



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Sunday 11 October 2026

St Augustine's Catholic Parish

Coffs Harbour



WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday - 9am Coffs Harbour

Wednesday - 9:30am Woolgoolga

Thursday - **St Teresa of Avila Feast**
(SAPS whole school Mass)

*9:15am (15 Oct only) Coffs

Friday - *8am (16 Oct only) Coffs



CONFESSION TIMES

Fridays after Mass

Coffs Harbour 8:30am - 9am
(16 Oct only)

Saturday

Woolgoolga 8am - 8:20am
Coffs Harbour 4:45pm - 5:15pm

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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)

Fr Joe DSouza OCD - Administrator
Fr Vinod Lobo OCD - Assistant Priest

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



VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

We are so grateful for all who serve in the many ministries of our parish. Please join us as we gather in celebration to thank you for your generosity and dedication.



Thursday 29th
October 2026



5.30pm Mass at
St Augustine's Church



Followed by Dinner
in the Curran Centre.

Please join us as we come together to celebrate and give thanks for you
- our wonderful volunteers and to acknowledge your generosity,
dedication & faithful service.



RSVP

by 22nd October - Parish Office

For more information call Parish Office 6651 0000



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.

Feast of St Teresa of Avila

Dear Parishioners,

We celebrate the Feast of St Teresa of Avila, a great mystic, spiritual reformer, and Doctor of the Church, whose life was a shining example of deep faith, unwavering trust in God, and profound love for prayer. St Teresa dedicated her life to seeking God through contemplation, humility, and selfless service. Her spiritual wisdom and courageous commitment to renewing the Carmelite Order continue to inspire Christians throughout the world.

St Teresa reminds us that prayer is not merely a practice but a loving relationship with God, who dwells within our hearts. Her famous words, "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things are passing; God never changes," invite us to place our complete trust in God, especially during times of uncertainty and difficulty. Her life teaches us the importance of perseverance in faith, the beauty of silence and contemplation, and the need to remain steadfast in our love for Christ.

On this blessed occasion, we warmly invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating the Solemn Holy Mass in honour of St Teresa of Avila on Thursday, 15 October, at **9:15 AM**. Let us gather as one faith community to give thanks to God for the inspiring witness of St Teresa and seek her powerful intercession in our lives.

May this celebration renew our faith, deepen our prayer life, and strengthen our commitment to living out the Gospel with love, courage, and humility. May St Teresa of Avila guide us on our spiritual journey and help us grow ever closer to Jesus Christ.

All are cordially invited to participate in this solemn celebration!



Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon - If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm - I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." *continued on next page*

So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For safety reasons the upstairs loft is closed until further notice.
- The feast for **St Teresa of Avila** is this **Thursday 15 October**. Please note, as the whole of St Augustine's Primary School will be attending, the Mass at St Augustine's Church will commence at **9:15am (for this week only)**.
- From this week onwards, weekday **Confessions** will return to Fridays after morning Mass. Please note that **Mass on Friday 16 October** will commence at **8am (for this week only)** at St Augustine's Church. Afterwards, the St Augustine's Primary School will then be celebrating Grandparents Day at 9am at school.
- **ASPIRE Young Adult Spiritual Formation** with Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD - 5:30pm - 6:30pm on Monday 12 October & Tuesday 24 November via Zoom (login: 260 411 8529 password: ASPIRE). See noticeboard.
- **Parish Groups** (RCIA, ABIDE Women's, Men's, Children's Liturgy, Playgroup and English for Hope) are returning to the Curran Centre this week (see back page for details). Youth Group will start back on Friday 23 October.
- The Lismore Diocese is hosting a number of **Young Adult** events. Please see back page & Noticeboard for details.
- Our annual **Volunteer Thanksgiving** celebration will be held on Thursday 29 October commencing with a Thanksgiving Mass at 5:30pm at St Augustine's Church and followed by Dinner at the Curran Centre. Please RSVP to the sheet at the back of Church or by calling the Parish Office.
- St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga is open Monday 5:30pm - 6:30pm for personal prayer.
- The **Diocesan Art Competition exhibition** will be held at 2:30pm on Saturday 31 October 2026 at Crowley Care, 154 Cherry St, Ballina.






Free call: 1800 257 298
catholicmission.org.au/united

Next weekend is Mission Sunday.

If you would like to donate, envelopes are on the pews from this weekend and can be placed in the collection bags or at the Parish Office.

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice. But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility. This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children. *Name changed for privacy

St Augustine's Church Roster	17 October	18 October	18 October
	Saturday 5.30pm Vigil	Sunday 9am	Sunday 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	C. Hancock	G. McCann
Commentator	P. Breen	P. Colquhoun	T. Baker
Reader 1	N. Dick	B. Holmes	C. Robertson
Reader 2	R. Sercombe	P. Omoruyi	B. Hackett
Extraordinary Minister	O. Higgins	N Loader/E Holmes/N Feltrin	T. BurrIDGE
Screen Operator	E. Bowers	Mott Family	R. Durham
Gifts	W. & L. Murphy	M. & D. Avellino	Vacant
Altar Servers		Mission Saints	
Morning Tea		ABIDE Women's & Men's Group	
Children's Liturgy		A. O'Brien, C Irvine	
Sacristan	K. Soo	Van Van	O. Pius



Interest Rate - 4.15% (effective 1/8/2026)
For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516



ABIDE Women's Group warmly invites you

to an Enriching Teaching from Luke's Gospel

Fr. Vinod Lobo will be sharing on the

Topic: Women who left footprints in the Gospel of Luke.

Come and join us as we share, pray, and fellowship in the love of God.

Date: Tuesday 13th October 2026 **Time:** 7pm **Venue:** Curran Centre

We look forward to an evening of reflection, faith, and fellowship together.

Please pray for

Recently deceased: Gwenda O'Gorman, Tony Emmi, Dolcesemo Bairoy, Lisa Shipman, Marie Schwaiger, Maxwell Harris,

Sick: Annette Garrett, Sandra Graham, Barbara Kacki, Judy Brooks

Devotions St Augustine's Church

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

Rosary - starts 25minutes before Mass on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Sunday (excluding 1st Sunday of month).

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

Divine Mercy after Friday Mass

THIS WEEK AT THE CURRAN CENTRE

Monday 12 October - Sunday 18 October

TUESDAY -Playgroup - 9am -11am
ABIDE Women's Group - 7pm. Join us for Fr Vinod Lobo's presentation on *Women who left footprints in the Gospel of Luke*.

WEDNESDAY - RCIA - 6pm
Men's Group - 7:30pm

SATURDAY 17 October
English for Hope - 6:45pm

SUNDAY Children's Liturgy (during 9am Mass for Primary age children)
Morning Tea after 9am Mass at Curran Centre garden

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Opening Hours for all:

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

Access outside these hours is via door code

Parishioners who would like to arrange after hours access please call Maurice 0407 934 088 or Ken 0439 390 191

