



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Sunday 9 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 - * 9:30am Coffs Harbour
(whole school Mass)

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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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

St Augustine's Church

Vigil Mass
Friday 14 August 5:30 pm
(Youth Group attending)

Saturday 15 August 9:00am

St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga

Saturday 15 August 8:30am



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 - Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm - Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Communion Antiphon O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



SAVE THE DATE

the next **Parish Community Luncheon** will be held at
12noon Wednesday 19 August at the Curran Centre.

Please bring a plate to share.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Requiem Mass** for Pauline Gatenby will be held at 2pm Tuesday 11 August at St Augustine's Church.
- This **Friday 14 August** the morning Mass will commence at 9:30am to allow St John Paul College students to attend. Please note the whole St Augustine's Primary school will also be attending this Mass.
- **Change of date** - Please note that the **Children's Liturgy Ministry** volunteers meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday 16 August after the 9am Mass at the Curran Centre's Boardroom. We warmly welcome New and Existing volunteers. Matthew 19: 14 Jesus said, "*Let the little children come to me*".
- **Parish Grounds Notice** - The topsoil improvement works commenced throughout the Curran Centre Garden last week and are expected to continue for the duration of August. During this time, some grass areas may be temporarily inaccessible. We kindly ask all parishioners to take care, follow any temporary signage, and keep children supervised around the work areas. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
- **Church & Curran Centre Bathrooms:** Following some recent damage and untidy facilities, we kindly ask everyone to treat these shared spaces with care. Please ensure children are supervised when using the bathrooms at the parish. Your safety and the wellbeing of our parish community are our highest priority.
- **Ciao Coffs - FESTA ITALIANA** - Saturday 22 August from 10am - 4pm at the Coffs Harbour Racing Club. Celebrating the Italian history & culture of the Coffs Coast. Tickets \$5 (children free). See Noticeboard for details.
- **St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga Prayer Group** - Mondays at 5:30pm.
- **Come and See: Discover the Catholic Faith** - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey of faith, prayer, formation and community for adults who are exploring the Catholic faith. If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more, please contact the parish office. We warmly welcome all who are seeking to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and explore the Catholic faith. **Information Night 6pm Wednesday 19 August** at the Curran Centre.






The Australian National Census is coming up.

All baptised Catholics, whether you attend Mass every week or only occasionally, are strongly encouraged to tick '**Catholic**' on the religion question.

Government funding for Catholic schools, hospitals, aged care, and social welfare agencies relies directly on this data.

If you belong to an Eastern Rite community (e.g. Maronite, Syro-Malabar, Ukrainian), please select '**Other**' and **write your specific rite**. Stand up and be counted to help us plan for the future of our faith community.

St Augustine's Church Liturgy Roster	15 August	16 August	16 August
	Saturday 5.30pm Vigil	Sunday 9am	Sunday 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	C. Hancock	G. McCann
Commentator	J. Fernandez	K. Soo	Vacant
Reader 1	P. Davies	V. Elomina	T. Baker
Reader 2	R. Sercombe	A. Holmes	Vacant
Extraordinary Minister	O. Higgins	N Loader/E Holmes/C Cutmore	M. Carniato
Screen Operator	M. Rugg	M. Miller	G. Sroyphet
Gifts	W. & L. Murphy	Balais Family	Soo family
Altar Servers		Dominic, Angela, Mary, Sam, Teresa, Levi	
Morning Tea		ABIDE Womens & Men's group	



**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



Following on from the success of the 2025 Jubilee Art Prize, the Diocese of Lismore is coordinating a 2026 Diocesan Art Prize with the theme "**The Face of Compassion**". The Art Prize is open to artists of all ages, with many prizes to be won.

Entries are to be submitted online at **lismorediocese/artprize** by 24 August 2026.

The Art Exhibition will be displayed at the Curran Centre on the weekend of 19-20 September.

Please pray for

Recently deceased:
Pauline Gatenby, Peter Heelis, Julie Avery (nee McLean), Peter Wellington, Joel Asa

Anniversary: Joanne Fife

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

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



Starts: Wednesday 19th August
 Time 6:00 PM
 Curran Centre- Conference Room

Join us! • Contact the Parish Office 6651 0000

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

YOUTH GROUP

SEE YOU ON
FRIDAYS 5-7PM

TERM 3

updates + more



YEAR 7-12 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



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RUNS FRIDAYS IN TERM 3 AT THE CURRAN CENTRE

5-7PM DINNER PROVIDED.

CASH DONATIONS WELCOME

THIS WEEK AT THE CURRAN CENTRE

Monday 10 August - Sunday 16 August

TUESDAY - Playgroup - 9am -11am

ABIDE Women's Group - 7pm

WEDNESDAY - Men's Group - 7:30pm

FRIDAY - YOUTH GROUP - 5pm

SATURDAY - Christian Life Program - 1pm

English for Hope - 6:45pm

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

Morning Tea after 9am Mass 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 0407934088 or Ken 0439390191

