



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Sunday 4 October 2026

St Augustine's Catholic Parish

Coffs Harbour



St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

Blessing of Pets

after 9am Sunday Mass today



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

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday - 9am Coffs Harbour

• Novena starts for St Teresa of Avila
Wednesday - **Our Lady of the Rosary**
9:30am Woolgoolga

Thursday - 9am Coffs Harbour

Friday - 9:15am Coffs Harbour



CONFESSION TIMES

Thursdays

Coffs Harbour 9:30am - 10am

Saturdays

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

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The feast for St Teresa of Avila is Thursday 15 October.

Mass Time: 9am at St Augustine's Church.

We will commence the Novena below at Mass from Tuesday 6 October



NOVENA PRAYER ST TERESA OF AVILA

Reader:

Our Holy Mother St Teresa said that Jesus never fails to help those who resolve to forsake everything for his sake. With confidence in the power of her intercession, let us ask her to pray to him on our behalf.

- V.** Oh Holy Mother St Teresa you have taught us to seek God in prayer and to pray without ceasing.
- R.** May nothing disturb our peace, nor draw us away from the Lord, who is our all-sufficing love.
- V.** Holy Mother, it was your wish that the love we have for, and the use we have of temporal goods should not be an obstacle in the way of prayer and union with God.
- R.** Strengthen our love, so that it may destroy every attachment that hinders us from becoming like Jesus in poverty, detachment and obedience.
- V.** It is your ardent desire, that all of us are friends with each other, love each other, be fond of each other and help each other.
- R.** Help us to experience a firm restraint on us and not to allow ourselves be conquered by selfish desires.
- V.** You said that you alone could do nothing, but with Jesus you could do all things.
- R.** Teach us to detest vanity and to love humility.

Let us pray

O blessed mother Teresa, faithful teacher of the art of loving God above all things, by that abundance of celestial light and love, with which his Divine Majesty filled your happy soul, obtain for us, your children, that love, generosity and magnanimity of heart, which made you exclaim: "My God, to suffer or to die". Grant us that fidelity to the Holy Rule which you wanted in your children, and assist us to wear worthily the holy habit of the Blessed Virgin which was so much loved and esteemed by you. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Mass Readings

Entrance Antiphon - Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm - The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Parish Office will be **closed for the Monday 5 October Public Holiday**. From Tuesday 6 October onwards the parish office will be open from 8:30am - 3:30pm (and will not be closed for a lunchbreak).
- For safety reasons the upstairs loft is closed until further notice.
- **Parish Groups** (RCIA, ABIDE Women's, Men's, Youth, Children's Liturgy, Playgroup and English for Hope) are having a break and will resume after the holidays.
- **ASPIRE Young Adult Spiritual Formation with Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD** - 5:30pm - 6:30pm on Monday 12 October & Tuesday 24 November via Zoom (login: 260 411 8529 password: ASPIRE). See noticeboard.
- Please note that **Mass on Friday 16 October will commence at 8am** at St Augustine's Church. Afterwards, the St Augustine's Primary School will then be **celebrating Grandparents Day at 9am at the school**.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Our annual **Volunteer Thanksgiving celebration** will be held on **Thursday 29 October** commencing with a Thanksgiving Mass at 5:30pm at St Augustine's Church and followed by Dinner at the Curran Centre. Please RSVP 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.



St Augustine's Church Roster	10 October	11 October	12 October
	Saturday 5.30pm Vigil	Sunday 9am	Sunday 5.30pm
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Women Who Left *Footprints* in the Gospel of Luke

 **October 13, 2026**

ABIDE Women's Group warmly invites you

to an Enriching Teaching from Luke's Gospel

Fr. Vinod Lobo will be sharing on the

Topic: Women who left footprints in the Gospel of Luke.

Come and join us as we share, pray, and fellowship in the love of God.

Date: Tuesday 13th October 2026 **Time:** 7pm **Venue:** Curran Centre

We look forward to an evening of reflection, faith, and fellowship together.

Please pray for

Recently deceased: Tony Emmi, Dolcesemo Bairoy, Lisa Shipman, Marie Schwaiger, Maxwell Harris, Kieran Blaney, Therese Roach

Anniversary: Crispin Andrade, Peter Lobo, Stephen Pappalardo

Sick: 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

"TAKE COURAGE! I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."
JOHN 16:33



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CURRAN CENTRE**
Monday 5 October -
Sunday 11 October

Parish Groups are on holidays
SUNDAY

Join us for 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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