



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Sunday 23 August 2026

St Augustine's Catholic Parish

Coffs Harbour



WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday - 9am Coffs Harbour
Wednesday - 9:30am Woolgoolga
Thursday - 9am Coffs Harbour
Friday - **St Augustine Feast Day**
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)

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



CONFESSION TIMES

Friday

Coffs Harbour 9:45am - 10:15am

Saturday

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

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Opening Hours Monday to Friday
Morning: 8:30am - 12noon
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FEAST OF ST AUGUSTINE

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"Our hearts are restless until they
rest in you, O Lord."
— St Augustine



**St Augustine's
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FRIDAY 28th AUGUST
Memorial Mass 9:15am



SUNDAY 30th AUGUST
Morning Tea Celebration for
St Augustine's Feast Day
after 9am Mass



St Augustine's Church
Coffs Harbour



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 - Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm - Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

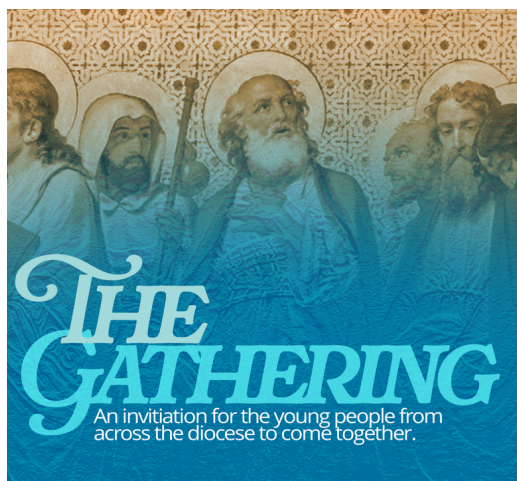
Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Communion Antiphon The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



Catholic Youth Lismore Launch THE GATHERING

All young people across the Diocese are invited to join us for the launch of Catholic Youth Lismore. Come and celebrate this exciting new chapter in youth ministry as we gather for Mass, hear about the vision for Catholic Youth Lismore, receive exciting announcements about upcoming opportunities, and enjoy a meal together. Whether you're already involved in your parish or simply looking to connect with other young Catholics, this event is for you.  **Date: September 12**  **Location:** Mary Help of Christians Church: 2 Fourth Ave, Sawtell  **Time: 11:30am - 2:30pm**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **RCIA** (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) continues this week. Not too late to join. **6pm Wednesdays** at the Curran Centre. Registration forms are available from the parish office and on the night. We warmly welcome all who are seeking to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and explore the Catholic faith.
- **CANTOR TRAINING** Sunday 23rd August after 9am Mass. Learn how to lead the congregation in song and prayer.
- **Musicians & Singers Welcome!** We warmly welcome singers, organists, pianists, guitarists and other instrumentalists to join us for the Saturday & Sunday evening Masses, helping lift our hearts in joyful celebration of the Eucharist.
- **St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga** is open Mondays 5:30pm-6:30pm for personal prayer.



ABIDE WOMEN'S GROUP *warmly invites you*

to a night of reflection on the Gospel of Luke. Fr Vinod Lobo will be sharing on the theme: "the Women in the Gospel of Luke and how they followed Jesus". Come and join us as we share, pray and fellowship in the love of God.



Tuesday
1st September



7pm at the
Curran Centre

ABIDE Women's Group meets regularly on Tuesdays at 7pm during school term. For information call 66510000.



Diocesan Art Prize



There is still time to submit your entry!

This year's theme is *The Face of Compassion*. Compassion is seen in Christ's encounters with the vulnerable, outcast, and broken, and it continues to be lived out in the Church today.

Categories: 0-7 years, 8-12 years, 13-17 years, 18+ years, and group. People's choice awards will be also be given at each exhibition.



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Entries to be submitted online by 24 August

St Augustine's Church Liturgy Roster	Aug-29	Aug-30	Aug 30
	Saturday 5.30pm Vigil	Sunday 9am	Sunday 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	C. Hancock	G. McCann
Commentator	P. Davies	V. Elomina	K. Soo
Reader 1	N. Dick	J. Breach	S. Brennan
Reader 2	E. Hartley	H. Alappatt	B. Hackett
Extraordinary Minister	J. Sercombe	C Cutmore/L Feltrin/L Jenkins	Vacant
Screen Operator	A. Singleton	Mott Family	J. Somers
Gifts	Vacant	M. & D. Avellino	Vacant
Altar Servers		Hansel, Henry, See, Mung Pi, Cung, Jewel, Joanna	
Morning Tea		Filipino community	
Sacristan	A. Balais	K. Soo	Van Van



**Diocesan
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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

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St Augustine's
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Safeguarding Training

An invitation to all Volunteers & Parish Community

Thursday, 3 September 2026

11:00am - Morning Tea on arrival

Curran Centre – Conference Room

RSVP to Parish Office 6651 0000 or parish@coffscatholic.com by 27th August

Please pray for

Recently deceased: Nancy Lovell, Mary Vanderpoel, Heather Freeman, Ann-Marie Montgomery, Pauline Gatenby

Sick: Pacey Clark, Barbara Davis, Jessica Charles, Irene Wells, Judy Brooks

Devotions St Augustine's Church

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament: 8:30am 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

THIS WEEK AT THE CURRAN CENTRE

Monday 24 August - Sunday 30 August

TUESDAY - Playgroup - 9am -11am

ABIDE Women's Group - 7pm

WEDNESDAY - Men's Group - 7:30pm

FRIDAY - YOUTH GROUP - 5pm

SATURDAY - English for Hope - 6:45pm

SUNDAY - Children's Liturgy (during 9am Mass)

Morning Tea celebration for St Augustine Feast Day
after 9am Mass in Curran Centre garden.



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INDEPENDENT LIVING UNIT

Are you a parishioner of St Augustine's Parish on a pension looking for stable long term accommodation?

Applications are open for a two bedroom, upstairs unit, in small complex central to Coffs Harbour.

Send an email to property@coffscatholic.com for our application form with Essential Criteria.



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CELEBRATE OUR PARISH DADS



Share a photo of Dad in action- playing, teaching, simply being there. Send it in for our Father's Day slideshow

Send your photo to parish@coffscatholic.com

Catholic Life winter issue is out now



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EUCCHARISTIC 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 Allan & Amie 0408980174

