



St Augustine's Catholic Parish

Coffs Harbour

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BISHOP GREG'S EASTER MESSAGE 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Growing up I always preferred Christmas to Easter. Both were holiday times; Christmas was Mass followed by gifts and a lunch with family and friends. Easter seemed to be overwhelmingly religious with long Church services which were tedious and tiresome for a boy. It was only in the last years of high school that I began to understand and appreciate Easter.

Every Church feast is about Jesus and me. In the feast we are joined. Heaven and earth come together, and I am led into a deeper self-knowledge through Jesus.

Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ who suffered a most violent and seemingly meaningless death. From Palm Sunday we walk with Him and as we look into His eyes we recognise the plight of many people in our world today.

The last twelve months have been marked by gratuitous violence, decisions and actions which do not seem to focus on the wellbeing of others, and a mindset which is frankly selfish. As individuals we are lost in this, what is happening?

Jesus died understanding this experience, He carried it to the Cross. There is nothing in the present struggles of the world that are not in some way part of Jesus' experience, and as such everything in us today connects us with Him. He questioned the Israel of his times, and he walked with all those on the periphery. He carried our hopelessness.

On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead and in this we all rise with Him. We and the world are transformed. Yet, you will say nothing has changed. Everything changes if we have the eyes of faith filled hope. If my eyes change, I change and I see a world filled with love and hope. Our new vision can change the world.

I wish you a happy and blessed Easter

Bishop Greg

CONFESSION TIMES

Friday 10 April
Coffs Harbour 9:45am - 10:15am

Saturday 11 April
Woolgoolga 8am - 8:20am
Coffs Harbour 4:45pm - 5:15pm

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Mass Readings for Easter Sunday

Entrance Antiphon I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm - This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next weekend to celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**, adoration of the blessed sacrament will occur before the 9am Mass, from 8:30am to 8:50am on Sunday 12 April.
- A Kind Invitation - With rising petrol costs, some in our parish—especially the elderly—may find it hard to get to Mass. If you have space, please consider offering a lift to someone nearby.
- **Parent Supervision Reminder:** For the safety and wellbeing of all children, we kindly ask that parents or guardians accompany their children when using the parish toilets.

Easter issue out now



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Church Morning Tea - New Venue

From Sunday 19 April, Morning Tea after the 9am Mass will be held in the Curran Centre (instead of outside the church).

This welcoming space allows us to move around more freely, stand and chat, and enjoy fellowship together. With the fenced area, children can play more safely while parents relax and connect. Access to the kitchen will also help us reduce costs and minimise paper waste, especially disposable cups.

We look forward to sharing this more comfortable and community-friendly gathering with you all.

Please pray for

Recently deceased: Mike Manalang, Robert Morrison, Joseph Gordon Bradshaw, Sr Fran Kuhn RSM, Richard Barber, Myra Zacher, Jean Pemberton, Pat Hennessy

Anniversary: Peter Bann, Donbosco Cung Pi, Ruffa Tomossok, Raymondo Tomossok

Sick: John Davis, Dr Peter Goldman, John Brennan, 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

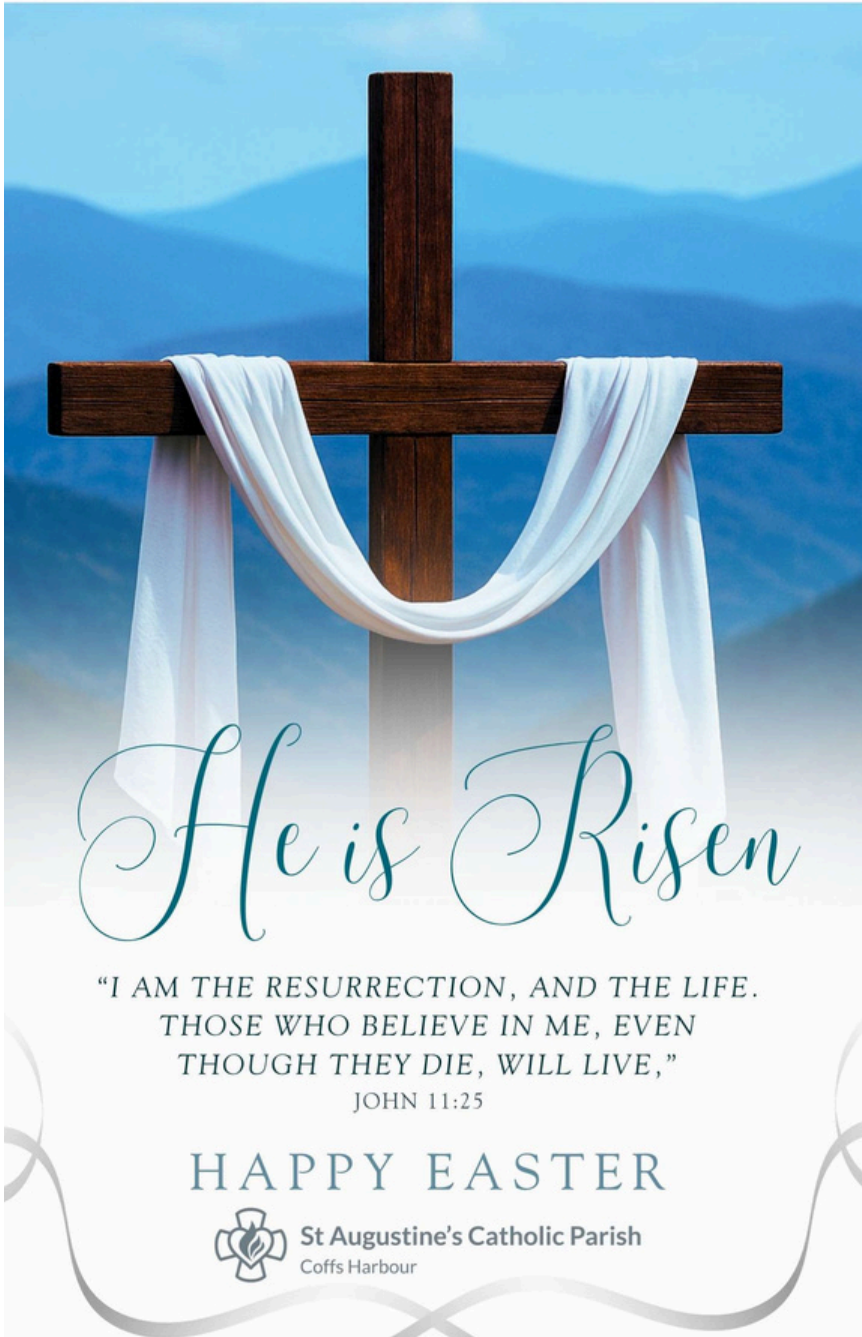
Divine Mercy - after Friday morning Mass

St Augustine's Church Liturgy Roster	11 April	12 April	12 April
	Saturday 5.30pm Vigil	Sunday 9am	Sunday 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	C. Hancock	G. McCann
Commentator	P. Davies	M. Miller	K. Soo
Reader 1	A. Sercombe	B. Holmes	C. Robertson
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Screen Operator	E. Bowers	M. Rugg	G. Sroyphet
Gifts	Vacant	P. Gatenby	Vacant
Altar Servers		Hansel, Henry, See, Mung Pi, Cung, Jewel, Joanna	
Morning Tea		CMCC	



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At Easter, we gather around a simple yet life-giving truth: Christ is risen. In a world touched by uncertainty and the sorrow of ongoing wars, the message of the Resurrection comes to us gently—reminding us that hope is stronger than fear, light overcomes darkness, and love is never defeated. With this faith, we continue our journey together.

As we witness the suffering of so many innocent people across the world, our hearts cannot remain untouched. Easter invites us not only to believe in new life, but also to become instruments of peace in our daily lives. The Resurrection does not remove the pain and struggles we see around us, but it assures us that violence and death do not have the final word. The Risen Christ bears His wounds still, a sign that God is present even in suffering, bringing healing, comfort, and new life.

The empty tomb is not only a memory of the past; it is a gentle call for us today. Each of us is invited to live with greater love and care. In simple ways, we can bring peace—through kind words, patient listening, and a forgiving heart. We are also called to live more simply, choosing gratitude over excess, presence over distraction, and care for others over self-interest. In these small but meaningful ways, God's peace can grow within us and flow out to others.

Here in St Augustine's Parish, may we renew our desire to be a community of peace and compassion. Let us hold in our prayers all who suffer because of war, pray for wisdom and understanding among leaders, and ask the Lord to soften hearts with His love.

May the Risen Lord walk with you, bless your families, and fill your hearts with His deep peace and enduring love.



Fr. Vinod Lobo OCD

THIS WEEK AT THE CURRAN CENTRE
Parish groups are having a break over the school holidays.
SUNDAY
Children's Liturgy during 9am Mass



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
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