



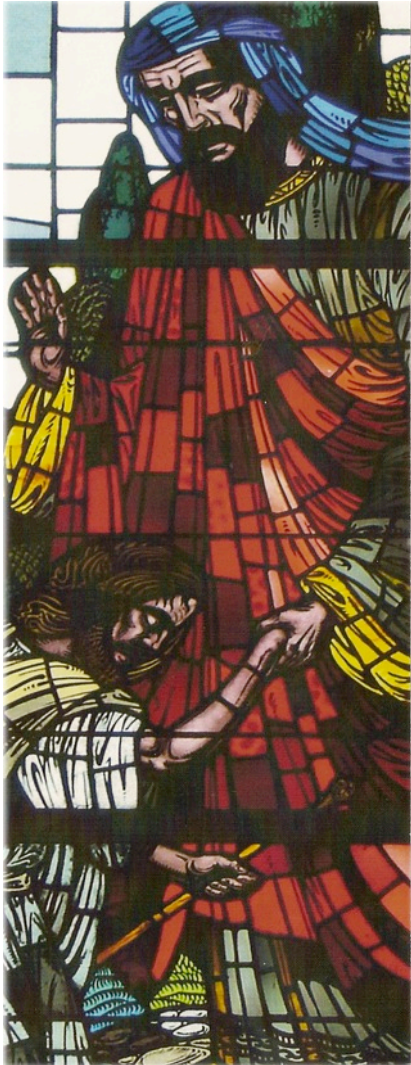
COOLANGATTA - TUGUN CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Community of St Augustine and St Monica



We recognise the traditional owners of this land - The Kombumberri people. 'Coolangatta' means place of 'Splendid Lookout'

Our Parish Worship



Mass co-ordinators are trained as sacristans. They open the church, prepare the altar, ensure an adequate supply of altar breads and altar wine, arrange for readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and offertory processors, arrange literature for display and open the toilets.

Altar Society welcomes new members to help in their role of arranging flowers and providing a liturgical environment to facilitate worship for the seasons and feasts of the year. While professional cleaners do all major church cleaning, members take care of the altar, the sacred vessels and altar linen.

Proclaimers of the Word and commentators

The Word of God is proclaimed, rather than read, so that we hear the Word (active) rather than listen (passive). The first and second readings lead us to hear the gospel proclaimed and then broken open through the homily by the priest.

Parishioners who volunteer to be Proclaimers of the Word and commentators are given annual formation and training sessions and follow a monthly roster.

Altar Servers

Children (boys and girls) are invited to become altar servers after the completion of their Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). An invitation is extended to all children on completion of the Sacramental Program. After on-going training, each altar server is rostered on a nominated Saturday night or Sunday Mass.

This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in the parish and is a step toward further involvement in parish ministers.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are parishioners commissioned to distribute Holy Communion during Mass, so that the reception by the assembly flows smoothly and within a reasonable amount of time.

Parishioners are invited to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and are provided with initial and ongoing formation, education and training.

Music Ministry is provided by a group of 20 people who enjoy liturgical music and find singing in large groups a wonderful experience. They believe that to sing is to pray twice. Beside the actual singers, the group has three organists, two keyboard players and flute player.

Music ministers practice once every three weeks but weekly in the lead up to Christmas and Easter. The singing group practice together, then separate to lead the music at three of the four weekend Masses. They

do sing together on special feasts, e.g. Easter and Christmas, special occasions such as Ecumenical services held in the parish and funerals. Once a month, the Filipino community provide energetic guitar music and singing at 9.30am Sunday Mass at St Monica's, Tugun. New members always welcome.

Liturgy Committee

A group of parishioners interact with the music ministers to create an environment which inspires the congregation to a more profound experience of worship. Additional members join the group to add their talents during special seasons such as Lent and Advent.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is on every Sunday at the 9.30am Mass at St Monica's, during the school term. This is essentially worship not catechesis and follows the guidelines for liturgy. The priest invites the children to go with their leaders to St Monica's Centre where they listen to a 'child friendly' version of the Sunday readings. The leaders explain the Scripture and help the children to relate the message to their own. Children are encouraged to make a simple act of faith and say their own prayers of intercession. They are then welcomed back to the church congregation at the time of the Preparation of the Gifts.

New leaders are always in demand and are supplied with all necessary resources.

Hospitality Ministry and Welcomers

A group of parishioners are rostered to set up and to serve any of the congregation who would like a cuppa after Saturday Evening Mass and 9.30 Sunday Mass. The welcomers also greet members of the congregation and distribute newsletters at the doors of the church at the weekend.

