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EASTER

Mass Times

Holy Thursday

17 April - 7pm
St Monica's Tugun
Mass of the Lord's
Supper with
Adoration to follow

Good Friday

18 April - 10am
St Monica's Tugun
Stations of the Cross

St Augustine's - 3pm
Coolangatta
Celebration of the
Lord's Passion with
Holy Communion

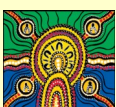
Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday 19 April - 7pm
St Monica's Tugun

Easter Sunday

20 April - 8am
St Augustine's
Coolangatta
9.30am
St Monica's Tugun
Mass of the Resurrection
of the Lord

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Hope

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Getting to know people in our Parish compiled by Nicola



Parish Introductions

These snapshots will conclude the series about getting to know just a few of the many wonderful parishioners who make up the fabric of St Augustine's Church.

Mike Hay 5 years ago, Mike, together with his wife, Lyn, moved from Brisbane to live in Coolangatta. Mike likes the whole package of living in town and being able to look up the hill and see St Augustine's at the top. He's very grateful to have a priest like Father Noy in the Parish to guide us.



Frank and Kathy Muggerridge Frank arrived here from New Zealand in the 1950s. He and Kathy met in a youth club associated with the church. They were married in St Augustine's and their three children went to school there. Frank and Kathy feel that things changed when the school moved to Currumbin and became separate from the church. They find St Augustine's friendly and welcoming.



Rosemary Dickson and her son, Ben. Rosemary and her husband, Junior, now deceased, retired to the Gold Coast from Brisbane in the late 1980s. Rosemary and Ben enjoy coming to St Augustine's because they feel that there's just something special about the place.



Jude, Mahdu and Kara are relatively new parishioners, having arrived here from Sri Lanka around 18 months ago.



Mari Murphy and Phil Kimmins are long time residents of the Parish and are both Sacristans. Mari is also involved with the Liturgy, whereas Phil is the Mass Coordinator. Phil holds the church with a great deal of affection because, when he was getting his life back in order, it was his anchor and rock. Mari particularly enjoys the magnificent edifice, as well as the local parishioners who make the place what it is.



Rob Mooney

Brenda Hindmarsh and Judy Meike Brenda is a member of the Choir, as well as being the very creative Desktop Publisher for the Parish AM magazine. She likes to live life fully, including her family, and see what comes along. Judy is one of our Eucharistic Ministers who loves.....her family, socialising and watching Rugby League.



Peter Ford



Julie Tait and Del Sutton

Del and Julie have been, and are, involved in many Parish activities. Del, (the original organiser of 'Soaring to the Heavens concerts'), together with Carmel Elms, started up the **Ladybirds**, which is a thriving social group for all widows, including **Margaret Smith and Cathie Thomson**, to the left.



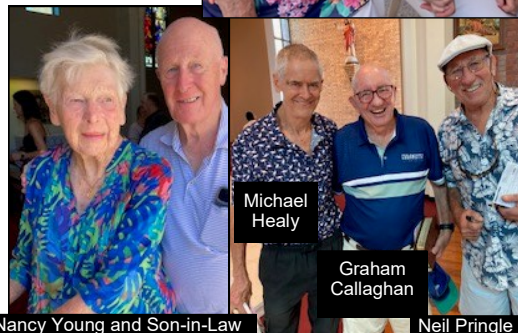
Julie loves gardening, meeting people and playing cards.

Roger and Michele Bradley are both locals.

Michele has followed in her mother's footsteps, (Rose Ahrens), and is very involved in Parish life, as is Roger.

Michele is one of our Sacristans.

Roger has the all important role of a campanologist. (That is ... a bell ringer)!



Michael Healy

Graham Callaghan

Nancy Young and Son-in-Law

Neil Pringle

From the Office



Deacon Sean comments

Hopes and Christian Hope



Brothers and sisters, autumn is here. I don't know about you, but I've been hoping for an end to summer for a while now. Soon, I'll be hoping for an end to winter. I would like to suggest to you that Supernatural Hope is an integral part of our life in Christ. You and I are familiar with natural hope, or optimism. This kind of hope enables us to believe that things will pan out. Moreover, that we can expect good things in our future. Further, that difficulties, should they arise, are not disasters. Consequently, we have lots of individual hopes — I for one hope that the roadworks on the M1 will one day end! More seriously, in recent months my hopes of ordination to the diaconate have been fulfilled. Without this natural ability to look forward with confidence, I think we would live in a kind of nervous paralysis. Sadly, however, hope exists in a fallen world. Thus, earthly hope can be naïve. Not only that, but she can attach herself to visions of the future, not ordered to lasting happiness.

Supernatural Hope is one of the Theological Virtues. This means that she arises from divine grace of the Holy Spirit. A gift from God, she lives in the soul alongside Faith and Love (1 Cor 13:13). She makes us glad at the thought of attaining a future in the Kingdom through Christ (Luke 23:41-43). In other words, she enables us to enjoy, by way of expectation, the promises of Christ in the present. Hope of this kind attaches herself to a vision of the future ordered to our perfect happiness.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that Hope '...takes up the hopes that inspire men's activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven' (1818). When I entered the seminary to test a vocation to the presbyterate, I hoped things would go well. Certainly, there were a lot of things to look forward to about ministry. The years of discernment meant the purification of my natural hopes. That is, of examining whether my hope of one day being called to ministry was good for my salvation and to the benefit of the people of God. A seminarian must come to terms with the fact that the Church might not call him into ministry. It might be God's will and a blessing in disguise.

A life in Christ, I feel, means adjusting individual hopes so that they serve, and do not undermine, one's higher hope of finding salvation in Christ (Jer 29:11-14).

Supernatural Hope might not make every disappointment instantly easy to bear. However, I'd like to think that she keeps Our Saviour's gladsome Cross in constant view.



The Cross puts every fulfilled hope into perspective. It signifies a future happiness that no earthly disaster can topple (Ps 118 [119]).



We say a huge **sad** farewell to Nicola Hanzic (our resident reporter) from our 'AM' Committee, as she takes a different path along which to travel.

Nicola has been with us since 2016 when she first arrived in our Parish. Nicola's talents have flourished in her role, and she has been most supportive to all on the team, and will be very hard to replace!



Nicola is responsible for the Parishioners getting to know each other a lot better, with her 'Introductions' column, as well as her other reporting techniques.

Nicola will continue to report all our Centenary celebrations, up until our Spring Edition, which will be a 'Centenary Edition'!

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CENTENARY NEWS

Reported by Nicola



2025 - Year of Jubilee:
Pilgrims of Hope

Socialising at the Ivory:
March 1: After months of planning, the long awaited day of celebrating being together as one parish, arrived.

The winners of the big raffle were:
1st Prize: Maureen Maguire
2nd Prize: Mandy Cossins
3rd Prize: Laura Karam
4th Prize: Helena Chang
5th Prize: Del Sutton



The venue was inspiring!

The sun was shining and with the outside doors being open the river breezes were able to flow around freely. Inside, there was the hum of chatting and laughter throughout, as people connected.



At the welcoming, Mari thanked Lisa Llewellyn for volunteering her time as our PR Guru.

After this, the ten door prizes were drawn. Laura Karam was a winner!

Whilst all this was going on, finger food was there to be enjoyed.



It was a memorable afternoon. Our thanks go to all those who attended and made the event what it was, as well as to Scott, the Owner/Manager of the Ivory, who flew up from Adelaide to be present, Simon, Anton, Kylie and the Waitstaff. A special thanks also goes to the Committee members who worked so tirelessly to make things come together.



Those absent from the Ivory who wished to be there!



SHROVE TUESDAY

In spite of the predicted, bad weather, the sun shone and blue skies were in evidence.

Father Noy was in his element seeing that the event he had so eagerly planned, with the help of others, was able to go ahead.

The liturgy began with the 'Burial of the Alleluia', because the Alleluia is not spoken during the Lenten Season. Following this, people were able to go outside and enjoy freshly cooked pancakes. John and Rose Rixon were in charge and were ably assisted

by a number of helpers. Apart from parishioners, representatives from St Augustine's School staff were present, as well as a young group from the Pais Movement, which is a worldwide movement committed to discipleship and mission. Our visitors came from Nepal, Scotland and Sydney and are currently spreading the Word of God in our local schools. It was memorable!





The 2025 Jubilee is a Catholic Church year of grace that began on Christmas Eve, 2024 and will end on January 6, 2026. The theme of the Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope".

"Pilgrims of Hope" is the theme for the 2025 Jubilee Year, which is a Catholic celebration that Pope Francis has declared. The theme is meant to inspire hope in a world that is suffering from the effects of war, the pandemic, and climate change.

What does "Pilgrims of Hope" mean?

- The theme is meant to encourage people to be signs of hope for others who are experiencing hardship.

- The theme is also meant to inspire people to travel to Rome to experience the Holy Year, or to celebrate in their local churches.

The Catholic Church has already commenced its celebration of a momentous occasion in 2025: the Jubilee Year, a time of renewal, reconciliation, and spiritual grace. Jubilee Years, also known as Holy Years, are special years declared by the Pope, usually occurring every 25 years, to emphasize the Church's mission of mercy and redemption. The Jubilee Year 2025, with the theme "**Pilgrims of Hope**", promises to be an extraordinary opportunity for Catholics worldwide to deepen their faith and encounter God's mercy in profound ways.

What Is a Jubilee Year?

The tradition of Jubilee Years has its roots in the Old Testament, where every 50 years was declared a year of jubilee (Leviticus 25:10). During these years, debts were forgiven, slaves were freed, and the land was allowed to rest. This practice symbolized God's justice, mercy, and the restoration of relationships among His

people.

"You shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; of you shall return to your own property, and each of you shall return to your family"
~Leviticus 25:10

In the Catholic Church, the tradition of Holy Years began in 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Jubilee. These years are times of special indulgences, prayer, and acts of charity. Pilgrims are encouraged to visit designated holy sites, especially in Rome, to seek reconciliation with God through the Sacrament of Penance and to deepen their spiritual lives.

The Holy Door: A Gateway to Grace

A central symbol of every Jubilee Year is the **Holy Door**. In Rome, there are four Holy Doors located in the major basilicas: **St. Peter's Basilica, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls**. During a Jubilee Year, these doors are ceremonially opened by the Pope to mark the beginning of the celebrations. Pilgrims passing through the Holy Door can receive a plenary indulgence, a grace that remits all temporal punishment due to sin, under the usual conditions of confession, Eucharist, and prayers for the Pope's intentions.

The Holy Door is far more than a physical portal; it is a powerful symbol of Christ, who described Himself as the "door" (John 10:9). Walking through the Holy Door represents a personal journey of conversion, an entry into God's mercy, and a step toward a renewed relationship with Him. (*From Vatican News*)

Pope Francis' greatly-anticipated autobiography, 'Hope', hit bookshelves in 80 countries globally.

The text is also available to English-speaking readers in the United States through the publisher Random House, and in the UK, through the publisher Viking. *Deborah Castellano Lubov*

An historic first! In a press release ahead of the occasion, Random House revealed that, with the occasion of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the decision was taken to release the one-of-a-kind book at the onset of the Holy Year.

Photos and unpublished material personally made available by Pope Francis

The book is enhanced by remarkable photographs, including private and unpublished material made personally available by Pope Francis himself. Written over six years, this complete autobiography starts in the early years of the 20th century, with Pope Francis' Italian roots and his ancestors' courageous migration to Latin America. The text continues through his childhood, the enthusiasms and preoccupations of his youth, his vocation, adult life, and the whole of his papacy up to the present day.

Narration and anecdotes Narrating his memories, the Holy Father addresses crucial moments of his papacy and various important and controversial questions of our present times, including wars plaguing the world, the future of the Church and religion, social policy, migration, the environmental crisis, women, technological developments, and sexuality. Moreover, '**Hope**' includes numerous revelations, anecdotes, and considerations. Random House describes it as a thrilling and very human memoir, moving and sometimes funny, which represents the "story of a life." Moreover, the publisher calls it "a touching moral and spiritual testament that will fascinate readers throughout the world and will be Pope Francis' legacy of hope for future generations."

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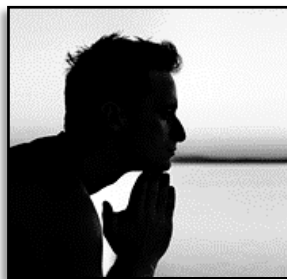
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Hope

by Phil Kimmins



Unless I find myself on a remote bus stop where services may have ended for the day, I don't look at the timetable. I figure it this way: I know the bus will come and knowing when it's due doesn't make it arrive any sooner. In fact, I've noticed that those who check and find

the bus isn't due for another 20 minutes or so, often fall to a peeved impatience, muttering and clucking all over my philosophy of calm. What's worse, they drop spoiler bombs so that I now know how long I have to wait as well. These fellow travellers don't know the secret of not knowing. For me, alone on the stop, every moment is one of hope and expectation - the bus will come, though I know not when, but it could be now.

Hope is at the heart of the human condition. It enables us to persevere when events and circumstances are against us, looking forward to a better time, a better outcome. Consider for a moment how many times we use the word 'hope' in everyday conversation. It's a word we throw out without conscious thought to express a desired result from circumstances that can be either serious or trivial: "Your team going to win today?" - "Hope so!". "The doctor says the surgery will clear the blockages to your heart".- "Let's hope so".

Trivial or serious, we must have hope in something, for devoid of hope there is only despair and depression. In this mindset, we are cut off from the blessings that accrue from trusting in God.

Clearly, the hope we need to embrace is not made of the same stuff that fervently hopes for a good result from the three o'clock at Randwick, or for the rain to hold off on match day.

Of course, there are other forms of secular hope that are not self-centred, the kind that hopes for the recovery from illness of a loved one, for example. St Thomas Aquinas puts it this way: he noted that hope is born from the desire for something good that is "difficult but possible to attain". He noted further that there is no need for hope if what we desire is easy to obtain, nor is there reason for hope if the object of our desire is completely out of our grasp. So hope deals in realities; it isn't a pie-in-the-sky concept nor can it exist where there is no chance for the attainment of that for which is hoped.

We know the reality of life as a Christian. It does not mean that we are immune to the ups and downs of life. What it does mean is that in the midst of persecution, poverty, deep sorrow and doubt, there is always hope. 'We put our

hope in the Lord, he is our protector and our help.' (Psalm 33:20-22).

Pope Benedict XVI 'On Christian Hope': "A first essential setting for learning hope is prayer. When no one listens to me anymore, God still listens to me. When I can no longer talk to anyone or call upon anyone, I can always talk to God. When there is no longer anyone to help me deal with a need or expectation that goes beyond the human capacity for hope, he can help me". So we see that the scope of Christian hope is determined not by our own power or resources or ingenuity but by God's inexhaustible love and goodness.

We Christians should never be anything but bold and daring with hope because we know that God is both the object of our hope and the means to attain it.

Of the three theological virtues, Faith, Hope and Charity, Hope may well be called the forgotten virtue of our time. Living in an era of considerable technological change as we are, the access we have to the horrors and tragedies pervasive in our present day can diminish hope or perhaps worse, lead to misdirected hope, whereby we are tempted to substitute the theological virtue with flimsy, temporal substitutes that cannot possibly give us what our souls ultimately need. In the person of Jesus Christ, we see hope made manifest—hope IS Christ, who suffered and died that we may not lose our lives to the temporal world of sin and death.

To live in hope is to want nothing less for ourselves than what God wants for us. If that were the fundamental desire of our lives, what would change? How would we be resurrected? At the very least, it would free us from the energy-sapping habit of worrying excessively about ourselves and unbind us from the joyless pastime of always comparing our status and achievements with another's. Because God is for us and wants our good, we do not have to be anxious and fearful, calculating and cautious. We have time to love our neighbours. We have time to be merciful and compassionate, patient and generous. We have time to listen and to be present, time to encourage and support, because we know, thanks to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, that what God's love envisions for us will be fulfilled.



Hope frees us from the intolerable burden of thinking that so much depends on us that we become oblivious to the blessings around us, and especially to how each day God calls us out of ourselves in order to draw others more fully to life through our kindness and goodness. For Christians, hope is a new and abundantly promising way of life characterised by joy and thanksgiving, service and generosity, hospitality and celebration and even the wonderful freedom to fail.

'PRAYERS for Pope Francis'

Our Prayers and Hope are with the Holy Father as he fights his sickness.

