



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Sunday 25 October 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 - 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

Fridays after Mass
Coffs Harbour 9:45am-10:15am
Saturday
Woolgoolga 8am - 8:20am
Coffs Harbour 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Contact Us

Phone: 6651 0000
parish@coffscatholic.com
www.coffscatholic.com

Opening Hours Monday to Friday
8:30am - 3:30pm

Parish Business Manager:
Debbie Willoughby
dwilloughby@coffscatholic.com

Youth Coordinator
Luke Schaefer
lschaefer@coffscatholic.com

Pastoral Associate:
Teresa Olid-Pryer
TOlid@coffscatholic.com

Accounts:
Adelle Gould
coffsadmin@coffscatholic.com



Digital donations to
St Augustine Parish
please scan QR Code

FOUR DECADES OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY



Paul Hunt of St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Woolgoolga, has marked four decades of dedicated service to the Church as an Acolyte and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. His ministry has taken him across parishes in the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Lismore.

Paul began his ministry on 25 October 1986, when he was installed as an Acolyte at St James Church, Forest Lodge, Sydney. He received his initial training under the guidance of the Parish Priest, Fr SFX Roberts. The following evening, he served at his first Mass at St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield, celebrated by visiting Vincentian priest Fr Doug Akehurst. He continued serving there regularly until December 1990.

His ministry has also included bringing Holy Communion to Catholics unable to attend Mass, including those in private homes and nursing homes. In 1998, Paul moved to St Peter Chanel Parish, Beralda, where he resumed regular service at parish Masses and liturgies and ministered to patients at Auburn District Hospital.

Following his family's move to Woolgoolga in 1999, he continued his faithful service at St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga, part of St Augustine's Parish, assisting at major liturgies, funerals and Masses across the wider community.

We gratefully acknowledge Paul's quiet dedication, faithful witness and commitment over these forty years. His ministry has been an enduring expression of his faith and family life. We pray for God's continued blessings upon him and his family in the years ahead.

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 - Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm - I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC MISSION LAST WEEKEND



Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment. To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

*Name changed for privacy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November is the month the Church prays for the deceased. If you would like the names of your deceased family and friends to be included on the list for the **November Masses** please fill out an envelope at the back of Church and place in the collection plate or at the Parish Office. On **All Souls Day Monday 2 November** there will be Masses at 7:30am and 5:30pm at St Augustine's Church and 9:30am at St Francis Xavier Church. Our annual **Children's Remembrance Mass** will be held at **5:30pm on Friday 6 November**. Please note our First Friday of the month Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession will commence at 5pm that day.
- Rosary Month Celebration** - As we gather to celebrate the culmination of the Month of the Rosary, we give thanks for the many graces received through our prayers with Mary. Throughout this month, we have reflected on the mysteries of Christ's life and deepened our relationship with Him through the loving guidance of His Mother. The Rosary remains a powerful source of spiritual strength, inviting us to contemplate God's love, grow in faith, and pray for the needs of our families, parish, and world. By praying the Rosary together, we unite our hearts with Mary and allow her to lead us ever closer to Jesus. At the 9am Mass this Sunday the children of our parish will bring the flowers they have made at Children's Liturgy last Sunday, along with fresh flowers and offer them to Mary during the entrance procession. This simple gesture of love and devotion is a beautiful way to honour Our Blessed Mother. May Our Lady of the Rosary inspire us to continue praying with faith and trust, and may she always lead us closer to her Son, Jesus.
- All those involved in the **Children's Liturgy Ministry** are invited to a meeting in the Boardroom after the 9am Mass next Sunday 1 November.
- Youth Group** welcomes high school students this Friday 30 October at 5pm at the Curran Centre.
- Our annual **Volunteer Thanksgiving** celebration will be held this Thursday 29 October commencing with a Thanksgiving Mass at 5:30pm at St Augustine's Church and followed by Dinner at the Curran Centre. If you would like to attend please RSVP this weekend 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** is on 27 Oct - 1 Nov at Crowley Care, Balina (details on the Noticeboard).

MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS
Please offer Mass for the Family,
Friends, Relatives and Benefactors of:

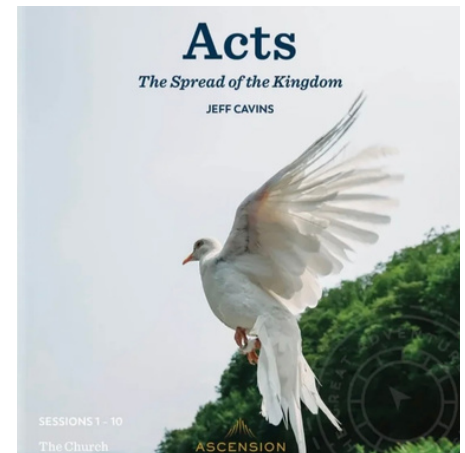
Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount \$ _____

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,
that they may be freed from their sins."
11 Maccabees 12:46

November Masses

ABIDE Women's Group warmly invites the ladies of the parish to a presentation by
Fr Vinod Lobo
on the Acts of the Apostles.
7pm Tuesday 27 October
at the Curran Centre

St Augustine's Church Roster	31 October	1 November	1 November
	Saturday 5.30pm Vigil	Sunday 9am	Sunday 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	C. Hancock	G. McCann
Commentator	B. Holmes	E. Holmes	R. Durham
Reader 1	J. Secombe	A. Holmes	P. Gutierrez
Reader 2	E. Holmes	C. Cutmore	B. Hackett
Extraordinary Minister	S. Gooley	S. Cing/M Woods/Vacant	K. Kachel
Screen Operator	A. Singleton	M. Miller	G. Sroyphet
Gifts	D. Jackson & N. Jarrett	Marissa & Hernry Delfin	Vacant
Altar Servers		Saints Squad	
Sacristan	K. Soo	Van Van	K. Soo
Children's Liturgy		A. Pius & M. Miller	
Morning Tea		Filipino Communitry	



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

VOLUNTEERS THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION



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 call 66510000 by 22nd October

Please pray for

Recently deceased: Margaret McLean, Sr Patricia O'Brien, Russell Cooper, Elizabeth McCloud, Teresita Vizcayno, Egidio Ponticello, Gwenda O'Gorman, Tony Emmi
Anniversary: Beatriz Miquiabas, Joel Parkinson, Norma Balais
Sick: Marie Mezher, Annette Garrett, Sandra Graham, Barbara Kacki, Judy Brooks

Devotions

St Augustine's Church

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

Rosary - **8:35am** (before Mass)
Tuesday, Thursday, Fridays &
Sundays (excluding 1st Sunday of
month).

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

Divine Mercy - after Friday morning
Mass

THIS WEEK AT THE CURRAN CENTRE

**Monday 26 October -
Sunday 1 November**

TUESDAY - Playgroup - 9am -11am
ABIDE Women's Group - 7pm. Join
us for Fr Vinod Lobo's presentation
on the Acts of the Apostles.

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

FRIDAY - Youth Group 5pm

SATURDAY

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

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 Maurice 0407 934 088
or Ken 0439 390 191



November Masses

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon them.

All Saints Day Mass

Saturday 31st October

8:30am, Woolgoolga

5.30pm, Coffs Harbour

Sunday 1st November

9am & 5.30pm, Coffs Harbour

All Souls Day Mass

Monday 2nd November

7.30am & 5.30pm, Coffs Harbour

9:30am, Woolgoolga

Mass of Remembrance

FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN AT ANY STAGE OF LIFE

Friday 6 November

Adoration & Confessions 5pm

Mass 5.30pm, Coffs Harbour

Adoration Chapel

Curran Centre 12 Gordon St

Monday-Friday 8.30am-3.30pm



St Augustine's Catholic Parish
Coffs Harbour

November Mass offering envelopes are available
at the back of the church & from the Parish Office