

Please remember in your prayers

Recently deceased: Cardinal George Pell, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Elizabeth Walsh, Michael James Cummins, George Flynn, Barbara Currie, Tana Amores

Anniversary: Colin John Moran, Jai Warren Smith

Sick: 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 Hetherington, Jan O'Brien, Connie de Dassel, Maria Moran, John McCain, Pauline Cahill, Gregory Shield, Georgio Franco, Judy Brooks, Val Browning

Baptisms: Max, Liam & Harry Murphy



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

Tuesday 9am, 3pm,

Wednesday 8:30am, 12noon

Thursday 9am, Friday 2pm

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

St. Mary Hermina Grivot (1866 to 1900)

Martyr and Nun of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

"(Eucharistic) Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament is half my life. The other half consists in loving Jesus and winning souls for Him."

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THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mass Times

Monday 16 January	9am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Tuesday 17 January	7:30am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Wednesday 18 January	7:30am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
	9:30am	St Francis Xavier, Woolgoolga
Thursday 19 January	5:30pm	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Friday 20 January	9:15am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Saturday 21 January	9am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Vigil Saturday 21 January	5:30pm	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
Sunday 22 January	9am	St Augustine's, Coffs Harbour
	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) 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

St Anthony, Abbot

(Father of monasticism, St Anthony of the Desert)

Feast Day Tuesday 17 January

Mass time: 7:30am, St Augustine's Church

Saint Anthony was born in the year 251, in Upper Egypt. Hearing at Mass the words, If you would be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, he gave away all his vast possessions — staying only to see that his sister's education was completed — and retired into the desert. He then begged an aged hermit to teach him the spiritual life, and he also visited various solitaries, undertaking to copy the principal virtue of each.

To serve God more perfectly, Anthony immured himself in a ruin, building up the door so that none could enter. Saint Anthony's only food was bread and water, which he never tasted before sunset, and sometimes only once in two, three, or four days. He wore sackcloth and sheepskin, and he often knelt in prayer from sunset to sunrise.

His admirers became so many and so insistent that he was eventually persuaded to found two monasteries for them and to give them a rule of life. These were the first monasteries ever to be founded, and Saint Anthony is, therefore, the father of cenobites of monks. In 311 he went to Alexandria to take part in the Arian controversy and to comfort those who were being persecuted by Maximinus. This visit lasted for a few days only, after which he retired into a solitude even more remote so that he might cut himself off completely from his admirers. When he was over ninety, he was commanded by God in a vision to search the desert for Saint Paul the Hermit. He is said to have survived until the age of a hundred and five, when he died peacefully in a cave on Mount Kolzim near the Red Sea. Saint Athanasius, his biographer, says that the mere knowledge of how Saint Anthony lived is a good guide to virtue.



A statement from

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

It was with great sadness that I learned of the unexpected death of Cardinal George Pell in Rome on Tuesday evening (Rome time). Cardinal Pell provided strong and clear leadership within the Catholic Church in Australia, as Archbishop of Melbourne and Archbishop of Sydney and as a member of the Bishops Conference for more than 25 years.

His many strengths were widely recognised, both in Australia and around the world, as his Vatican appointments as Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy and as a member of the Council of Cardinals, an advisory group to Pope Francis, testify.

Cardinal Pell's impact on the life of the Church in Australia and around the world will continue to be felt for many years. As we remember him and reflect on his legacy, I invite all Catholics and other people of goodwill to join in praying for Cardinal Pell, a man of deep and abiding faith, and for the repose of his soul.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/> 11 January 2023

St Agnes Feast Day

Saturday 21 January

Mass time: 9am,

St Augustine's Church



St. Agnes is a martyr from the early Church in Rome. Though she was only a young girl when she faced death, her devotion to her faith is an example to all of us as we face adversity. She is the patron saint of engaged couples, victims of sexual abuse, and gardeners.

The noble Roman Virgin suffered martyrdom at the age of thirteen rather than lose her virginity, she was beheaded in 304. Her name is inscribed in the Canon of the Mass.

St. Agnes was a believer living in Rome at the end of the third century. The governor's son wanted to marry her, but she felt called to a different life. St. Agnes is an example of completely dedicating one's life to Christ. She was willing to suffer and die for her faith when she could have lived a life of comfort and prominence as the wife of the governor's son.

Covid Awareness: Communion can be distributed on the tongue. If you are receiving communion on the tongue please come forward at the end of the communion lines.

St Augustine's Roster

	21 January	22 January	22 January
	Sat 5.30pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	G. Luchetti & M. Lill	B. Van Ryswyk
Commentator	B. Bowers	N. Loader	K. Kachel
Reader1	J. Fernandez	M. Beckett	C. Robertson
Reader 2	P. Davies	P. Brearley	L. Walsh
Extraordinary Minister	J. Plummer	M. Lill & E. Holmes	M. Carniato
Screen Operator	P. Hartmann	M. Woods	E. Garvey
Gifts	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Altar Servers		Bruno, Kate, See	
Morning Tea		D Garcia	
Home Communion	J Foggiato, Duty Priest, A Pius-Usiubaio, A Robertson		

Can you help?

Church cleaning

2:30pm **Tuesday 17 January**
at St Augustines Church.

New volunteers most welcome. Light work only. No lifting required.



Please return your bulletin to the entrance of Church or take home

As we have multiple Masses at St Augustine's Church over the weekend, we would appreciate it if you could please return your bulletin to the entrance to Church or take home when Mass has ended, so the pews are kept clean and tidy for the next Mass. Thank you

Bringing up the gifts at Mass

If anyone is interested in joining the Roster for *bringing up the gifts* at the Offertory during our weekend Masses at St Augustine's Church please contact Gaye at the Parish Office 6651 0000.

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A selection of free Shalom tidings magazines (image left) are available at the back of St Augustine's Church to take home.



St John Paul College

Uniform Shop trading hours this week

Monday 16 January 9am - 12noon
Tuesday 17 January 9am - 12noon
Wednesday 18 January 9am - 12noon
Thursday 19 January 3pm - 7pm
Friday 20 January 9am - 12noon
Saturday 21 January 9am - 12noon

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BIBLE READINGS & MASS RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Reading 1

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified', I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will

Lector: I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. R

Lector: You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. R.

Lector: In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. R.

Lector: Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. R.

READING 2

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me.'

I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit."

Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

READINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 16 Jan: Heb5:-231-10,Ps109:1-4,Mk2:18-22

Tues 17 Jan: Heb6:10-20, Ps110:1-2,4-5,9,10, Mk2:23-28

Wed 18 Jan: Heb7:1-3,15-17,Ps109:1-4, Mk3:1-6

Thurs 19 Jan: Heb7:25-8:6,Ps39:7-10,17,Mk3:7-12

Fri 20 Jan: Heb8:6-13,Ps84:8,10-14, Mk3:13-19

Sat 21 Jan: Heb9:2-3,11-14, Ps46:2-3,6-9, Mk3:20-21

Sun 22 Jan: Is8:23-9:3,Ps26:1,4,13-14,1Cor1:10-13,17, Mt4:12-23



Kairos Prison Ministry is a Christian based program that is delivered to prisoners in NSW as well as other states in Australia. Its volunteers must undergo intensive training before delivering the program (called Short Course). Training will be held at the Curran centre St Augustine's Church in Coffs Harbour from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd in January 2023. Organisers are looking for parishioners who might be interested in billeting the volunteers for those dates. We are expecting 5 men and 4 women. Please contact either Maurice Avellino 0407934088 or Pat Benefield 0432441068 for additional information or confirm your help.

FROM LISMORE DIOCESE

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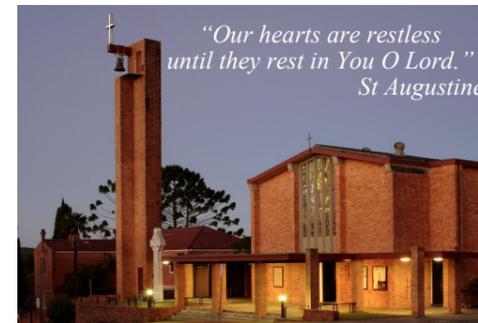
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A warm *welcome* to visitors and parishioners (who are new or returning) to our church. If you would like to receive our Church bulletin via email on Friday afternoons please email: parish@coffscatholic.com

Welcome

15 January 2023
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Becoming the Lambs of God

We were celebrating Christmas a few weeks back. We come into the Church that is still lively, but strangely different. The Crib is back in storage, the wise men have returned to the east, the shepherds to their flocks, the angels have stopped singing, and the star has disappeared. Christmas is a memory. We are now in what the church ironically calls ordinary time, back to the old routine. Christmas was a high point, but not the highest. Christmas changed our world, but only if you let it be changed. No Christian can live on Christmas alone. Jesus is no longer an infant, He did not stay in Bethlehem and make the crib His home for life. He moved out, and spent 30 years in our world, among which three years publicly encountering the people He had been born to save. God has a purpose for each of us, and through that purpose, reveals his Son and the power of his love. The liturgy today inspires us to think about the call to holiness and the need to declare that Jesus has died for our redemption. In the first reading, we hear one of the "Servant Songs". The psalm is a prayer of both thanksgiving and lament. The second reading evokes the call to holiness. The Gospel recalls the public actions of John the Baptist to identify Jesus as the Lamb of God. John the Baptist recalls the baptism of Jesus and that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus.

Prophet Isaiah speaks of his vocation as he prophesies about the Messiah. He shares how God chose him to constantly remind the Israelites of the covenant and urge them to return to God's favour. This was God's purpose for him, his vocation. And this vocation that he lived, as the whole book of Isaiah testifies, revealed how the Messiah would be the light to the nations. In the second reading, St Paul tells of his appointment as an apostle, and in revealing his vocation, shares how Jesus Christ is the Lord of all. He, who persecuted the Church, now chosen as an apostle, was a great testimony to this truth.

In the Gospel, we have the confession of John the Baptist, who testifies that his vocation was to prepare the way for the Messiah, and in doing so, reveals him to be the Lamb of God. John the Baptist found his reason for existence. The ministry of John the Baptist was mainly to testify to Jesus. It was not about him but, rather, about Jesus. He was to point out the Lamb of God to the world. His mission is not different from the mission of every Christian. We are to point out the Lamb of God to the world. Unfortunately, we live in a world where many Christians think that is all about them. Instead of presenting Christ to the world, they keep on 'blowing up their egos'. Instead of advertising Christ, the Lamb of God, they keep on advertising themselves. Our mission is to be a signpost like John the Baptist. John the Baptist was not a typical person of his time. When we consider his life, we realize that it was not John's dress or preaching that made him extraordinary, it was the fact that he found the purpose of his life.

Jesus tells us today that he is the Lamb of God. It means, actually He is the shepherd and we are the lambs. It also means that we too become the Lamb of God. We become the sons and daughters of God or, as it says in the readings today, the children of God. And that means that our lives have been changed, and the one thing that God calls us, each day, is to live with Jesus who teaches us how, which is the fullness of God's love, flowing through us and to each other. This is why Jesus came and this is why today we say with great gratitude, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

As Christians, we are meant to live in Christ. We are not meant to live "in Isaiah" or "in Paul", as much as we ought to follow their respective examples. But each of us is meant to live "in Christ". This is not something that the Christian can accomplish through human effort or good works. Only God can accomplish this. God's chief means for doing so are the Sacraments and grace given within personal prayer. For our part, we need to work at disposing ourselves for reception of these divine gifts. God's gifts allow Christ to live in us, and allow Christ to say through us: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Source: Springs of Living Water Carmelite Reflections