

## PARISH OFFICE

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## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

### Saturday Vigil

5:30pm Coffs Harbour

### Sunday

9am Coffs Harbour

9am Woolgoolga

11am Coramba

5:30pm Coffs Harbour

**Monday** - 9am Coffs Harbour

**Tuesday** - 7:30am Coffs Harbour

**Wednesday** - 7:30am Coffs Harbour

- 9:30am Woolgoolga

**Thursday** - 5:30pm Coffs Harbour

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**Friday** - 9:15am Coffs Harbour

**Saturday** - 9am Coffs Harbour

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

Located at the Curran Centre

(ramp access via Parish Office)

Open 8:30am - 3:30pm Mon to Fri

Guardians are needed to fill vacant hours:  
Mon 11am, Tues 9am, 11am, 3pm, Thurs 12.

For details please contact Doreena  
0481764164 or Maurice 0407934088.

## CONFESSION TIMES

Saturdays, Coffs Harbour

after 9am Mass (9:30am - 10:30am)

& before 5:30pm Mass (4:45pm - 5:15pm)

Sundays, Woolgoolga

before 9am Mass (8:30am - 8:50am)

## NEWS & EVENTS

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[www.coffscatholic.com](http://www.coffscatholic.com)



## NOTICES

- **PLAYGROUP** 9am Tuesdays at Curran Centre
- **ASPIRE** Young Adults talk by Bishop Greg Homeming 5pm Tues 28 Nov at Boardroom in the Curran Centre. Young Adults welcome.
- **RCIA & Adult Faith Formation** - 5:30pm Tues 28 Nov at Curran Centre
- **Women's Bible Sharing** 7:30pm Tues 28 Nov at Curran Centre. Then weekly to 12 Dec.
- **Anointing Mass**, 9:30am Wednesday 29 Nov at St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga
- **Men's Prayer Group** 7pm Wed 29 Nov at Curran Centre
- Our Parish Business Manager Debbie Willoughby will be visiting the parishioners at St Francis Xavier Church on Sunday 4 Dec. There will be an opportunity to meet her at Morning tea after the 9am Mass. If you are able to, please bring a plate to share.
- **Defibrillator training** - 11:30am Thurs 7 Dec at Curran Centre. Defibrillators will soon be at St Francis Xavier Church and the Curran Centre, in addition to the one we already have at St Augustine's Church. Training is open to all. Please RSVP to Parish Office.
- **Community Christmas Carols** 5:30pm Thursday 7 Dec at St Augustine's Church. Mass at 5pm. Kids come dressed as a Nativity character. Supper & games afterwards.

## PRAYER GROUPS St Augustine's Church

- Rosary** 2:30pm Wednesdays
- Divine Mercy** after 9:15am Friday Mass
- Rosary** after 9am Saturday Mass
- Rosary** 8:30am Sunday (before 9am Mass)



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A, 26 November 2023

Welcome

St Augustine's

Catholic Parish

## REFLECTION

### The Peace of Christ

Today is the solemnity of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI added it to the liturgical calendar in the year 1925. He proclaimed "*pax Christi in regno Christi*" (the Peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This Solemnity was intentionally introduced as an antidote to the poison of secularism, communism, and fascism. It was a warning against the totalitarian governments of the twentieth century. It was the answer to the situation in Europe between the two world wars.

Religion was becoming less important to wealthy democratic countries who sought pleasure instead. Therefore, this feast was introduced as a reminder that Christ is the King of all the earthly rulers. On this occasion, Pope Pius XI stated "When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony."

Jesus, as the King, did not conquer with the army or force his will on others. He conquered sin and earth through his sacrifice on the cross. He set an example of a service with love. His crown was of thorns and his throne was the cross. It is essential to commemorate this feast of Christ the King to make Christ crucified the centre of our life.

Jesus gave up his life for our sins and weaknesses so that we may be redeemed from the venom of sin and death. This is highlighted in the second reading "Christ will rule until he puts all his enemies under his power, and the last enemy he destroys will be death." In this way, we will be able to attain the true freedom of the children of God.

In the gospel, Jesus places the brilliant depiction of the last judgment. The son of Man, when comes glory, he will separate the righteous from the unrighteous, just as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats. This describes the core of the Christ's kingship and the way it will be manifested in our life. It is remarkable to notice the way the separation will take place based on acts of love and service rendered toward others. Today's scriptures state that the righteous are those who, gave drink to the thirsty, fed the hungry, clothed the naked, cared for the sick, welcomed the stranger and visited the imprisoned. The unrighteous, on the other hand, are those who ignored the needs of others and failed to show love and compassion.

This parable emphasizes on a profound truth: Christ's authority and power are not as same as the worldly one. He pictures his kingship with selfless love and humble service. He is the king who identifies with the marginalized, the vulnerable and the suffering. Christ invites us to be part of his Kingdom here on earth. This demands not only acknowledging His authority but also living our lives according to his precepts. He commends us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

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### Parish Church

St Augustine's, Gordon St, Coffs Harbour

### Station Churches

St Francis Xavier, Scarborough St, Woolgoolga

St Therese, Gale St, Coramba

Reflection continued from front page... Christ wants us to forgive those who have done wrong to us, and to be compassionate towards the needy. In this way, we can build His kingdom among us. As the followers of Christ the King, we are called to be the instruments of love and compassion. "I see Jesus in every human being. I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him. I serve because I love Jesus." These words of Saint Teresa of Calcutta are apt for our today's reflection.

As we contemplate the scriptures, let us examine ourselves. Am I keen to listen to the cry of the needy? Have I attempted to see Christ in less privileged? Do I allow His love to motivate my deeds? Christ's kingship calls us to be generous and compassionate. Our faith is not merely a set of beliefs. It is the way life is submersed in love. It is all about living the Gospel message in our daily life and mirroring Christ's example of selfless service.

Source: *Springs of Living Water Carmelite Reflections*

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Recently deceased:** Rhonda Johnson, Aileen Morris, Antonio Olea Sr, Judith McFarland, Hank Brinkman, Rama Chandran, Conception Molino, Eileen Atkins, John Regan, Josie Hyde, Milan Zdrilic, Declan Hampsey

**Anniversaries:** Colleen Cutmore, Pat Robertson, Loreta Guardiano

**Sick:** Jean Van Benthem, Sue Jones, Ivan & Barbara Barisic, Bernie Higoe, Zita Borsato, Breanna Charles, Judy Brooks

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal commences this weekend. There will be a bucket collection after Mass for anyone wishing to make a **cash donation**. Also, **electronic transfer of funds** will be available in Coffs Harbour if you want to use a debit or credit card. If you prefer to purchase **gift cards** to donate, these could be from any gift store, department store or supermarket in the local region.



### DIGITAL DONATIONS

Please scan for digital donations to our parish



### DIOCESE OF LISMORE

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## MASS RESPONSES & GOSPEL READING

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** How worthy is the Lord who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, to him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (R):** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

COFFS ROSTER	2 Dec - Sat 5.30pm Vigil	3 Dec - Sun 9am	3 Dec - Sun 5.30
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	Vacant	Gary McCann
Commentator	B. Bowers	F. Davis	L. Walsh
Reader 1	E. Holmes	M. Beckett	S. Brennan
Reader 2	P. Davies	C. Doyle	M. Henry
Extraordinary Minister	W. Murphy	A. Maung & L. Feltrin	M. Carniato
Screen Operator	G. Sroyphet	A. O'Brien	R. Durham
Gifts	D. Jackson & N. Jarrett	P. Gatenby	Vacant
Altar Servers		Peter, Leyna, Monica, Sui Lun	
Morning Tea		Filipino community	