



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

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

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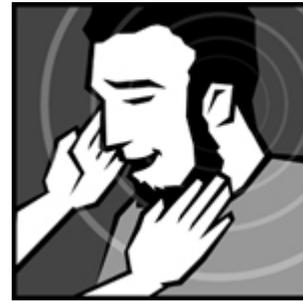
ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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>	

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

8th & 9th September 2018



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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/Warminsteron

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.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Thu: St John Chrysostom **Fri:** Exaltation of the Cross
Sat: Our Lady of Sorrows

- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd September, 10am, at St. Augustine's, Yass. There will be a Liturgy with Holy Communion at both Gunning and Murrumbateman but I do encourage parishioners to support the confirmandi by attending the Sunday Mass. Whilst there is a fifth Sunday this month, Masses will be held at the usual times and Wee Jasper is cancelled.
- St. Augustine's Finance committee will meet this Thursday at 5:30pm. Negotiations are taking place to accommodate the gymnastic group, no longer able to use the showground, in our hall. It is the only suitable building in Yass. This will mean that Rotary will need to be given other options for the markets. We hope suitable arrangements for both groups will be finalized this coming week. Our buildings need to be utilized for the benefit of the broader community.
- This coming Wednesday at 5:30pm there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

Be Opened!

Sometimes I stop rushing around and realise that I rarely hear birds singing.

I stay pretty busy. My mind stays pretty focused on the new task or appointment. And I miss the birds. And I fear I miss other cries as well – the cries of people who need me.

"Be opened!" Jesus commands in this week's Gospel. He restores a man's hearing and gives him the power to speak. I wonder what that man heard after that. I bet he heard the sighs of lonely people who needed his time. I bet he stopped and sat with them. I bet he heard pleas of hunger from poor people. I bet he stopped and fed them. I bet he heard the cries of people who were rejected or suffering. I bet he stopped and embraced them.

Many people in our families, our schools, our jobs, and our world need our ears opened. Many don't want our advice. They just want us to listen without judgement while they talk about what hurts. Others need us to stand up with and for them at school or in our community. They need us to listen closely to understand their problems. Others, like parents and mentors, are crying to offer us advice for life. They need us to listen to their wisdom without getting defensive.

Do we hear the cries or advice as we go through life? Or do we rush so quickly that we miss them? This week, each day, ask Jesus to open your ears so you can listen closely. People will come across your path who need you to listen, or to whom you need to listen.

What can keep me from really listening to people who need my help or who are offering me advice? GPBS eNews

WITNESS K AND BERNARD COLLAERY

"Witness K" and Bernard Collaery are being prosecuted for allegedly disclosing information about Australia's shameful installation of listening devices (under the cover of an aid project) in the governmental offices of a friendly neighbour, Timor Leste, during negotiations over resource sharing in the Timor Sea during 2004-2006.

Please see the website: <https://www.justimor.org/>. It contains a petition to the Attorney-General.

A demonstration in support of the two men will be held at the Magistrate's Court, 4 Knowles Pl, Canberra at 4pm on Wednesday, 12th September 2018.

Your support would be appreciated.

Sister Susan Connelly RSJ

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://eeburl.com/dD9Tdi> and

Telemachus, a martyr whose self-sacrificial commitment to Christian ideals opened the blind eyes and deaf ears of the Romans and their fifth century Christian Emperor Honorius. According to the story, this Turkish monk was led by an inner voice to go to Rome in order to stop the cruel and inhuman gladiatorial fights between slaves. He followed the crowds to the Coliseum where two gladiators were fighting. He jumped into the arena and tried to stop them, shouting, "In the name of Christ, hold back!" The gladiators stopped, but the spectators became indignant. A group of them rushed into the arena and beat Telemachus to death. When the crowd saw the brave little monk lying dead in a pool of blood, they fell silent, leaving the stadium, one by one. Three days later, because of Telemachus' heroic sacrifice of his own life, the Emperor decreed an end to the games. In today's Gospel, which describes the miraculous healing of a deaf mute, we are invited to open our ears and eyes, loosen our tongues and pray for the courage of our Christian convictions to become the voice of the voiceless. There is a little ritual in the rite of Baptism, called the *"Ephphatha prayer,"* taken from today's gospel. The celebrant touches the ears and then the lips of the one to be baptized saying: *"The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May He soon touch your ear to receive His word and your mouth to proclaim His Faith."*

CONFIRMANDI

23rd September 2018

Please pray for...

Oscar Allan	Charlotte Burke
Jackson Carr	Imogen Cassidy
D'Artagnan Felizardo	Jack Field
Angus Field-Wilson	Grace Foran
Riley Gibbs	Matthew Hannan
Kyle Lenon	Harriette Maguire
Chanell O'Donnell-Stevens	Alessia Parducci
Ella Widdows	



this weekend we welcome into
our Church community:

William Robert John child of David & Kathryn

KARINYA HOUSE MERCY WALK – 23rd SEPTEMBER

Get excited, the Karinya House Mercy Walk is just 2 weeks away and there is still time to register. Previous participants have this to say about the walk:

“The initial appeal was fundraising for Karinya House, which is such a blessing for vulnerable new mothers and their babies, and which operates almost entirely from donations. The length of the walk and my unfitness were definitely a concern.

However, the reality of it was a completely wonderful day, spent in sisterhood, a joyful spirit, in absolutely beautiful countryside, and with delectable catering at stops along the way. It is incredibly well organised, with everything geared for you to make it to the end. It benefits not only Karinya House, but your whole being as well. I can't make it this year, and I am genuinely disappointed. I'll see you there next year!” (Annabelle O'Connell)

“Women walking for women, looking out at fluorescent canola fields, sharing stories of Mums and babies, raising awareness of the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. A perfect Spring day.” (Louise Henderson)

“Mercy Walk and talk for 23km with our women for women who need our help. Yep that's a half marathon of chat while raising much needed awareness and funds for Karinya House. You have been looking for that spring break to get out those walking shoes and what better way than with friends “ (Kirsty Dwyer)

“The morning tea, the Canola, the morning tea...awesome” (Christine Trezise)

“Did you mention the morning tea?” (Helen Trezise)

Register for the walk at the link below or grab a paper registration form from the back of the church.

<https://karinyahouse.asn.au/events/mercy-walk-women-2018/>

If you need a lift to the event please ring Sarah on 0447 180 533.

BOOK FAIR – 3rd and 4th NOVEMBER

The Book Fair will be held again this year, on the same weekend as Classic Yass (November 3 & 4). Last year's Book Fair was highly successful and I hope that with your support, this year's can be even better. Funds this year will go to various parish building/maintenance commitments, with a proportion being directed towards Yass Rural Australians for Refugees to assist them with their valuable work.

If you've been putting off going through the book shelves and cupboards, now is the time to start! Donations of books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, games, puzzles and the like are all welcome. Due to storage constraints and other commitments, donations cannot be accepted until the start of October.

You can, however, contact Deb Valencic at deb.valencic@gmail.com or ring or text 0427 674 246 to advise that you have goods to donate and to organise a time to drop off donations or to have them picked up.

Donations of encyclopaedias and magazines cannot be accepted this year.

A shout out for help with the setting up, manning and dismantling of the Book Fair will go out shortly. Please check your calendars to see if you might be able to help.

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

CONFIRMATION – 23rd SEPTEMBER

Following Mass on Sunday 23rd September there will be an opportunity to gather for a morning tea and the cutting of the cake for these young people. It would be very much appreciated if parishioners could help with the supply of sandwiches, slice etc. on this special occasion. Food may be dropped off to the school office on Friday 21st September or at Mt Carmel Performing Arts Centre in Dutton Street prior to Mass. Enquires to Mt Carmel School 6226 3357 or Dianne Carey 0419 276 889.

IRISH & CELTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL – 14th to 16th SEPTEMBER

Yass has a long history of Irish settlement which is the inspiration behind this festival, so 'join the craic in Yass'.

Guest artists from Ireland: Geraldine and Neal Brosnan

Information: 0429 608 566

Email: craicmusicfest@gmail.com

facebook.com/jointhecraicinyass

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.

THE FUTURE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA – 11th SEPTEMBER

Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn will hold its 4th Public Forum at the Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton at 7pm for 7:30pm. Special guest speakers:

- Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv DD – Diocese of Parramatta
- Sr Clare Condon - Sisters of the Good Samaritan
- Ms Anne Kirwan - CEO Catholic Care, Canberra-Goulburn

SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP – 15th SEPTEMBER

Interested parishioners are invited to a free workshop on this year's Social Justice Statement, *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*, from 10:00am-12:00noon in the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Franklin St, Manuka.

Mike Cassidy will facilitate discussion of the Statement. For catering and notes, please RSVP by Tuesday, 11th September to the Catholic Social Justice Commission, on 0412 145 088 or e-mail: Social.Justice@cg.org.au . If rural participants would like billeting on Friday and/or Saturday evening, please RSVP by Monday, 10th September.

ACU BLACKFRIARS LECTURE SERIES – 19th SEPTEMBER

From 5:30pm (registration & refreshments) for 6:00 – 7:00 pm lecture by Danielle Dal Cortivo “Designing for transforming a tale of two worlds”.

The lecture will be held in Room 301.1.20, Veritas Building, ACU (Signadou), 223 Antill Street, Watson ACT.

RSVP: Friday 14th September, canberra@acu.edu.au

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Bonded and free

A speech impediment
makes you afraid to meet people,
blocks you from saying what you want to say,
makes you feel inferior to others,
and you want to be healed, and free,
and that's what Jesus offered the one who came to him.

In many ways in life we are unfree,
and Jesus offers healing from our burdens,
like the healed man with the stammer.

We fear what others think of us,
what they might say about us;
we fear we'll not be able to love forever,
and that another will not love us;
we fear illness and death,
and we fear we'll be left alone.

Jesus offers courage and freedom;
he unblocks our fears and anxieties;
He knows that we are capable of
love and forgiveness,
commitment and endurance
and his love grounds our confidence in ourselves.

He healed the speaker's impediment so that he could speak
freely;
let him heal your impediments to love, to care, to live in joy
with the gift of his love and the example of
how he lived his life fully, lovingly and joyfully
in the face of suffering and death.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR B

First Reading *Is 50:5-9*

The Lord stands with his prophet during opposition.

Second Reading *Jas 2:14-18*

Faith without action is useless.

Gospel *Mk 8:27-35*

A follower of Christ must take up the cross.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Peter Breen and Julia Kirk.

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

Elizabeth Holmes (2/9), Cyril Wailes (4/9),
David Hingston (4/9), Maurice Fitzgerald (6/9),
Frances McGrath (6/9), Rebecca Hicks (9/9),
Brenda Longley (10/9), Kenneth McCann (10/9),
Dan Nguyen (11/9), Gwen Richmond (13/9),
Gladys Delbridge (14/9),
Catharina Kuster (15/9), John Ockwell (16/9),
Ruby Robinson (18/9), Col Perrot (18/9),
Ethel MacQuillan (19/9), Kathleen Richmond (20/9),
Kerrie Blyss (20/9), William Renehan (22/9),
Donald Hoffmann (23/9), Denis Rowe (23/9),
Bill Richmond (24/9), Joe Monteleone (24/9),
Rodney Wales (24/9) and Bernard Williamson (29/9).
Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

8 Sep	Dianne Carey	1	Bob Nash	2
	Bob Nash	3	Frank Grace	4
15 Sep	Gaye McManus	1	Russell Hill	2
	Coral Carroll	3	Peter Walker	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

8 Sep	Michael Green	Michael Van Wanrooy	Trish Gibbs
15 Sep	Dianne Carey	Steve Scroope	Joe Morrissey

VISITS

9 Sep	Michael Green	Michael Van Wanrooy	Trish Gibbs
16 Sep	Dianne Carey	Susan Morrissey	Joe Morrissey

ALTAR SERVERS

8 Sep	Ella & Rachel Widdows		
15 Sep	Wendy Morton	Grace Miller	

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

8 Sep	Russell Hill	15 Sep	Peter Gibbs
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HOSPITALITY

8 Sep	Bert & Kath Moore	15 Sep	Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy
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CARE GROUP

10 Sep	Jeanette Patmore	Maureen Grieves	(Group 9)
	Kay Perceval	Coral Carroll	(Group 10)
17 Sep	Kath Luchetti	Julie Faulkner	(Group 11)
	Jane Hingston	Sandra Davis	(Group 12)

ALTAR CLEANERS

8 Sep	Kay Perceval	15 Sep	Coral Carroll
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CALL TO CONNECT

The prayer gathering 'Call to Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th September at 2:30pm in the Lovat Chapel.

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

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