

### Entrance Antiphon:

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

### 1st Reading:

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

### Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

### 2nd Reading:

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

### Gospel:

Luke 2:22-40

### Response to Prayers of Faithful:

Lord, hear our prayer.

### Communion Antiphon:

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR: Recently Deceased:** Vera Quinn, Con Pizzol, Leona Orford, Jack Telford, Bishop John Gerry, Neville Gaby, Raymond Rowe.

**ANNIVERSARIES/REMEMBRANCE:** Adrienne Barber, Catherine Cuffley, Tommy Dodds, Elizabeth Neylon, Alice Fowler, Frank Quinn, Peter & Patrick Donnelly, Eileen McGann, Annie & Patrick Fowler, Norman Gravell, Tommy & Eileen McDade, John Ormond, Patricia Beeston, John McDonald, Leo Flynn, Betty Dolan, William & Eileen Brady, Fr Patrick Martin Brady, Maud Egan, John Thomas & Elizabeth May Taylor, Deceased relatives & friends of the McGann, McGirr, Dolan, Brady & Taylor families.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** John Thompson, Lorraine Connolly, Danny Ryan, Camille Christenson, Vincent Alvaro, Norene Anderson, Annette Antlitz, Ray Ashburn, Beris & Roger Bacon, Therese Baggaley, John Bayly, Kate Belliveau, Paul Brady, Betty Brannan, Vonnie Cabban, Vernon Cahill, Debbie Cameron, Bill Cavanagh, Sr Kath Carroll, Irene Chambers, Jack Cole, Kathleen Curtis, Joan Dale, David Dank, Pattie Davies, Neil & Edna Devlin, Deslie Dolan, Mary Donnelly, Ursula Dowling, Yvonne Eden, Albert Fawsitt, Doug Featherstone, Jackie Flanagan, Mila Florendo, Peter Flynn, Elijah Foster-McLachlan, Colin Fraser, Baby Ellie Gaby, Gonny Gernaerd, Ross Goss, Elsa Grasouskas, Ray Green, Aileen Greensill, Vic Hindmarsh, Rebecca Hines, Fiona Irvine, Baby Jake, Chloé James, Fay & Ron Jenkins, Graham Jones, Juliana Mailaro Jordão, Dulcie & Vince Kinnane, Marleise Kuhl, Josie Lyle, Mary McCarthy, Doris McCoy, Ruth McDonald, Kevin & Dorothy McGirr, Aaron McGlade, Richard McLachlan, Therese McNamara, Fr Craig Moody, Leo Mullins, Bradley Murphy, Damien Normile, Pat O'Brien, Shirley O'Byrne, Trish Osborne, Julia Parker, Dennis Pollard, Gary Pollard, Pat Proudfoot, Deirdre Pullen, Pat Quinn, Vera Quinn, Clare Reading, Paul Rixon, Peter Roche, Rosa Santos, Bernie Seto, Mary Slingsby, Marie Smith, Ellen Snell, Dr Umit Sungur, Del Sutton, John Taylor, Rosie Thompson, Pete Tom Toni, Therese Townsend, Henriette Van Schijndel, Peter Waltho, Marian Ward, Betty Weir, Hazel Whittle, Frank Whyte, Josie Willett, Barbara Wilson, Maurie Withers, Marcia Withers.

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Sat** 6.00pm Mass St Monica's.  
**Sun** 6.45am Mass St Monica's.  
**Sun** 8.00am Mass St Augustine's  
**Sun** 9.30am Mass St Monica's

## WEEKDAY DIARY

**Mon** 9.00am Mass, St Monica's, **Tugun**  
(New Year's Day)  
**Tues** **No Masses** Tues, 2nd January  
**Wed** 8.00am Mass, St Augustine's,  
Coolangatta  
**Thurs** 9.00am Mass, St Monica's, Tugun  
**Fri** 8.30am Reconciliation followed by  
9.00am Mass, St Augustine's,  
Coolangatta  
**Sat** 11.00am Reconciliation, Tugun

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6  
**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12



## Parish of St Augustine & St Monica Coolangatta - Tugun

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

## Feast of the Holy Family - Year B 31st December 2017

### PARISH DETAILS

**St Augustine's** McLean St  
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### PARISH OFFICE

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### PARISH CONTACTS

**Parish Priest:** Fr John Scarrott  
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**Parish Ministry**  
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**Administration**  
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**Parish Pastoral Council:** Glenda Rodgers

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Let's not take this Feast of the Holy Family as a 'put-down' for every other family. We don't celebrate this feast so we can tell ourselves how different our family is compared to the Holy Family. Rather it is to encourage us to appreciate the wonderful gift which is family life. God's plan is that we learn what it is to be a person with all our potential by living as a member of a family. This feast also provides us with the opportunity to reflect that some people must face life as homeless and without family. Others have had their childhood stolen from them by being born into situations of abuse.

The Holy Family did not have it easy. Its family history began with a pregnant Mary being suspected of 'playing around' with another man. They had to flee into Egypt as refugees because Joseph was warned in a dream to do so. Mary trusted her 'dreamer' husband and they packed up and took off. They had to cope with a 'lost son' when he was twelve years old and when they found him were told to mind their own business since he was on his Father's business. By the time that Jesus was thirty Mary was a widow. This family like all other families had its ups and downs. In the midst of all these troubles it provided the place of nurture and growth for the Son of God.

Paul, in the letter to the Colossians, lists the qualities we all strive to achieve in family life: sincere compassion, kindness and humility, gentleness and patience and forgiveness. And it is love which binds them together and completes them. May these blessings grow within your own families during this Christmas season.

Fr John Scarrott

A very **Happy New Year** to all parishioners, welcome visitors and all your loved ones. May each day of this New Year bring a deeper awareness of God's love for us all and may we be a clearer expression of that love in the world. Thank you to everyone who participated in the celebrations for Christmas. To the ministers, readers, florists, cleaners, servers and collectors: A special thank you; to those who go to so much trouble to decorate the churches and give them that festive look. And to the choir and musicians who have prepared so tirelessly and given their talents at several Christmas Masses, God bless and Happy New Year! *Fr John*

**PARISH OFFICE**  
The Parish Office is currently closed for the holiday period and will re-open on Monday, **15th January**. Enquiries for baptisms or weddings will be answered then. If you require a Priest urgently however, please phone 5598 2165 to leave a message and Fr John will get back to you. There will be no newsletter on the 6th/7th or 13/14th January.

 **PARISH COFFEE CLUB**  
**MORNING TEA 2018**  
**The Coolangatta Surf Club**  
**Marine Parade, COOLANGATTA**  
**10.30am TUESDAY 16th January**  
*(3rd Tuesday of every month)*  
**Please come and join us for a coffee.**  
**Everyone Welcome!**

**Are you a new parishioner?**  
If so, we would love to make you welcome! Forms, to enable you to give us your details, are available on the church wall behind the choir at St Monica's or at the rear door at St Augustine's. You can return the forms on the collection plate. We look forward to meeting you!

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will be held again Sunday, **7th January** and '1st Sunday' of every month in St Monica's, Tugun from 10.45am to 11.45am.

**Christmas Booklets:** (You will find these located along the church seats)

**Entrance:**  
**Page 5 'Once In Royal David's City'**

**Psalm:**  
*O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways, O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*  
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**Gospel Acclamation:**  
*O Come Let Us Adore Him (x 3)*  
*Christ the Lord!*

**Gifts Procession:**  
**'What Child Is This?'** AOV1 #165

**Communion:**  
**Page 4 'Away In A Manger'**

**Reflection:**  
**Page 5 'The Silver Stars Are In The Sky'**

**Recessional:**  
**Page 3 'Mary's Boy Child'**

**NOTE** New Year's Day Mass will be held at 9.00am in St Monica's, Tugun, Mon 1/1/2018.  
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**Use Your Mistakes as Light for Others**  
Jesus advises his followers to prepare themselves. The early Christians thought the world might end at any time. We aren't expecting the world to end soon. But we still need to prepare ourselves the same way. We all make mistakes. We all fall short in many ways. If we look honestly at those times, repent, and learn from them, then our mistakes and shortcomings can prepare us to help others. For example, have you made mistakes with alcohol or other drugs? By being too competitive or too materialistic? Repent, learn from those mistakes, and let them prepare you to help others avoid them.

This coming year look honestly at your mistakes. Don't be ashamed. Ask God to help you make them lamps that give others light for their lives.

**HOSPITALITY ROSTER**  
**Sunday, 7th January**  
**9.30am Judy Stanton & Gail Smith**  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
**No children's liturgy during school holidays, resumes on Sun, 28th January.**

**Baptismal Preparation Meeting**  
First Wednesday evening of each month at **7.00pm**. Next meeting is Wednesday **3rd January** in St Monica's Hall at Tugun.  
Please ring office to book your attendance.

**Prayer for the New Year**  
**Dear Lord,**  
We pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and use them to serve You and spread Your word.  
May we also see and love You in all the people we meet, so that in turn, they can see You in us.

We know that all human relations take time if they are to grow and deepen. This is also true of our relations with You, the Father and the Holy Spirit, which must grow over the course of our lives.

In this new year, let us realise that every action of ours no matter how great or small enables us to be in touch with You. Let us accept You in our lives, in the way it pleases You, as: Truth, to be spoken; as Life, to be lived; as Light, to be lighted; as Love, to be followed; as Joy, to be given; as Peace, to be spread about; as Sacrifice, to be offered among our relatives, friends, neighbours and all people. **Amen**

**WANTED!!!**  
**Part time Missionaries**  
1/2 hr classes Thursday & Friday  
Join the mission of the Church, Become a Missionary in your own Parish. Be part of the State School Religious Instruction Team, Be a Catholic Catechist in a State School!  
Please call Julie at the Office to discuss.

**MORNING TEA at ST AUGUSTINE'S** on **Sunday, 7th January** after 8am Mass and on the *first* Sunday of every month!

**Pious Goods Store located in both churches:**

- **Mary MacKillop** - Josephite calendars;
- **Columban** calendars;
- **Living Faith** booklets **Jan-Mar 2018**;
- **Cards**, holy medals, sacramental gifts;
- **Catholic Leader**

# Happy 50th Anniversary

On behalf of the Parish we are delighted to congratulate Ray & Marie Boyd on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary. Ray & Marie were married on 30th December, 1967. We pray that God continues to pour out his blessings on you and your marriage for many more happy years!



**Parish Social Lunch 2018**  
I am very grateful to the members of our *Tuesday Morning Coffee Group* who have generously volunteered their time and cooking skills to provide parishioners with our first Parish Social Lunch in 2018: BBQ - St Monica's Hall--\$10.00pp - 12.00pm start — early next year. A specific date will be announced after the group meets together again in 2018. *Veronica Kearney*

**Break Through in your Relationship**  
We all struggle at times in our marriage but it's not always easy to find good advice or practical help. **SmartLoving BreakThrough** is an online course FREE till the end of January. It will help you understand how conflict happens, guide you to develop an effective strategy for managing it, and lead you through a process of personal rejuvenation designed to heal the pain caused by conflict with your loved one. The course is designed for individual spouses so you don't need your spouse to do the course with you.  
[www.smartloving.org/breakthrough](http://www.smartloving.org/breakthrough)