



St Augustine's Catholic Parish

Coffs Harbour



WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday -9am Coffs Harbour
Wednesday - 9:30am Woolgoolga
****The Annunciation of the Lord****
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)

Administrator: Fr Joe DSouza OCD
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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 THIS WEEK

Friday 27 March
LENTE CONFESSIONS
St Augustine's Church
Morning: after Mass (from 9:45am)
Afternoon: after Stations of Cross
Saturday 28 March
Woolgoolga 8am - 8:20am
Coffs Harbour 4:45pm - 5:15pm



Diocesan Pastoral Council and Diocesan Youth Council Formation and Commissioning

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) held its first meetings in February and March, beginning online with sessions focused on getting to know one another and exploring the Council's mission and role. The Council then gathered in Lismore from 13 -15 March for its first face-to-face retreat formation program, and Commissioning Mass. The retreat was facilitated by Lana Turvey-Collins from Catholic Mission, with sessions led by Dr Chris Cotter, Director of Mission and Pastoral Life in the Diocese of Sandhurst, and under the guidance of Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD. Dr. Cotter shared insights from establishing a new DPC in Sandhurst, including processes for synodal decision-making. Bishop Greg reflected on discernment and encouraged Council members to exercise humility and to be confident in who they are: for that is why they were chosen. The retreat challenged participants to pray, speak boldly, and listen with humility. The retreat concluded with a joyful dinner shared with the Diocesan Youth Council (DYC). On Sunday 15 March, Bishop Greg celebrated a Commissioning Mass for the DPC and DYC at the Cathedral, co-celebrated by Fr James Foster, Fr Paul McDonald, Fr Joy D'Souza, and Deacons Anthony Gooley, Shane Hyland, Chris Wallace, and Graeme Davis. In his homily, Bishop Greg reflected on the nine-year journey to this moment: "The living God has provided. He has provided two wonderful councils commissioned today. I know with the help of God they will provide what I need."

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Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon Give me justice, O God and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm - With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus. Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus. Praise and honour Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

John 11:1-45

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!'

But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Communion Antiphon Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This **Friday 27 March** we will have the **Stations of the Cross** at the St Augustine's School ovals at 5:30pm. Lenten Confessions will be available at Church in the morning after Mass and in the afternoon after the Stations of the Cross. Please extend the invitation to your family and friends.
- **Combined Choir practice for Easter Triduum** will be held at 5:30pm on Tuesday 24th & 31st March at St Augustine Church. All choir members most welcome to attend.
- **Easter Triduum Liturgy Roster** still has a few vacancies. The Sign-up Sheet is at the back of Church.
- Children's Liturgy and Morning Tea will take place at the **8am Easter Sunday Mass** at St Augustine's Church.
- **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.
- **St Francis Xavier Church Liturgy Roster** is at the back of the Church for collection.
- **Tap & go machine in chapel** - there is a new donation point at the entrance foyer to the Adoration Chapel.
- **Planned Giving** is the regular financial support parishioners pledge to assist with the ongoing life and mission of our parish. We invite parishioners to review their Planned Giving pledge. Please contact the Parish Office or fill out the Planned Giving Form on the back table of Church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.
- **Lenten Reflection groups** - In addition to the Lenten Reflection groups at the Curran Centre (listed on back page) there is a Woolgoolga group meeting at 5:30pm Mondays at St Francis Xavier Church. This Tuesday 24 March at 7pm will be the last week of the Lenten program for the ABIDE Women's Group. They will return after the Easter school holidays with their Book Club dinner on Tuesday 21 April.
- **Bishop Homeming's Lenten Talk Series** is available to watch on Lismore Diocese YouTube channel.

Please pray for

Recently deceased: Sr Fran Kuhn RSM, Richard Barber, Myra Zacher, Jean Pemberton, Pat Hennessy, Sr Berenice Kerr RSM, Alejandro San Antonia Gavino, Jack Micallef

Anniversary: Daniel Skewes, Jack & Josephine Barber, Peter Strange

Sick: Dr Peter Goldman, John Brennan, Darcy Hetheron, 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

EASTER TRIDUUM PROGRAM

St Augustine's Church

Holy Thursday 2nd April - 6:30 PM - Mass
 Good Friday 3rd April - 9 AM - Station of the Cross
 - 3 PM Service
 Holy Saturday 4th April - 6:30 PM - Easter Vigil Mass
 Easter Sunday 5th April - 8 AM Mass
 - 10 AM Mass

St Francis Xavier Church - Woolgoolga

Good Friday 3rd April - 9 AM - Station of the Cross
 Easter Sunday 5th April - 9 AM Mass



St Augustine's Church
 12 Gordon St Coffs Harbour 02 6651 0000

St Augustine's Church Liturgy Roster	28 March	29 March	29 March
	Saturday 5.30pm Vigil	Sunday 9am	Sunday 5.30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	C. Hancock	G. McCann
Commentator	S. Sercombe	N. Loader	K. Kachel
Reader 1	Vacant	M. Rugg	K. Soo
Reader 2	E. Hartley	J. Breach	T. Burrige
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Crowd	K. Soo	E. Holmes	L. Walsh
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Screen Operator	J. Sercombe	Mott Family	A. Singleton
Gifts	D. Jackson & N. Jarrett	W. & D. McLean	J. Somers
Altar Servers		Lucas, Dominic, Angela, Mary, Sam, Teresa	
Morning Tea		M. Miller	



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“And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:
and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.”
(Luke 23:46)

Stations of the Cross

Friday 27 March at 5:30 PM
St Augustine’s Primary School
 Ovals (access via lower gate Gordon St bus stop)

We invite you to help carry the cross during the Stations of the Cross—a simple act of love that reminds us we help Jesus carry our own cross.

Lenten confession
 morning 9:45-11:45 am
 and after the Stations of the Cross at the church



For more information contact St Augustine’s Parish office 6651 0000
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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

THIS WEEK AT THE CURRAN CENTRE

TUESDAY - Playgroup 9am -11am, Lenten Group -11am,
 ABIDE Women’s group 7pm, Lenten Reflection

WEDNESDAY RCIA - 6pm

Men’s Group - 7:30pm Lenten Reflection

THURSDAY - Young Adults - 5:30pm Lenten Reflection

FRIDAY -Youth Group - Meet at 5pm at Curran Cnctr will be participating in the Stations of the Cross at St Augustine’s School ovals.

SATURDAY - English for Hope - 6:45pm - 8:15pm

SUNDAY - Children’s Liturgy during 9am Mass