



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

Bowning, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gunning, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

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ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

St Augustine's Parish is a community striving to be Christ to one another and to welcome and serve the Christ in those around us. We seek ongoing spiritual formation as individuals, as families and as a community. We hope, through pastoral care, to strengthen, support and enrich one another and reach out to others in witness and evangelisation.

Parish Priest	Father	Mick Burke
Youth Worker	Georgia	Breynard
Chair Finance Committee	Paul	O'Mara
Chair Parish Council	Joe	Morrissey
Principal of the School	Michael	Green
School Community Council	Amber	Maher
Sacramental Team Leader	Dianne	Carey
RCIA	Sister	Aileen
Parish Office	Zuzy	Webster
	<i>Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

SUNDAY MASSES:

Yass:	<i>St Augustine</i>	
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm
Gunning:	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Sunday		8:30 am
5 th Sunday Liturgy of the Word and HC		8:30 am
Murrumbateman:	<i>Uniting Church Hall</i>	
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Sunday		10:30 am
5 th Sunday Liturgy of the Word and HC		10:30 am
Wee Jasper:	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	
5 th Sunday		10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday	Yass	5:30 pm
Thursday	Yass	7:30 am
Friday	Yass	12:00 noon
Saturday	Yass	9:00 am

Nursing Home/Hostel

Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)		
2 nd Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am

Horton/Warmington

4 th Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
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Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass with the residents at both locations.

Exposition

Saturday after 9:00am Mass until 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Yass 10:00am, 5:00pm – 5:15pm

Sunday Gunning 8:00am – 8:15 am

At other times: On request

Baptisms

Yass	Saturdays	10:30 am
	3 rd & 4 th Sundays	12:15 pm

Gunning Parish 1st Sunday 8:30 am & 12:30 pm

Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Mon, Wed. or Fri.)

Marriages

By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

School Enrolments

Mt Carmel Central School: Kindergarten to Yr 6. Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

25th & 26th August 2018



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R**

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R**

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R**

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

PARISH PRAYER

Lord God, may we, as St Augustine's Parish, be a united and welcoming community recognising the need for Christ in our lives and serving the Christ in others. May we, as community, continue to face challenges together serving and supporting individuals and our families through our own personal efforts and our parish support groups. Guide us with your patient love. Fill us with your infinite Wisdom. Pour out your rich blessings upon us as we reach out to one another to fulfil our spiritual and pastoral needs as One in Christ, in community, and in faith, hope and love. AMEN.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: St Monica
Tue: St Augustine Bishop and Doctor
Wed: The Passion of St John the Baptist

There have been many people who have helped the members of the organizing committee to ensure a successful celebration for our 180 years as a parish. To everyone involved, many thanks.

After this weekend we will focus on our response to the Plenary Council 2020. Survey sheets will be widely distributed before a gathering of interested people, to be held on 17th October. We begin a journey of listening to God by listening to each other as we discern a better future for the Catholic Church in Australia. Once views and opinions are gathered at a local level, some representatives will join with parishes in the deanery during Lent 2019, to share collective findings.

* I recommend as many parishioners as possible to be on our email list. You will notice when you log on, you nominate your community, Gunning, Yass or Murrumbateman.

* In the past month we received two donations of \$2,000 each for our work in Timor Leste. The clinic in Usi Tasae will require \$14,000 American each year as it works with patients, especially those suffering leprosy and tuberculosis. Midwifery has also become a focus in an area where infant mortality and mothers dying at child birth is a significant issue.



Jose, Jamito and Sabino signing papers at the Ministry of Justice in Dili on behalf of Yass/Gunning Belun. We are obligated to be registered as an NGO in Timor Leste and our office in Tasitulo must be separated from the accommodation. At any given time, about thirty people, mainly students from Oecusse, live at our office.

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)'s commitment:

Malcolm Muggeridge accompanied a film crew to India in order to narrate a documentary on Blessed Mother Teresa. He already knew she was a good woman or he wouldn't have bothered going. When he met her, he found a good woman who was also so very compelling that he titled his documentary, *Something Beautiful for God*. When he asked Mother Teresa why she went to Mass every day at 4:30 AM she replied, "If I didn't meet my Master every day, I'd be doing no more than social work." (Victor Shepherd, December 2001.) We are here today to meet Christ, not here for some other reason. We are here to listen for Christ's word for our life. We will find what John and Simon Peter and St. Augustine and Blessed Mother Teresa found: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Bill	Luchetti	Father	Mick Burke
Stan	Waldren	David	Garland
Mark	Valencic	Paul	O'Mara
Irene	Carr (Minutes)		

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Georgia Breynard (Youth)	Peter	Cleary (Liturgy)
Bryan Coleborne (Ecumenism)	Michael	Green (School)
Joe Morrissey (Education)	Steve	Scroope (Social)
Bob Nash (Maintenance)	Michael	Van Wanrooy (Welfare)
Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke	Sarah	Johnston (Social Justice)

JOIN OUR PARISH EMAIL CONTACT LIST

The parish is establishing an email contact list. If you subscribe to the list you will be able to receive regular email updates on parish events and activities tailored to your location and specific interests.

You can change your preferences or unsubscribe from the list at any time.

To join the list simply go to <http://eepurl.com/dD9Tpj> and complete the simple sign-up form.

Some Disciples Leave Jesus

During the Second World War certain Nazis killed some Jews and buried them in a mass grave. One twelve-year old boy was still alive. He dug his way out of the shallow dirt and went around the neighbourhood seeking shelter in homes. The people knew what had happened and, when they saw the boy caked with dirt, they hurriedly shut the door in his face. One woman was about to do the same when the boy said: "Lady, don't you recognise me? I'm the Jesus you Christians say you love". The lady broke into tears and received the boy into her home. She had made her decision for Jesus.

Many people walked away from Jesus after he spoke about being the Bread of Life. This passage is often called "the crisis" in John's Gospel; Jesus loses a large portion of his followers back to the world after this. He turns to the Twelve, to test their willingness to remain. As usual, Peter represents the group with his fearless answer, "Lord, where would we go?"

Suppose you were to reject the life of faith today as being too demanding. The Church's teachings aren't contemporary enough. The leadership seems flawed. The liturgy needs work. The community is, for all its professions of faith, just a bunch of sinners. If you bundled all of your grievances against the Church into a handkerchief and tied it to a stick and got ready to walk, just where would you be going?

Most people who walk away in anger have only their anger for company. Most "retired Christians" I know still carry that handkerchief of outrage around with them, dangling from the stick. We can imagine that those who become disillusioned with Jesus muttered about it for years to come. "Some prophet he was. Some saviour!" But those who stayed with him and his words, got past the cross and all the way to Easter.

If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.

St. Augustine

In the late third century in North Africa, Tertullian reflected on today's gospel passage. He was not upset the crowds left Jesus, he was not worried that some followers abandoned Jesus. For him Christianity was not a numbers game; it was about authenticity and commitment and perseverance.

REMINDER

Just a reminder that during August Mass on Thursdays is at 8:30am.

WINE AND WISDON – A CATHOLIC MENS EVENT – 28th AUGUST

Join us for a great night out at Clonakilla winery. What more could a bloke want than food, wine, fellowship and pizza, not to mention our special guest speaker, Robert Falzone, co-founder of MenAlive.

Time: 6:00pm – 9:30pm

Where: Clonakilla, 3 Crisps Lane, Murrumbateman

Cost: \$25

Limited numbers – Bookings essential

www.clonakilla.com.au/events

Contact: Phil Seselja 0414 182 812 or philseselja@gmail.com

BAND OF BROTHERS – 1st SEPTEMBER

The last combined brekky raised almost \$5,000 for our farmers all of which will be sent to them direct through Lions Club. No admin costs at all!

The next Band of Brothers brekky is at the Yass Baptist Church commencing at 8:30am on Saturday 1st September. It is a brekky for men this time, and we will be hearing from Darrell Armour on his challenge of losing his farm, and how God sustained him throughout. Lets have a great turn out, bring new mates along and hear what Darrell has to say. As always a great brekky, mateship, and information and its all free. We will take up a free will offering and that will also go to the farmers.

Spread the word and lets put some impetus under our gatherings, and support our local community and farmers everywhere!!

ENGAGED & NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES – 15th SEPTEMBER

Tutored Wine Tasting for Engaged and Newly Married Couples from 6:30 to 8:30pm, at Clonakilla Winery, Murrumbateman.

Cost: \$40 per couple includes finger food, drink and wine tasting.

Purchase tickets at <https://bit.ly/WineTutoring>

Enquiries: lara.kirk@cg.org.au

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL - ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

There are 23 priests of our Archdiocese who come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to this Appeal and all gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have done in the past.

KIDS OF NAURU CAMPAIGN

The campaign calls for the countries elected representatives to find a solution to resettle the 119 children trapped on Nauru before Universal Children's Day on November 20, 2018.

A central message is that all refugees and people seeking asylum on Nauru and Manus should be brought back to Australia or safely resettled to a third country and that offshore processing should end once and for all. This campaign prioritises getting children off Nauru and finding an enduring solution, as they are one of the particularly vulnerable groups with the greatest prospect of getting any political action between now and the next federal election.

Parishioners are invited to log onto the campaign website is www.kidsoffnauru.com and sign up to demonstrate your support for the Kids Off Nauru Campaign.

BOOKS AND BEANIES FAIR – 30th to 31st AUGUST

From 8:00am-4:00pm the Calvary Auxiliary are running a 'fair' with a large selection of fiction paperbacks, children's books, cook books, biographies and more!

Books - nothing over \$2, beanies \$5. Xavier Building foyer adjacent to Zouki Cafe, Calvary Public Hospital, Cnr Haydon Drive & Belconnen Way Bruce. All proceeds go to equipment and patient services at Calvary Hospital.

Enquiries: Pat on 040379192.

NATIONAL PRAYER CRUSADE FOR VOCATIONS – 2nd SEPTEMBER TO 24th NOVEMBER

The *Knights of the Southern Cross Australia* will conduct their 12th National Prayer Crusade for Vocations from 2nd September to 24th November 2018. All parishioners are invited to participate by simply saying the following Crusade Prayer for seven consecutive days during this period :

Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Military Services. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient priests, deacons and religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavor to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

CENTERING PRAYER NOURISHMENT DAY – 29th SEPTEMBER

Fr. Thomas Keating renowned Trappist monk and Dr Judith Simmer will share in practical terms the importance of the Journey of Compassion and Transformation through the practice of Centering Prayer Meditation.

Location: Marian Hall, St. Matthew's Parish, Chewings St, Page

Time: 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Contact: Sr Lorraine Cupitt rsm on (02) 6288 6074.

Donation \$10. Please bring a personal lunch. Morning tea will be provided.

ANTHONY MAHER BOOKS TO BE LAUNCHED

You're invited to attend the launch of two books at the Chapel at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture at 6:00pm on Tuesday 11th September. *Faith and the Political In the Post-Secular Age* edited by Anthony Maher will be launched by Professor Stephen Pickard. Anthony Maher's second book *The Forgotten Jesuit of Catholic Modernism* will also be launched on the same night by Father Frank Brennan SJ.

CONCERNED CATHOLICS PUBLIC FORUM WITH BISHOP VINCENT LONG

Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn will hold a forum on the topic of The Future of the Catholic Church in Australia: The role of the laity in Church renewal.

Guest speakers include:

Bishop Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta

Ms Anne Kirwan, CEO Catholic Care Canberra-Goulburn

Sr Clare Condon, Good Samaritan Sister

7:00pm for 7:30pm start Tuesday 11th September at the Chapel of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

SAYG – ST AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH GROUP

For Those Who Are In Yr 7-12, we meet every alternate week of term. We meet at Mass at 6:00pm and follow up with a gathering involving sport/games, sharing a meal and breaking open key aspects of the Christian faith in a fun, relaxed and non-threatening environment.

MUSIC PRACTICE TIME

St. Augustine's church, Thursdays at 5:00pm.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

You have the message of eternal life

We pick up messages
about what will give us a full life,
from many daily sources.

We're told to seek the fullness of life
in keeping the body young,
or in knowing yourself,
or in prayer and fasting,
or in wealth and health,
or in being well insured.

We're told to seek the fullness of life
in avoiding pain,
in doing good,
in loving others.

And Jesus says to seek the fullness of life,
in knowing and living by the truths
that God, our Father, loves us,
that we are brothers and sisters,
and that good overcomes evil.

Jesus lived like this himself,
aware of his Father's love,
of his love for others,
and courageous in his victory over evil.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Julia Kirk.

Prayers for
Ralph Wailes.

Prayers for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time including:

Frances Todkill (1/8), Catherine Wallace (1/8),
Frances Cassidy (1/8), Dennis Hoey (4/8),
Eric Runnacles (5/8), Thomas Heaney (5/8),
Robert Field (6/8), Beverley Beeten (7/8), Tilly Ward (7/8),
Val McDonald (7/8), Paul Ryan (13/8), Josef Kuszko (13/8),
Helen Hird (15/8), Robert Wade (15/8), Irene Diver (15/8),
Samantha Darmody (15/8), Margaret Neumann (16/8),
Brendan McPhillips (16/8), Gweneth Besgrove (19/8),
Thomas Hilly (21/8), Florence Davis (21/8),
Brian Hepple (22/8), Kevin McKenzie (23/8),
Peggy Kennedy (25/8), Bernard Robinson (27/8),
Catherine Walmsley (27/8), Valda Connors (28/8)
and Joan Perrot (31/8).

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ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Readings/Resp. Psalm/Gospel Acc. 2 = Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Offertory 4 = Acolyte

26 Aug 180 YEARS CELEBRATION ROSTER

1 Sep Joseph Morrissey 1 Susan Morrissey 2
Morton Family 3 Vince Coffey 4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

26 Aug 180 YEARS CELEBRATION ROSTER

1 Sep Peter Walker Ken Robbie Coral Carroll

VISITS

26 Aug Joe Buhagiar Noel Quinn Kay Perceval
2 Sep Peter Walker Ken Robbie Coral Carroll

ALTAR SERVERS

26 Aug 180 YEARS CELEBRATION ROSTER

1 Sep Molly McPherson Ella Broers

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

26 Aug 180 YEARS CELEBRATION ROSTER

1 Sep Peter Cleary

HOSPITALITY

26 Aug 180 YEARS CELEBRATION ROSTER

1 Sep The Cleary Family

CARE GROUP

27 Aug Helen Van Wanrooy Suzanne Hawkes (Group 5)
Kath Turner Shirley Williamson (Group 6)
3 Sep Helen Murphy Maureen Collins (Group 7)
Lourdes O'Keefe Edith Buhagiar (Group 8)

ALTAR CLEANERS

25 Aug 180 YEARS CELEBRATION 1 Sep Geraldine Doyle

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR B

First Reading

Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

By obeying God, Israel shows wisdom.

Second Reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

All truly valuable gifts come from above.

Gospel

Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

Jesus confronts the Pharisees, who pay only lip service to God.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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