



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Sunday 20 September 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)

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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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Class of 2026

welcome to the

Year 12 Graduation Mass

A warm welcome to the Year 12 students, their families and staff of St John Paul College at the 5:30pm Sunday Mass this weekend as we come together to pray for and celebrate our graduating students.



*St Thérèse
of the Child Jesus*

NOVENA PRAYER ST THÉRÈSE OF CHILD JESUS

Reader:

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus has taught us the way of Spiritual Childhood, as a path that leads to eternal life. Let us pray to Our Lord Jesus Christ who has given us St Therese as a model in living the Gospel.

- V.** Through the example of St Thérèse may your Church increase in love for you,
R. So that the world may believe in you.
- V.** Through the example of St Thérèse may your Church increase in her goodness,
R. So that those called to the contemplative life may be faithful witnesses to your goodness.
- V.** Through the example of St Thérèse may your Church increase in her faith,
R. So that according to your will, all men and women may find the truth in Christ.
- V.** Through the example of St Thérèse may your Church increase in her missionary spirit,
R. So that the faithful may become more like you and follow your Son, Jesus.

Let us pray

O glorious St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, through whose unshaken confidence God was glorified, obtain for us the same filial trust and love which animated your innocent heart and soul. Grant that we may practice self-abnegation, patience and confidence. As for you, confidence was a key to the greatest treasures of God, so may our confidence be a fountain of blessings from God. Amen.

*Our Father, Hail Mary,
Glory be.*

Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon - I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm - The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Communion Antiphon You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please note that the training for the Catholic Mission School Student Ambassador Program has been postponed.
- The **feast of St Therese of the Child Jesus** is on Thursday 1 October. The Novena on the front page of the bulletin will be prayed daily at Mass from Tuesday 22 September.
- The **Diocesan Art Competition exhibition** will not be held at the Curran Centre this weekend (as previously announced). Congratulations to our parishioners who have been shortlisted as finalists and will have their work displayed at the final exhibition (hosted by St Francis Xavier Parish) at Crowley Care, 154 Cherry St, Ballina at 2:30pm on Saturday 31 October 2026. All are welcome and are invited to enjoy the exhibition and celebrate the artistic works on display.

It's time to place your orders

2027 Annuals



If you'd like to order a 2027

Ordo, Daily Reflections, Break Open the Word or Daily Mass Book

Call the Parish office or email coffsadmin@coffscatholic.com
by Friday 2nd October.

Payment due at the time of collection, mid November.

- **ABIDE Women's Group** have their Bookclub Dinner this week, so there will be no meeting at the Curran Centre. ABIDE resumes after the school holidays.
- **ALTAR SERVERS** The following group names have been established for use when rostering Altar Servers. These names are intended to safeguard the privacy of our children while also providing a streamlined roster format that avoids the need to publish individual names. The Altar Stars, Saints Squad, Knights of Mary, Mission Saints.
- **St Francis Xavier Church**, Woolgoolga is open Monday 5:30pm - 6:30pm for personal prayer.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

Come and join us on 9th-11th October, 2026 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au,

via QR Code,

or contact Christine & Terry Mahony
on 0490 774 419 or

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St Augustine's Church Liturgy Roster	26 Sep	27 Sep	27 Sep
	Saturday 5.30pm Vigil	Sunday 9am	Sunday 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	C. Hancock	G. McCann
Commentator	N. Dick	Vacant	K. Soo
Reader 1	J. Fernandez	Vacant	B. Hackett
Reader 2	Vacant	C. Cutmore	T. Baker
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Screen Operator	M. Rugg	L. Alappatt	R. Durham
Gifts	Vacant	Vacant	J. Somers
Altar Servers		Hansel, Henry, See, Mung Pi, Cung, Jewel, Joanna	
Morning Tea		D. Garcia	
Children's Liturgy		School Holidays	
Sacristan	K. Soo	O. Pius	V. Cauan



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Eucharist28 Update – Walking with Christ

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives. It will be a celebration of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be an important moment of Eucharistic renewal for the Church in Australia and beyond. **The journey to Eucharist28 has begun!**

Our lives this side of heaven are a continuous journey of walking with Christ. We are called to walk alongside Him during our trials and our triumphs. In Micah 6:8, scripture tells us, "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

This journey of walking with Christ is **interior**, but it can also be expressed physically. We can become pilgrims by walking and prayerfully moving with Him, including through processions. In 2028, the global church that gathers in Sydney for Eucharist28 will have an opportunity to be pilgrims by participating in the Eucharistic Procession. This journey through the streets of Sydney will be a witness to our nation and our world, as tens of thousands of pilgrims walk alongside Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist.

In the years leading up to this moment and beyond, the prayer of Eucharist28 is that across Australia, Eucharistic renewal will continue to flourish, and Eucharistic processions and pilgrimages will become a commonplace way for all to walk with Christ in their lives.

Scan the QR code to access Walking With Christ: A Companion for Eucharistic Renewal, a resource designed to accompany you in your spiritual preparation for the continuing journey with Christ.

Please pray for

Recently deceased: Marie Schwaiger, Maxwell Harris, Kieran Blaney, Therese Roach, Shirley Frame, Greg Kiss, Nancy Lovell, Mary Vanderpoel, Heather Freeman, Ann-Marie Montgomery, Pauline Gatenby

Sick: Belise Benimana, 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 21 September -
Sunday 27 September

TUESDAY

Playgroup - 9am -11am

WEDNESDAY

Men's Group - 7:30pm

FRIDAY

YOUTH GROUP - 5pm

SUNDAY

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

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Maurice 0407 934 088



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