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## NEWS & EVENTS

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### Office & Chapel Christmas closure

Our Parish Office & Adoration Chapel are closed for the Christmas break & will re-open 8:30am Monday 13 January 2025.



## NOTICES

*For our amazing volunteers*

We would like to begin this year 2025 of expressing our heartfelt gratitude for your dedication and hard work to keep the vibrant spirit of our parish community. It is a testament to hard work and commitment of yours, who bring life to every event and service. Thank you for being an inspiration to us all. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and kindness. Your selfless service, and unwavering commitment have made a significant impact on our parish community. We are truly blessed having such an incredible help and support from you. *With sincere appreciation*

**Parish Social Lunch** - there will be no luncheon in January 2025. The next Parish Social Lunch will be held at 12noon Wednesday 19 February.

- **Please note** that our regular Monday morning Mass is cancelled until further notice.
- **Used Stamps** - Our parish is continuing to collect used stamps on behalf of *Mary Mackillop Today* in 2025, to continue St Mary Mackillop's legacy to help rural communities in Peru who face high rates of illiteracy, limited access to essential services and higher levels of poverty. Thank you to those who donated used stamps, helping Mary Mackillop Today raise a total of \$37,900 in 2024. Used stamps can be placed in the Parish Mail boxes at the back of St Augustine's & St Francis Xavier Churches.
- Parish Playgroup, RCIA, the ladies and gentlemen prayers groups are all on holidays and will return in February 2025.



Welcome  
 St Augustine's  
 Catholic Parish



### Parish Church

St Augustine's, Gordon St, Coffs Harbour  
**Station Churches**  
 St Francis Xavier, Scarborough St, Woolgoolga  
 St Therese, Gale St, Coramba

## MASS RESPONSES & READINGS

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

### READING 1

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (R): Lord, every nation on earth will adore you**

### READING 2

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia! *Continued inside*

## MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Monday 6 Jan to Sunday 12 January

**\*\*Reminder Monday Mass Cancelled\*\***

**Tuesday** - 9:30am Coffs Harbour

**Wednesday** - 9:30am Woolgoolga

**Thursday** - 9am Coffs Harbour

**Friday** - 9:15am Mass Coffs Harbour

The Baptism of the Lord

### Saturday

8:30am Woolgoolga

5:30pm Coffs Harbour

### Sunday

9am Coffs Harbour

5:30pm Coffs Harbour

## CONFESSION TIMES

**Friday** Coffs Harbour 9:45am - 10:15am

### Saturdays

Woolgoolga 8am - 8:20am

Coffs Harbour 4:45pm - 5:15pm

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

### Our Lady of Mercy Chapel

Curran Centre, 12 Gordon St, Coffs Harbour

Our Chapel is currently closed and will reopen at 8:30am Monday 13 January

**Join the Guardians of the Blessed Sacrament in 2025. Guardians are needed for the following vacant hours:**

9am Tues, 1pm Wed, 1pm Fri

Anyone who can help as Guardian on either a temporary or permanent basis, please contact Maurice on 0407 934 088

## DEVOTIONS IN THE CHURCH

**St Augustine's Church, Coffs Harbour**

### Rosary

after 9am Thursday Mass

### Divine Mercy

after 9:15am Friday Mass

### Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:

8:30am on 1st Sunday of month

**Rosary** 8:30am Sunday

*(excluding 1st Sunday of month)*

**St Francis Xavier Church, Woolgoolga**

### Exposition of Blessed Sacrament:

8am on 3rd Saturday of month

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: *And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.*' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Recently deceased:** Patrick Fox, Frank Kennedy, Noreen Secomb, Kokouvi "Abraham" Adjikou, Sandra Bown, Bill Hayward, Patricia "Maureen" Lenane, Karina Barrioquinto, Joyce Foggiato

**Sick:** Emma Russell, Diane Benefield, Rex Dignan, Sister Pat Malone, Sandra Graham, Maureen Mobbs (nee Nolan), Breanna Charles, Judy Brooks

**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 Email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)



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**2025 Jubilee Year of Hope**

The 2025 Jubilee Year, themed 'Pilgrims of Hope', invites Catholics to embark on a spiritual journey of renewal, reconciliation, and hope.



The year-long celebration, which is rooted in Biblical tradition and Church history, began on 24 December 2024 with Pope Francis opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and concludes on 6 January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany, with the closing of the Door. The Holy Father invites us to pray, to prepare ourselves throughout this year, so that this Jubilee may "*strengthen us in the faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope*". St Augustine, our patron and Doctor of the Church, suggested that hope calls us to be upset with things that are wrong and find courage to change them. The Jubilee Year provides an opportunity for spiritual growth and community building. Bishop Greg Homeming emphasises the significance of this sacred time. "*The Jubilee Year offers us an opportunity to refocus our lives on Christ, mend divisions, and renew our trust in God's promises. It is a time to celebrate the joy of our faith and to shine Christ's hope into the lives of others.*" <https://www.lismorediocese.org/learn-about-the-2025-jubilee-year/>

Dear Parishioners,  
We are excited to invite you to join us in celebrating the Jubilee Year 2025! This special occasion is filled with various activities and events designed to bring our parish community together. This is a significant time, because it offers a unique opportunity for us to deepen our faith, strengthen community bonds, and engage in meaningful services. It will give us the experience of spiritual renewal, enhanced fellowship, and a greater sense of unity within our parish. This celebration will inspire personal growth and collective joy, leaving a lasting positive impact on us. Your participation in the upcoming activities and events in the church will make this celebration even more meaningful. We look forward to seeing you there! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holidays and abundant blessings for the year 2025. *The schedules will be put on the notice board and in this bulletin.*

COFFS ROSTER	11 Jan Sat 5:30pm	12 Jan Sun 9am	12 Jan Sun 5:30pm
Co-ordinator	G. McCann & D. Barrett	M. Lill	G. McCann
Commentator	J. Fernandez	R. Mott	T. Baker
Reader 1	S. Sercombe	V. Elomina	M. Walsh
Reader 2	P. Davies	G. Postlewait	B. Hackett
Extraordinary Minister	W. Murphy	L. Feltrin & E. Holmes	T. Burridge
Screen Operator	E. Bowers	M. Miller	R. Durham
Gifts	Vacant	M. & H. Delfin	Vacant
Altar Servers		Henry, Hansel, See, Mung Pi, Cung Vum	
Morning Tea		CMCC	