (teenagers), Curran Centre

CHURCH REMINDERS

Youth Adults

ASPIRE Young Adult Formation Talk by Bishop Greg Homeming
4:30pm Monday 15 August at the Curran Centre

Parish Playgroup

9am Tuesdays at the Curran Centre



We warmly invite families with babies, toddlers, pre-school age children/grandchildren to join our parish playgroup. If you are interested in becoming a *Playgroup helper*, to offer assistance with set-up or leading a craft or music activity, please contact the parish office on 6651 0000.

Youth Group

Teenagers are invited to come to Youth group this Sunday *after the 5:30pm Mass at the Curran Centre*. Dinner provided. Contact Amber for further information: ascanes@coffscatholic.com



BISHOP of LISMORE
— GREGORY HOMEMING O.C.D. —

FROM LISMORE DIOCESE

The Parish Vitality Survey

The Parish Vitality Survey is a short confidential survey that seeks input from parishioners about their parish. It provides you with the ability to have a say about your church, what we do well, where we can do better and how we can sustain and strengthen our parish communities. The survey will provide valuable insight into the Diocesan Review currently underway across the Lismore Diocese.

The survey opens online at lismore-diocese.org on the 18th August for a period of two weeks.

Position Available

A Part-time position (15hpw/2dpw) for a Diocesan Director for the Catholic Mission based within the Diocese of Lismore NSW has become available. The position will involve the delivery of a community education and mission engagement programs; forming active partnerships with parishes, community groups, minority and cultural groups and the national schools network; and facilitating a sustainable program of fundraising. If you would like additional information, please access the following link. Applications for the role of **Diocesan Director** for the *Diocese of Lismore* are being accepted now. Position becomes available from 28 Nov 2022.

See <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission> for the Advertisement and the Position Description.

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Tax Receipts Planned Giving

Reminder to please collect your *Tax receipts* for 2021/2022 from the back of church.

VOLUNTEER HUB

St Augustine's Roster

	20 August	21 August	21 August
	Sat 5.30pm Vigil	Sun 8am	Sun 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	G. Luchetti & M. Lill	B. Van Ryswyk
Commentator	P. Hartmann	M. Miller	T. Baker
Reader	R. Sercombe	A Pius-Usiubaio & R. Mott	B. Hackett & M. Walsh
Extraordinary Minister	J. Sercomb	N. Feltn & B. Cleaver	M. Carniato
Screen Operator	G. Sroyphet	Vacant	E. Garvey
Altar Servers		Jessie & Mikael	
Children's Liturgy		Maddie & Brianna	
Morning Tea		Italian family group	

Church Cleaning: Reminder that our monthly Church Cleaning of St Augustine's Church is on 3:30pm Tuesday 16 August (3rd Tuesday of every month). Helpers needed to wipe down pews and kneelers (no lifting required).

Solemnity of the ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass times:

Vigil Mass - 5:30pm Sunday 14 August, St Augustines Church

Monday 15 August

9am and 5:30pm at St Augustine's Church

9:30am at SFX Primary School, Queen St, Woolgoolga

Parishioners are warmly invited to come to the St Francis Xavier primary school for Mass and stay afterwards to enjoy Morning Tea with the school community.



"The Greatest of the Marian feasts celebrates the Virgin Mary's participation in her Son's triumph over sin and death. Not all is finished when we have seen Christ go up to heaven and sit at the right hand of God in order to communicate to us, as the High Priest, the fruits of His sacrifice. The cycle of our redemption can be considered closed only on this glorious day when we see the New Eve join the New Adam in heaven and share with Him the honours of a victory of which she was a chosen instrument... Christ and the Virgin Mary are united in the same work and in the same triumph, in order to restore life to those whom the fault of the first couple had drawn into death" (E. Flicoteaux, O.S.B., "Notre Dame dans l'annee Liturgique" *Our Lady in the Liturgy*)

For she is the brightness of eternal light, and the unspotted mirror of God's majesty, and the image of His goodness. For she is more beautiful than the sun, and above all the order of the stars: being compared with the light, she is found before it." (Wisdom 7:26, 29)



Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled

"Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps"

on **Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm** AEST

Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps.

See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration.

website: <https://www.billings.life/en/>

Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/10MLh9IHl>



Cursillo

Meet & Greet

If you are interested in meeting up with fellow Cursillistas in our parish or want to find out more about the Catholic Cursillo movement, please contact
Lynda Chisholm 0421679069 or
Pat Benefield 0432441068.



MASKS Recommended

The NSW Government recommends wearing a mask in all crowded indoor settings. Masks help protect everyone in our community and especially those who are at higher risk of severe illness from Covid-19 and the Flu.

BIBLE READINGS & MASS RESPONSES

Please note

The 5:30pm Mass this Sunday 14 August will be a VIGIL MASS for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Therefore the readings will be different to the following.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

READING 1 Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: **Lord, come to my aid!**

Lector: I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. R.

Lector: He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. R.

Lector: He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. R.

Lector: As for me wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay. R.

READING 2

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right* of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday 15 August: Rev11:19,12:1-6,10,Ps44:10-12,16; 1Cor15:20-26,Lk1:39-56

Tuesday 16 August: Ezek28:1-10,Deut32:26-28,30,35-36,Mt19:23-30

Wednesday 17 August: Ezek34:1-11,Ps22,Mt20:1-16

Thursday 18 August: Ezek36:23-28, Ps50, Mt22:1-14

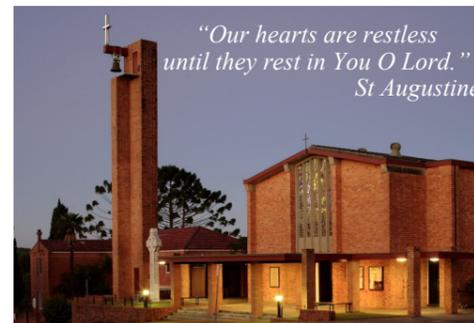
Friday 19 August: Ezek37:1-14; Ps106, Mt22:34-40

Saturday 20 August: Ezek43:1-7,Ps84:9-14,Mt23:1-12

Sunday 21 August: Is66:18-21,Ps116,Heb12:5-7,11-13,Lk13:22-30



St Augustine's Catholic Parish



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A warm *welcome* to visitors and parishioners (who are new or returning) to our church. If you would like to receive our Church bulletin via email on Friday afternoons please email: parish@coffscatholic.com

Welcome

14 August 2022

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

REFLECTION

Fire on Earth!

Jesus makes three important statements in today's Gospel.

a. 'I have come to bring fire on the earth'. This is not the fire of destruction, the fire that ravages houses and forests. It is the fire that cleanses and purifies. It is the fire of God's presence, as in the burning bush that Moses saw, as in the pillar of fire that accompanied the Israelites in the desert, as in the tongues of fire at Pentecost where the bringing of fire was told to the disciples, to the Church, to all of us.

b. 'There is a baptism I must receive and great is my distress till it is over'. The word baptism implies total immersion. We are 'buried' in water and rise with Christ. We are 'baptised', immersed in Jesus' suffering and death, and are risen to a new life through his resurrection. Jesus does not look forward to his 'baptism' for the pain it brings but for the salutary effects, it produces for all of us.

c. 'I have come not to bring peace but division'. This is a very puzzling and alarming statement. It seems to contradict the whole message of the Gospel. At the Last Supper Jesus told his disciples that he was giving them peace, a peace that the world could not give, a peace that no one could take away from them. We call Jesus the Prince of Peace. When the Church preaches and lives the Gospel, conflict is inevitable – even though in no way wished or intended.

Jesus' statements are clear. His words do not try to satisfy or to make happy everyone. His words stand for truth, for what is good and right; they do not compromise between the truth and false; right and wrong or good and bad. Wrong is always wrong even if everyone does it or right is always right even if no one does it. The values of this world are not values of God, they are always opposed to God's values. The world sells its values in attractive wrappers so as to attract customers, whereas God clearly explains to us the positive and negative effects or gains and losses of our choices.

Truth is always bitter and people find it hard to understand and accept it. In the first reading, we see that Prophet Jeremiah is dumped into a cistern not by outsiders but by his own people who did not like the message from God that he was bringing. Jeremiah spoke on behalf of God, exposing the sinfulness of his people and thus angering them. They felt he was a threat to them and their way of thinking and doing. We see clearly like in the Gospel that God's word casts fire upon earth, and brings division. It is natural when one speaks the truth or the right thing there will be division in the family, society or in the world at large. The Christian message is non-violent. It brings love, compassion, harmony and peace. It brings people together so that there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female. But it also by its nature challenges injustice, corruption, discrimination, abuse, dishonesty and all attacks on human dignity. The role of the evangeliser is 'to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable'. When the Church preaches and lives the Gospel, conflict is inevitable - even though in no way wished or intended.

How many people realise that there have been more martyrs for the faith in the supposedly advanced and civilised twentieth century than in all the preceding centuries. On 9th August, we remembered Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), a cloistered Carmelite nun, who was arrested and sent to the Nazi camps during World War II. So also is Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe who is remembered today, for being a martyr of charity. He gave his life like his saviour Jesus Christ for the sake of saving another.

In the long history of the Church, how many families have suffered because members became Christians? Most of us probably have met someone who was rejected by their family for becoming an active Christian. And, not infrequently, persecution comes even from other Christians, from within the Church itself. So, in one way, religion should never divide. At the same time, true Christianity in defending truth, justice, human dignity and freedom will inevitably meet opposition.

Source: *Springs of Living Water Carmelite Reflection*



Parishioners of St Therese Church in Coramba enjoyed Morning Tea on the deck after Mass last Sunday. Thank you to Frances for supplying the delicious sausage rolls.

 **Worldwide Marriage Encounter – Virtual Weekend**
Live your best life in love

The Virtual Weekend is conducted by Zoom allowing you to attend from the comfort of your own home.

Date: 19-21 August 2022
Starting Friday, 19 August 2022, 7.00 pm (Sydney time)
Through Sunday, 21 August 2022 around 4.00 pm.
The Weekend will conclude with Holy Mass

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