

PRAY & ADORE

Please remember in your prayers

Recently deceased: Florence (Flo) Hare, Pat Gordon, Chris Kane, Valeriana Cabato, Gerald Carroll, Robert (Bob) Wilson, Ronnie Bernal, Nancy Cotton, Tom Guz, Daniel Skewes, Francia Yago Oliveros

Anniversary: Tarcisio Borsato, John Hearne

Sick: Aileen Rocca, Bettina Schulz-Bauer, Phil Penserger, Terence Tibbett, Keith Hackett, Charlotte Jimenez, Lucas Cong Ling, Gordana Milosovic, Esther Van, Paul Cummings, Lucia Garcia, Barry Maxwell, Natalie Milne, Fr Anthony Lemon, Margaret Scott, Lady Ann Rabadon, Sandy Shaw, Peter Francis, Zita Borsato, Angela Cing Lawh Mang, William Henry, John Uk Hmung, Val Browning, Ian Gray, Paul Cochrane, Mary Ireland, Kay Porter, Pedro Garcia, Bernice King, Guillaume Nkurunziza, Jan O'Brien, Isabella Mauri, Andy Ryan, Michael Szczesny, Liz McMahan, Judy Brooks

Baptism: Indigo Hayes

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,
Thursday 9am, Friday 10am, 2pm

We must visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament a hundred thousand times a day. *St Francis de Sales*

If you would like to become a guardian or can assist with vacant hours on a temporary or permanent basis, please contact Ken 0439390191 or Letizia 0403 517 127



Daily Offering to the Blessed Virgin Mary

My Queen and my Mother, to thee I offer myself without any reserve; and to give thee a mark of my devotion, I consecrate to thee during this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, and my whole person. Since I belong to thee, O my good Mother, preserve and defend me as thy property and possession.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mass Times

Monday 9 May	9am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Tuesday 10 May	7:30am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
	9:10am	St John Paul College Chapel
Wednesday 11 May	7:30am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
	9:30am	St Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga
Thursday 12 May	5:30pm	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Friday 13 May	9:15am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Saturday 14 May	9am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Vigil Saturday 14 May	5:30pm	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Sunday 15 May	8am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
5th Sunday of Easter	5:30pm	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
	9am	St Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga
	10:30am	St Therese's, Coramba

Please note: from this week onwards the St John Paul College Chapel Mass is now open to the public. Parishioners are welcome to attend the weekly **Tuesday 9:10am Mass** (held during school term only).

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

Parish groups

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

Thursday 7am - Rosary for Life (for the intention for parents of unexpected pregnancies & for the lives lost from Abortion), St Augustine's Church

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

Sunday 9am - Children's Liturgy at Coffs & Woolgoolga Masses
After 5:30pm Mass - Youth group at the Curran Centre
Dinner provided. Teenagers all welcome.

FUTURE CHURCH REMINDERS

Save the date: **Pentecost Multicultural Mass**
8am Sunday 5 June, St Augustine's Church

Come celebrate Pentecost at our annual Multicultural Mass

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

St Matthias, apostle

Mass time: 9:15am Saturday 14 May, St Augustine's Church
Matthias, one of the seventy-two disciples of Jesus, was chosen as Apostle in place of Judas. St Matthias preached the Gospel for more than thirty years in Judea, Cappadocia, Egypt and Ethiopia. He was stoned by the Jews in 80AD.

FROM LISMORE DIOCESE



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 6621 9444 or safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

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VOLUNTEER HUB

St Augustine's Mass Roster

	May-14	May-15	May-15
	Sat 5.30pm Vigil	Sun 8am	Sun 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	G. Luchetti & M. Lill	B. Van Ryswyk
Commentator	P. Davies	Vacant	K. Kachel
Reader	E. Hartley	T. Davis & P. Griffin	L. Walsh & C. Roberson
Extraordinary Min	O. Higgins	J. Foggato & E. Holmes	B. Van Ryswyk
Screen Operator	P. Hartmann	M. Miller	E. Garvey
Altar Servers		Jessie & Mikael	
Children's Liturgy		Eliza & Emma	
Morning Tea		Italian Family group	

Thank you dear parishioners, our parish has raised the following amounts for recent Appeals:
Flood Appeal \$2,820.00, Good Friday Holy Lands \$2,865,50,
Project Compassion Collection: Church - \$2,566.95 & St Augustine's Primary School- \$1,786.65

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: VOCATIONS

"I entered Carmel to pray for Priests." St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Motives for Entering Religious Life

As the call to religious life is supernatural, a vocation springing solely from a purely human motive – the desire of pleasing one's parents, or some temporal advantage, would not be to work of grace. However, if the *principal* motive which inclines us to embrace the religious state is supernatural, the vocation is a true one, for Divine Providence often makes use of the trials and misfortunes of life to fill a soul with disgust for the world and prepare it for a greater grace.

St. Romuald, founder of the Camaldolese, to escape the consequences of a duel in which he had taken part, sought an asylum in a monastery, where he was so struck by the happy lives of the monks that he consecrated himself to God.

St. Paul, the first hermit, fled to the desert to avoid persecution, and found in the solitude a peace and joy he had sought in vain. How many eyes have been rudely opened to the shortness and uncertainty of life by the sudden death of a dear friend, and made to realize that the gaining of life eternal was *"the one thing necessary"*; thwarted ambition, the failure of cherished hopes or the disappointment of a loving heart, have convinced many a future saint that the only Master worth serving is Jesus Christ, His affection the only love worth striving for.

Hence we may conclude with the learned theologian, Lessius, *"if anyone takes the determination of entering religion, well resolved to observe its laws and duties, there is no doubt that his resolution, this vocation, comes from God, whatever the circumstances which seem to have produced it."*

It matters little how we commence, provided we are determined to persevere and end well," says St. Francis de Sales.

Importance of Following a Vocation

There is no more important moment in the life of a young boy or girl than when *"they stand with trembling feet"* at the parting of the ways. With St. Paul they had said: *"When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I thought as a child,"* but the days of irresponsible childhood are gone forever, and now they must launch their bark alone on the stormy waters of life and steer their course of eternity. It is a solemn moment, a time big with possibilities for good or evil, for the youth is face to face with question what he must do with his future life, a choice upon which

not merely his happiness on earth, but even his eternal salvation, may depend.

He has been made by his Creator and given a precious gift to spend it in a certain, definite way, marked out from all eternity by the hand of Divine Providence. What that life is to be for many, circumstances and surroundings clearly indicate. But in the hearts of others arises a violent storm from the clashing of rival interests.

On the one hand comes the call of the world, the pleading of human nature for a life of ease and pleasure; on the other, the Voice of Christ, softly yet clearly, *"Come, follow Me – I have need of you – I have work for you to do."*

An Appeal

Boys and girls, young men and ladies, with your young lives so full of promises opening out before you, have you no nobler ideals, no loftier ambition, than to spend your days in pleasure and amusement, while your brothers and your sisters look appealing to you for help? Lift up your eyes and see the harvest awaiting you, the most glorious work ever given man to do – the saving of immortal souls!

This is the work that lies before you, the work God looks to you to do – strengthening the Faith that St. Patrick, St. Francis Xavier, St. Alphonsus and other saints left us, preaching the truth to an unbelieving world, sacrificing yourselves, as your ancestors did before, leaving home and friends, and, for the sake of God, giving your life that others may be saved.

A vocation is, indeed, the gift of God, but through love of the souls whom He longs to save, gladly would He bestow it on many more, if only they would listen to His voice or ask him for this treasure.

Are you one, dear reader, at whose heart Jesus has long been knocking, perhaps in vain, inviting, pleading, urging? *"The Master is here and calls for you"*; He has need of you for His work. Follow Him bravely and trustfully, you will never regret it. But if you have not yet heard that voice, then remember His words: *"Ask and you shall receive"*; ask Him for a vocation, not once but daily, ask confidently, perseveringly, for He has pledged His word to hear you, so that you, also, may share the happiness of those who serve the Lord, and that *"your joy"* – like theirs – *"may be full."*

"One thing I have asked of the Lord, this will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." Ps. xxvi.4

BIBLE READINGS & MASS RESPONSES

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Yr C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Reading 1 Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 99):

RESPONSE We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. R.

2: Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. R.

3: Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. R.

Reading 2 Rev 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because

they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:27-30

Jesus said:
'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Readings this week

Monday 9 May: Acts 11:1-18, Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4, Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 10 May: Acts 11:19-26, Ps 86:1-7, Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 11 May: Acts 12:24-13.5, Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 12 May: Acts 13:13-25, Ps 88:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27, Jn 13:16-20

Friday 13 May: Acts 13:26-33, Ps 2:6-11, Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 14 May: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Ps 112:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

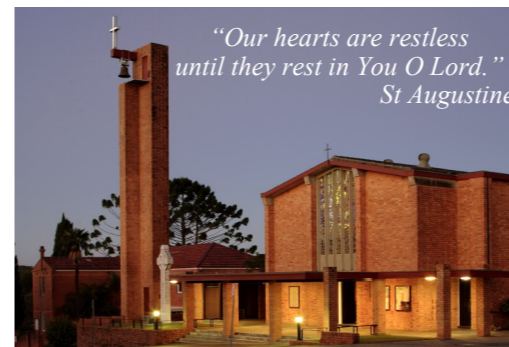
Sunday 15 May (5th Sunday of Easter): Acts 14:21-27; Ps 144:8-13, Rev 21:1-5, Jn 13:31-55

CHURCH REMINDERS

- Today is the Lismore Diocese **Good Shepherd Appeal** for the education of our future Priests. Envelopes will be on the pews and can be placed in the collection bags or handed in at the parish office.
- Youth Group** is back this Sunday after 5:30pm Mass in the Curran Centre. Dinner provided. Teenagers all welcome
- St John Paul College Chapel Mass is now open to the public. Parishioners are welcome to attend the weekly **Tuesday 9:10am Mass** (during school term only).



St Augustine's Catholic Parish



"Our hearts are restless until they rest in You O Lord."
St Augustine

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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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

8 May 2022
4th Sunday of Easter, YrC

REFLECTION

FROM THE CARMELITE FRIARS

This is the 10th short article on Meditation and a few things related to it, the goal of these articles was to help those readers who are interested in meditation to improvise and grow in spiritual life. A great deal of literature is available on this topic. One has to find one's own way with proper guidance and dedication. To sum up all the previous articles, we would go back to the greatest sayings of Jesus i.e. "Love God and your neighbour", in the form of "prayer/worship and good deeds". There could be different ways of following the commandments given to us by God but the end goal is just the same.

Fr Joe DSouza

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mother's and Grandmothers in our parish.

Please stay & enjoy *Morning Tea* after the **8am Sunday Mass** at St Augustine's Church



PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Reconciliation and First Communion

Would you like your child to receive their First Reconciliation and Communion? If your child goes to a public school and would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, Catechesis sessions will commence on **Monday, 9th May at 4pm in the Curran Centre.**

Sessions will go for about three-quarters of an hour. The children from both our parish Catholic primary schools and local Public schools will be offered First Communion at all weekend Masses on 18th and 19th June. The program is engaging and hands on and parents are encouraged to participate in the activities with their children.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Congratulations to Nicole Miller, our most recent RCIA catechumen, who was warmly received into the Catholic Church recently. Pictured (from right) with Fr Joe DSouza, her sponsor Ngahine Munokoa and her daughter Charlotte (who was Baptised on the same day as her Mum). This year's *RCIA program will be starting soon*. If you know of anyone who is considering becoming a Catholic, please support them by inviting them to join our parish RCIA program.



For information and to book into either the children Sacramental Program or RCIA please call Bill Van Ryswyk on 0419 538 330 or the parish on 6651 000.

God Bless

Please note: if you child attends St Augustines or St Francis Xavier primary schools please contact your school directly for sacramental programs details



Madonna Magazine - free copies available

Free copies of the latest Winter 2022 edition of the *Madonna* magazine, have been donated by a kind parishioner, and are available from the back of church and the Chapel. The magazine produced by Jesuit Communications has a daily reflection related to the readings of the day plus a variety of Catholic focus articles.