

# WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



23RD APRIL  
5PM-7PM  
REFRESHMENTS  
PROVIDED  
ST. AUGUSTINE'S  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
COFFSHARBOUR

JOIN US FOR AN  
INSPIRING EVENING AS  
WE HEAR FROM THREE  
INCREDIBLE GUESTS ABOUT  
THEIR JOURNEYS OF FAITH  
AND VOCATION:

FR. BING, SR. DEE, DEACON SHANE  
& HIS WIFE, LEANNE



COME WITH YOUR  
QUESTIONS, AN OPEN  
HEART, AND A  
WILLINGNESS TO  
EXPLORE HOW GOD  
MAY BE CALLING  
YOU!



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE 50TH ANNIVERSARY.** Current and past members of the Catholic Women's League are invited to a Reflection Morning at Sawtell Catholic Church 9:30am Friday 9 May, followed by lunch at the Sawtell RSL.

## St Augustine's Church Roster

|                        | 26 April<br>Sat 5.30pm Vigil | 27 Apr<br>Sun 9am                            | 27 Apr<br>Sun 5.30pm |
|------------------------|------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Co-ordinator           | G. McCann & D. Barrett       | M. Lill                                      | G. McCann            |
| Commentator            | P. Davies                    | M. Beckett                                   | R. Durham            |
| Reader 1               | V. Soo                       | E. Holmes                                    | C. Robertson         |
| Reader 2               | J. Fernandez                 | M. Rugg                                      | B. Hackett           |
| Extraordinary Minister | J. Sercombe                  | L. Jenkins & L. Feltrin                      | T. Burrige           |
| Screen Operator        | G. Sroyphet                  | M. Miller                                    | K. Druhan            |
| Gifts                  | W. & L. Murphy               | Balais Family                                | Vacant               |
| Altar Servers          |                              | Lucas, Dominic, See Gay, Monica, Sam, Teresa |                      |
| Children's Liturgy     |                              | School Holidays                              |                      |
| Morning Tea            |                              | Malayalam Community                          |                      |
| Home Communion         | M Surman (Thurs)             | B Cleaver                                    |                      |

## SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER Carmelite Daily Reflections

If you would like to receive these reflections emailed monthly, please email parish@coffscatholic.com

JUBILEE YEAR 2025



## Youth Art Competition

26 APRIL - 16 MAY 2025

THEME: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

### COMPETITION DETAILS:

- Categories: Kindergarten, Grades 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7-12
- Size: A3 (29.7 cm x 42 cm)
- Original Artwork only

### SUBMISSION:

Participating Catholic Schools or Augustine's Church, 12 Gordon St, Coffs Harbour 2450  
**MORE INFORMATION:**  
(02) 6651 0000  
www.coffscatholic.com

### PRIZES AND RECOGNITION:

- Prizes for each category winner
- All artworks exhibited at St. Augustine's Church on 25 May 2025

### GET CREATIVE!

JOIN USING THE ENTRY FORM!



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES



Our Pastoral Associate Teresa will be commencing preparation classes for First Confession and Communion, starting at **4pm Thursday 1**

**May** in the Curran Centre. The classes are for children who have completed the Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation and do not attend a Catholic Primary School. Please contact the Parish Office to enrol.

## ALTAR SERVER COMMISSIONING



Congratulations to our 12 new Altar Servers who were recently commissioned at St Augustine's Church, along with the recommissioning of our dedicated Altar Servers. *Thank you for your valuable contribution to this Ministry.*

**St Augustine's Primary school** invite you a **re-enactment** of Easter Sunday and The Emmaus Story at **2pm Thursday 29 April** at the Assembly area near the office.

Jesus Appears on the Road to Emmaus



BISHOP of LISMORE  
— GREGORY HOMEMING OCD —

## BISHOP GREG'S EASTER MESSAGE 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters

This year as we approach the great Feast of Easter we cannot ignore natural disasters and worrying international problems. Lismore Diocese had floods and heavy winds courtesy of Cyclone Alfred, but luckily survived. Despite our prayers, peace is not a reality in our world, and the international economic order is being undermined. Poverty and displacement are everywhere.

Today I read the section of Genesis in which Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers. This horrible offence against family and love proves to be the salvation of the sons of Jacob who find safety and food in Egypt. From this Moses emerges as the leader of Israel who, after the Passover, takes the Jewish people to the frontier of Israel.

Easter reminds us that in spite of darkness and seeming impossibility, God is greater and can bring out much good from human despair and negative experience. The Resurrection crowns the despondency following the death of Jesus. We are Easter people who daily look for experiences of resurrection. If we look beyond ourselves to the abundant goodness which surrounds us, we shall see the Risen Christ.

With my prayers and Easter wishes,

*Bishop Greg*




**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**  
 Tuesday 22 April to Sunday 27 April

**Tuesday** – 9:30am Coffs Harbour  
**Wednesday** - 9:30am - Woolgoolga  
**Thursday** - 9am Coffs Harbour  
**Friday** - **ANZAC DAY** - 9:15am - Coffs Harbour

Divine Mercy Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Easter  
**Saturday 26 April**  
 8:30am Woolgoolga,  
 5:30pm Coffs Harbour  
**Sunday 27 April**  
 9am Coffs Harbour  
 5:30pm Coffs Harbour

**CONFESSION TIMES**  
**Friday 25 April** Coffs Harbour 9:45am -10:15am  
**Saturday 26 April**  
 Woolgoolga 8am - 8:20am  
 Coffs Harbour 4:45pm - 5:15pm



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
 Our Lady of Mercy Chapel  
 Located at the Curran Centre.  
 Ramp access via Parish Office

**OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK**  
**Tuesday - Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm**  
 (closed Anzac Day Public Holiday 25 April)  
 For information Call Maurice 0407934088

**NEWS & EVENTS**  
 Visit our parish website [www.coffscatholic.com](http://www.coffscatholic.com)

**NOTICES**

Our **Parish Office** will be closed Monday 21 & Friday 25 April Public Holidays.

**Jubilee Year of Hope - Prayer & Reflection Night** - 7pm Wednesday 23 April led by the Guardians of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Jubilee Mass** - Next Sunday 27 April will be our monthly Jubilee Mass at 5:30pm at St Augustine's Church.

**Liturgy Roster** from May to October 2025 is being compiled for St Augustine's church. Availability sheet at back table if you wish to make any changes to your roster before 27 April. New volunteers who recently completed New Volunteer applications will be included.

**Woolgoolga Vinnies shop** is looking for volunteers, particularly on a Monday.


**Playgroup, Men's & Ladies group, Youth Group & Young Adults** - are taking a break for the Easter holidays.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Recently deceased:** Patricia Makeham, Maria Dalgado, Ersilia Maria Da Silva, Lillian Roberston, Katie Carroll, Terence O'Halloran

**Sick:** Raymond Soo, Geoff Quinn, Peter Blaney, John Mungie, Carmel Barrett, Rex Dignan, Rod Lucock, Maureen Mobbs, Judy Brooks



**AN INVITATION TO ALL VOLUNTEERS**  
**Safeguarding Awareness Training and Mandatory Reporting & Reportable Conduct**  
**10am - 11:30am on Wednesday 7 May at the Curran Centre**  
 Morning tea on arrival from 9.30am

*Safeguarding is everyday, in every way, everyone's responsibility...*

**We are privileged to offer this training again for our volunteers and Parish Community. It is a valuable opportunity for us as a Parish to gain knowledge on how to strengthen and maintain a safe, supportive, caring and nurturing environment for all children, young people and adults at risk.**

This training is mandatory for all voluntary roles within the Diocese who require a Working With Children Check. For those who have already completed Safeguarding Awareness Training you are not required to attend however you are most welcome to come along as a refresher.

To register for this training a sign up sheet will be at the back table of church, email [coffsadmin@coffscatholic.com](mailto:coffsadmin@coffscatholic.com) or call Gaye at the Parish Office on 6651 0000.  
*The Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Training supports the NSW Child Safe Standards and the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Standards*




**UNITE AGAINST POVERTY**  
 this Lent

**Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!**

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent. You can support Project Compassion 2025 by scanning the QR code (on right).

**Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)  
**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 27 April**



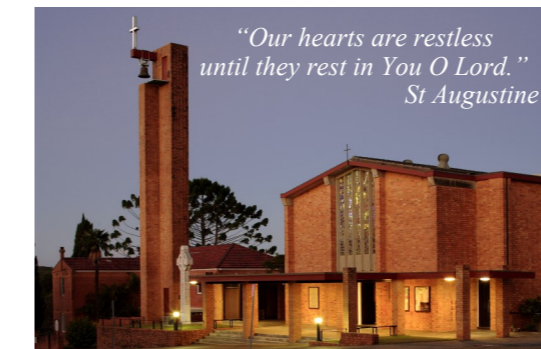
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet & the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be celebrated at 8:30am (before 9am Mass), next Sunday 27 April at St Augustine's Church.



**SAFEGUARDING IN THE DIOCESE** The Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contacted if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support, and discuss all options available. Contact the Safeguarding Office Phone: **6621 9444** or [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)



**St Augustine's Catholic Parish**



**Administrator:** Fr Joe DSouza OCD  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Joy D'Souza OCD

**Parish Church:**  
**St Augustine's**, Gordon St, Coffs Harbour  
**Station Churches:**  
**St Francis Xavier**, Scarborough St, Woolgoolga  
**St Therese**, Gale St, Coramba


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**NEWS & EVENTS**  
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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](mailto:parish@coffscatholic.com)

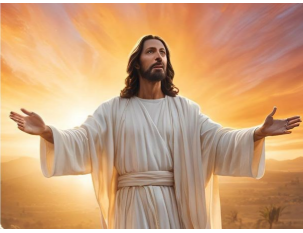
**Collections at Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup> Collection is for Clergy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for the needs of the Church.

Please scan for digital donations to our parish



**DEVOTIONS IN THE CHURCH**  
**St Augustine's Church**  
**Rosary & Novena for Our Lady of Perpetual Help** 2:30pm Wednesdays  
**Rosary** - after Thursday Mass  
**Divine Mercy** - after Friday Mass  
**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:** 8:30am on 1st Sunday of month  
**Rosary** 8:30am Sunday (excluding 1st Sunday)

**Welcome** Easter Sunday  
Sunday 20 April 2025



**MASS RESPONSES & READINGS**  
**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia alleluia!

**READING 1** Acts 10:34,37-43  
 Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (R): This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

**READING 2** Colossians 3:1-4  
 Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** John 20:1-9  
 It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.