

Please remember in your prayers

**Recently deceased:** Stuart Ward, Aroha Charles, Rita Pearsal, Maureen Payne, Pauline Cahill, Patricia Macpherson, Pablo Bairoy, Evelyn Ybas, Paulino Epanto, Librada Epanto

**Anniversary:** Dennis Barisic

**Sick:** Paul O’Brien, Coral O’Loughlin, Eric Sibomana, Guillaume Nkurunziza, Francine Hunter, Lino Saliba, Gregory Shield, Lee Ming Tin, Mary Davis, Ron & Myra Zacher, Jesi Hammond, Les Erskine, Kim Beckhouse, Maria Moran, Mary Lucock, Paul Cutmore, John Thomas Mann, Kenneth Harris, Sandy Cross, Natalie Nicholas, Max Paul, Leone Brown, Ned O’Brien, Hillary Goldman, Danial Chisholm, Eileen Ford, Isabella Mauri, Michael Fenton, Peter Kinnear, Darcy Hetherton, Jan O’Brien, John McCain, Gregory Shield, Georgio Franco, Judy Brooks, Val Browning

**Baptism:** Cohen Emery, Maddox Herbert, Pippa & Noah Keshk, Nate & Fern Stevenson, Louis Rincheval, Francesca Wiggins

**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

**GUARDIANS NEEDED: Vacant hours**

**Tuesday 9am, 3pm,**  
**Wednesday 8:30am, 12noon, 2pm,**  
**Thursday 3pm**

Anyone who can help with any vacant hours on either a temporary or permanent basis, please contact Doreena 0481 764 164 or Maurice 0407 934 088

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**Mass Times**

<b>Monday 27 March</b>	9am	St Augustine’s, Coffs Harbour
<b>Tuesday 28 March</b>	7:30am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
<b>Wednesday 29 March</b>	7:30am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
	9:30am	St Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga
<b>Thursday 30 March</b>	5:30pm	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
<b>Friday 31 March</b>	9:15am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
<b>Saturday 1 April</b>	9am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour

<b>Vigil Saturday 1 April</b>	5:30pm	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
<b>Sunday 2 April</b>	9am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Palm Sunday/Passion of the Lord	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)*  
*& before 5:30pm Mass (4:45pm - 5:15pm)*

**SUNDAYS, St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga**  
*before 9am Mass (8:30am - 8:50am)*

Confessions also available at any time by appointment call 6651 0000

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**ASPIRE YOUNG ADULT FORMATION 5:30pm Monday 27 March** at the Curran Centre. Young Adults all welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS 8:30am Fridays** during Lent at St Augustine’s Church (before morning Mass). Booklets available at Church.

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** is held during the 9am Sunday morning Mass. Children’s Liturgy runs during the school term for *primary school age children*. For safety reasons, preschool age children who wish to join in need to be supervised by an adult.

**PLAYGROUP** is held at 9am each **Tuesday** during school terms at the Curran Centre, 12 Gordon Street.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 2pm Wednesdays, Rosary - after Saturday 9am Mass,** both St Augustine’s Church

**LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**CONFESSION AFTERNOON**

**3pm - 6pm Friday 31 March**

**St Augustine’s Church**

Come spend some time in prayerful silence in the Church this Friday in preparation for Holy Week.

*All three of our Carmelite Priests will be available to hear Confessions.*

Families picking up children from school most welcome to come in and light a candle.

**Holy Week & Easter**

**Holy Thursday - 6 April**

5:30pm Mass at Coffs Harbour & Woolgoolga

**Good Friday - 7 April**

9am Stations of the Cross at Coffs Harbour & Woolgoolga

3pm Liturgy at Coffs Harbour & Woolgoolga

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 8 April**

6pm Mass at Coffs Harbour

**Easter Sunday - 9 April**

7:30am & 9am Mass at Coffs Harbour

9am Mass at Woolgoolga

10:30am Mass at Coramba

**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER CEREMONIES**

If anyone from our existing choir groups would like to sing with the combined choir for the Easter services please come to the

**Easter Choir Practice**

**5:30pm Wednesday 5 April at St Augustine’s Church**

**FROM LISMORE DIOCESE**

**ASPIRE YOUNG ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

**with Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD**

Join our Parish Young Adult Coordinator Amber to listen to Bishop Greg’s talk and meet up with other Young Adults in our parish

**5:30pm Monday 27 March at the Curran Centre**

For further information contact Amber: [ascanes@coffscatholic.com](mailto:ascanes@coffscatholic.com)

Unable to attend in person. ZoomLink. MeetingID:86262655784 Password: 157840

**Prison Chaplain, Kempsey**

We are seeking applications for a role within the Diocese, a Prison Chaplain who will be supporting the Mid north Coast Correctional Centre in Kempsey, NSW. The Chaplain position is 3 days a week. The suitably qualified Chaplain will provide high quality transformational pastoral care and spiritual support to inmates, their families/carers, and staff. Click on this [Seek link](#) (Chaplain Diocese of Lismore) to access more information and to apply online for the role or alternatively email [mbradley@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:mbradley@lismore.catholic.org.au) or call Marijo Bradley on 02 6621 9444. The closing date for this role is Friday 14 April 2023.

**Project Compassion**

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.*** You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available at the back of Church, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Safeguarding Office** If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you. Contact Safeguarding Office on 66219444 or [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)

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The Principal of St Augustine’s Primary School, Peter Watts, has been seconded to Mt St Johns Primary School for 9 months, beginning after the Easter holidays. Mrs Naomi Loader, the current Assistant Principal (Mission) will be the acting Principal.

**Digital Donations to our parish**

For those parishioners wishing to make donations to the First or Second Collections or for other Special Purpose Donations, using your mobile phones, you can now do so using this QR Code displayed at the entrance to the Church.

Roster	1 April	2 April	2 April
	Sat 5.30pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	G. Luchetti & M. Lill	B. Van Ryswyk
Commentator	Vacant	M. Beckett	K. Kachel
Reader1	E. Holmes	T. Davis	C. Robertson
Reader 2	E. Hartley	L. Buquiron	L. Walsh
<b>Narrator</b>	P. Davies	E. Holmes	R. Durham
<b>Crowd</b>	S. Sercombe	C. Hancock	Vacant
Extraordinary Minister	J. Plummer	B. Cleaver & L. Feltrin	L. Doherty
Screen Operator	P. Hartmann	M. Woods	R. Durham
Gifts	Vacant	P. Gatenby	S. Garvey
Altar Servers		Kate, See, Mary, Cung Vum	
Children’s Liturgy		Emma & Amy	
Morning Tea		Filipino community	

**LAST WEEKEND to sign up for Easter Liturgy Roster at St Augustine’s Church**

We still have a few vacancies. If you can help please see Sign-up sheet at back table.

***Screen Operators especially required (training will be provided for new volunteers).***

**PARISH OFFICE DEVELOPMENT**

The Coffs parish recently received Council approval for an office development on parish-owned land directly opposite the St Augustine’s Primary School playing fields. The project will take approximately 2.5 years to build and construction should start later this year.

The enlarged parish precinct will comprise the Curran Centre, Church and Presbytery, the primary school then across Albany Street to the new parish development.

The building will consist of car parking (for 28 cars) and two storeys of office space above. Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Ltd will occupy the ground floor. They are currently located in the Jetty precinct in Orlando Street where over 20 personnel are engaged.

Finance is through the Diocese of Lismore who are closely involved in the management of this development as well as the Parish Finance Council and business manager. A Project Control Group has been formed with personnel from the parish and the diocese.

The architect’s artist impression of the finished building can soon be viewed on the notice board at St Augustine’s Church.





**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**READING 1** Ezekiel 37:12-14  
The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
*Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption*  
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. R.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. R.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman count for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord). R

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. R

**READING 2** Romans 8:8-11  
People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.


**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
*Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus. Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ.* I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. *Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus. Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ.*

**GOSPEL** John 11:1-45  
There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.’ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’ The disciples said, ‘Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?’ Jesus replied: ‘Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.’ He said that and then added, ‘Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.’ The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by ‘rest he meant ‘sleep’,

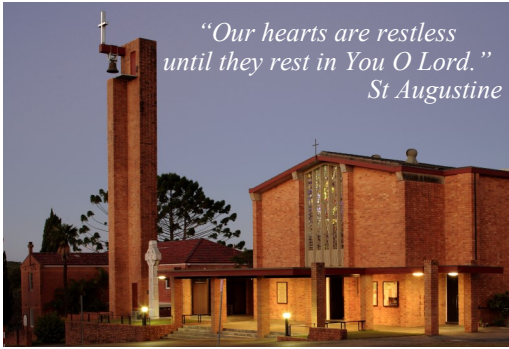
so Jesus put it plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.’ Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us go too, and die with him.’ On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.’ ‘Your brother’ said Jesus to her ‘will rise again.’ Martha said, ‘I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said: ‘I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ she said ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, ‘The Master is here and wants to see you.’ Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept; and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: ‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’ Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord

**READINGS THIS WEEK**  
Mon 27 Mar: Dan 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62, Ps22, Jn8:1-11  
Tues 28 Mar: Num21:4-9, Ps101:2-3,16-21, Jn8:21-30  
Wed 29 Mar: Dan3:14-20,24-25,28,Dan3:52-56, Jn8:31-42  
Thurs 30 Mar: Gen17:3-9, Ps104:4-9,Jn8:51-59  
Fri 31Mar: Jer20:10-13,Ps17:2-7,Jn10:31-42  
Sat 1 April: Ezek 37:21-28, Jer31:10-13, Jn 11:45-56  
Sun 2 April: (Passion of the Lord/ Palm Sunday) Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Philipians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14 – 27:66



# St Augustine’s Catholic Parish



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

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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

**Jesus is the Author of Life and Death**  
The first reading and the Gospel mention the event of raising the dead from the graves. In the first reading, we read about God opening the graves and breathing life into the dead bones. In the gospel, Jesus brings the dead Lazarus to life.  
The background of the first reading is the effect of the Israelites being exiled by the Babylonians. Life in exile was a life of deprivation. They had no king, no land, and no temple. The hopes of returning were remote. The spiritual life of the people was going to bad to worse. The Israelites had forgotten their religious practices and adopted the pagan lifestyle. Thus, God gives a vision to the prophet Ezekiel. In the vision, Ezekiel saw a valley filled with human bones scattered all over. God put a question to Ezekiel “Can these bones live?” (Ez 37:3). The practical answer would be ‘No’, But Ezekiel replied: “O Lord God, You Know” (Ez 37:3). In a drop of a hat, an astonishing thing happened. The bones clattered against each other, finding their match and took on sinews and flesh. At last, God breathed on these bodies and they came to life again.  
The implication of this vision is, the dry bones are the Israelites who were complaining in exile. “Our bones are dried up and our hope is lost we are clean cut off” God said: “I will open your graves and raise you from your graves” (Ez 37:12). God consoles the Israelites and promises that he will give them real life once more. It was the teaching to the prophet Ezekiel that what no human was able to perform, God could make those things possible. The Israelites could return to their land and once again be a free nation. This was possible only with God.  
In the Gospel, Jesus brought the dead Lazarus to life. He wanted Martha, and all who gathered, to know that Lazarus could rise again through his intervention. By performing this miracle, Jesus indicated that he is God. According to the Jews, only God could raise a dead person and it is clear in the first reading. Jesus has not only the authority over death but also has the power to grant eternal life. We observe this in Jesus’ words to Martha “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this”.She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world?” (Jn 11:25-27) Martha acknowledged Jesus is the son of God and has power in heaven and on earth. Those who believe in Jesus, though they be dead physically, they live spiritually.  
St. Paul in the second reading tells us: “But if Christ is in you, although your bodies are dead because of sin, your spirits are alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you” (Rom 8:10-11).  
Resurrection is the turning point and basis of our Christian faith. All the Gospels and the entire New Testament is the product of the resurrection experience of Jesus Christ. St Paul affirms that, “if Christ had not risen from the dead then everything would be futile” (1 Cor 15:17). All our doings of preaching and prayer gain meaning only if we believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and conversely our own resurrection. Is there a resurrection? Do we rise after our death? These are some of the eschatological questions raised by many. To this, the ‘resurrection of Jesus’ becomes the answer to clear our doubts in matters of faith.  
We who live and die in Christ will rise in Christ. Jesus’ resurrection was not for the resumption of his earthly life. In his resurrection, he was lifted up and glorified (Jn 12:32), sitting enthroned at the right hand of the Father forever (Heb 10:12). Our resurrection will not be like that of Lazarus but like Jesus’ resurrection. As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection with faith and joy that is unexplainable, let us also be witnesses of hope in the resurrection.  
*Source: Springs of Living Water Carmelite Reflections.*