



7 DECEMBER 2025

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR A

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PARISH



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday - 9am Coffs Harbour
Wednesday - 9:30am Woolgoolga
Thursday - 9am Coffs Harbour
Friday - 9:15am - Coffs Harbour

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 8:30am Woolgoolga
Saturday 5:30pm Coffs Harbour
Sunday 9am Coffs Harbour
Sunday 5:30pm Coffs Harbour
Sunday 11am Coramba
(1st Sunday of the month)

Administrator: Fr Joe DSouza OCD

PARISH OFFICE

Curran Centre, 12 Gordon St, Coffs Harbour

PARISH CHURCH

St Augustine's, Gordon St, Coffs Harbour

STATION CHURCHES

St Francis Xavier, Scarborough St, Woolgoolga
St Therese, Gale St, Coramba



CONFESSION TIMES

Friday
Coffs Harbour 9:45am - 10:15am
Saturday
Woolgoolga 8am - 8:20am
Coffs Harbour 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Reminder to light two candles
on your home Advent wreath
this Sunday for Peace



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Preparing for Christmas Advent Confessions

Friday 19 December at St Augustine's Church
Available after Mass from 9:45am to 11:45am
and also in the afternoon from 4 to 5pm



YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY 19TH OF DECEMBER
5 - 7 PM AT THE CURRAN CENTRE
YEARS 6 & HIGH SCHOOLERS

BRING A GIFT WORTH
\$10 OR LESS FOR A
SWAPING GAME
PREFERABLY
HANDMADE

Pray for Our RCIA Candidates

Our RCIA candidates are preparing to enter full communion with the Catholic Church. Please keep them in your prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen them on this journey of faith.

"Lord, draw them closer to You and fill their hearts with Your light."

Thank you

Parish Team



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: (02) 6621 9444 or safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.

MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm - Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Communion Antiphon Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

St Augustine's Church

Coffs Harbour



Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve – Wednesday 24 December

- 5:30 pm Carols, 6 pm Mass
- 11:15 pm Carols, 11:45 Mass
- 6 pm Mass - St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga

Christmas Day – Thursday 25 December

- 8:30 am Carols, 9 am Mass
- 9 am Mass – St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga

Advent Confession – Friday 19 December

- 9:45 am – 11:45 am
- 4 - 5 pm

The Parish Office will be closed from 24 December 2025 and will reopen on Monday 12 January 2026

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christmas cards and gifts** are available at the Gift shop, located at the front of St Augustine's Church.
- **Christmas Liturgy Sign Up Roster** is available at the back table of St Augustine's Church. If you are on our current Liturgy Roster and can help at Christmas please sign up. We still have some vacancies.
- **RCIA classes** - 6pm this Wednesday 10 December at the Curran Centre with Fr Joe DSouza.
- **Youth Group** - no Youth group for the 12th of December. We will celebrate our final youth group as a Christmas party on the 19th of December.
- **St Francis Xavier Pastoral Care Team** - Our team are ready to support anyone in our Parish who is sick, lonely, grieving, in need of transport to Mass, or housebound and would like an Extraordinary Minister to bring them Holy Communion. In Woolgoolga, please contact Helen (0431836050) or Mary (0408665833) and they can arrange caring support. Matthew 25:36 I was sick and you visited me...

St Augustine's Church Liturgy Roster

	13 December	14 December	14 December
	Saturday 5.30pm Vigil	Sunday 9am	Sunday 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	M. Lill	G. McCann
Commentator	P. Davies	M. Beckett	L. Watts
Reader 1	P. Breen	V. Soo	L. Walsh
Reader 2	E. Hartley	G. Postlewait	M. Carniato
Extraordinary Minister	O. Higgins	L Jenkins/L Feltrin/M Lill	T. BurrIDGE
Screen Operator	E. Bowers	L. Alappatt	J. Somers
Gifts	Vacant	Bailais Family	V. Soo
Altar Servers		Peter, Michael, Jeffrey, Hezekiah, Michael, Nathaniel	
Morning Tea		CMCC	
Children's Liturgy		M. Miller	

Please pray for

Recently deceased: John Kearns, Selwyn Niethe, Shirley O'Grady, Annette Green, Margaret Mackay

Anniversary: Jack Donnelly, Brian Moran, Jenny Mate

Sick: John Mansfield, Greg Wilkinson, Ian Wilkinson, Chris Brown, Vanessa Nowland, John Brennan, Beryl Heelis, Peter Heelis, Rex Dignan, Judy Brooks



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Opening Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:30am-3:30pm

Vacant Hours:
Monday 9am, 11am, 12noon
and Tuesday 3pm

For information call
Maurice 0407934088

Digital donations to
St Augustine Parish
please scan QR Code



Devotions St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga

Open for silent prayer - During the Jubilee Year, St Francis Xavier Church, will be open for visitation and quiet, personal prayer every Monday from 5:30pm-6:30pm (during school term). Church Guardians are Justine Bonney & Helen Hunt.



A reminder that the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal concludes this week. If you can help, please either place any cash donations or store gift cards in the boxes provided near the back of the Church; OR click on the QR code for either Coffs or Woolgoolga OR donate via the secure EFT device available after Mass if you want to use a debit or credit card. Thank you for your support.

Vinnies: Coffs
Harbour



Vinnies:
Woolgoolga



THIS WEEK at the Curran Centre

Parish Playgroup - 9am Tuesday

ABIDE Women's Group - 7pm Tuesday. Join us for our Advent study The PROMISE.

Men's Prayer Group - 8pm Wednesday. Join us for our Advent study The PROMISE.

Young Adults - 5:30pm Thursday. Join us for our Advent study The PROMISE.

Children's Liturgy - during 9am Sunday Mass.

Devotions St Augustine's Church

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:
8:30am on 1st Sunday of month

Rosary - 8:30am (before Mass) Tuesday, Thursday, Fridays & Sundays (excluding 1st Sunday of month)

Rosary & Novena for Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2:30pm Wednesdays

Divine Mercy - after Friday morning Mass

Did you know?

1st & 2nd Collections

The 1st Collection is your donation to the support of our Priests and the Clergy of the Diocese.

The 2nd Collection is your donation to the upkeep and running of the Parish. This includes expenses such as electricity, insurances, building maintenance and upkeep of Church equipment.

A sincere thank you to all that continue to support our parish through planned giving and weekly collections. Your generosity supports the ongoing mission and pastoral life of our parish community.



Diocesan
Investment
Fund

Interest Rate—3.40%

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