



# Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

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

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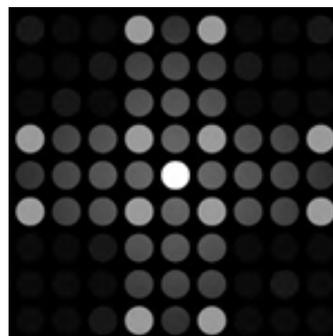
## ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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.

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

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. **R**

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. **R**

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### SUNDAY MASSES:

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

<b>Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am

### Horton/Warmington

4 <sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Yass</b>	Saturdays	10:30 am
	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	12:15 pm

**Gunning Parish** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Vincent de Paul  
**Fri:** Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

- Congratulations to the fifteen young people who will be confirmed this Sunday. Confirmation is the sacrament whereby the apostles and their successors, by the laying on of hands and anointing with chrism, communicate to the whole Church and its members the gift of the Spirit received at Pentecost. It is Pentecost extended throughout the world, perpetuated, and made ever present in the Church. It is a call to spread the kingdom of Christ, to spread the message of salvation. (The teachings of Christ). We are indebted to Diane Carey and the Sacramental Team for their support of these young people and their families as they take this important step to discipleship. May the gifts received from a loving God be used to build a world reflecting God's plan for humanity.
- Gunning finance committee will meet on Thursday at 5pm. We are grateful to Trish Gibbs for accepting the invitation to serve on St. Augustine's finance committee.
- On the 17<sup>th</sup> October, interested parishioners are invited to attend a gathering to look at issues you would like as agenda items for the Plenary Council 2020. I have attempted to put together a survey before this gathering but now think it might be better to wait until after this meeting. In other words, to listen to what you consider important for the church moving forward.

## How to welcome the child

In today's gospel Jesus is presented as the courageous leader, instructing those who will follow on from him and carry on his work for future generations. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' This September we are celebrating the Season of Creation. Pope Francis challenges us to reflect: 'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?' (Laudato Si', 160). In the context of today's gospel we might ask: how are we welcoming generations to come? Pope Francis urges us to remember that the goods of the earth are not meant to be exploited and states, 'Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.' During this creation time let us reconnect once more with nature and restore our relationship with the environment. As parish communities we must play our part in ensuring that our world is liveable for generations to come.

'Climate change is a global problem with grave implications: environmental, social, economic, political and for the distribution of goods. It represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day.'

*Pope Francis, Laudato Si', 25*

*Jane Mellett*

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**More My Size!** George Washington Carver, the scientist who developed hundreds of useful products from the peanut: "When I was young, I said to God, 'God, tell me the mystery of the universe.' But God answered, 'That knowledge is reserved for me alone.' So, I said, 'God, tell me the mystery of the peanut.' Then God said, 'Well, George, that's more nearly your size.' And he told me."

## 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)

## CONFIRMANDI

23<sup>rd</sup> 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	

## You Don't Compare?

Competition and comparison – our culture thrives on them.

Television has made a killing on it in recent years. Who will win the job as apprentice to the millionaire? Who will win as the top model? Who will get voted off the island?

Competition can spur us on, but it also can tear us up inside. Why can't I look like her? Why can't I score tries like him? I know many young people that tear themselves down because they constantly focus on how they don't measure up to others? We need to stop comparing ourselves with others and start loving ourselves for who we are – like God loves us.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are competing to be the best. Stop comparing yourself to others, Jesus tells them. Look inside yourself, get to know your special talents and use them for the least in our society. Jesus pulled a child aside because children were valued least in that society, some Scripture scholars say.

According to Jesus your value doesn't come from appearance or popularity or how well you compete. It comes from God. And if you really want to feel great, go out into the world and show the people who are not valued just how valuable they are. Is your talent making kids laugh? Develop it. Are you good at listening and offering comfort? Do that more often. Maybe you like building things. Give your time to help build something for someone who lives on the margins.

So relax. You've got nothing to prove. Turn off the reality shows and turn on the Gospel. You'll feel a lot prouder when you look in the mirror.

## BOOK FAIR – NOVEMBER 3 & 4 (CLASSIC YASS WEEKEND)

Many hands make light work! Help will be required to

- set up the chapel on the afternoon of Sunday 28 October (lots of lifting boxes and moving furniture around);
- set up the book fair itself during the day on at least Monday 29 October to Wednesday 31 October (involves putting books into place and making everything look welcoming);
- work at the fair on Saturday 3 November and Sunday 4 November (involves helping people with their purchases and possibly restocking);
- pack up the book fair on Monday 5 November to probably Wednesday 7 November, during the day (involves culling stock to go to Life Line and packing up books to be kept for next year);
- take unwanted books to Life Line in Canberra.

Any help at all will be very welcome. Thanks to people who have already informally let me know that they are willing to support this venture. If you can help, please email or text (see below) and leave contact details.

If you can't help at those times, you might be able to donate stock. 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](mailto: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.

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.

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## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OZANAM APPEAL – 29<sup>th</sup> AND 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

On the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 the Society will be conducting its annual Ozanam Appeal.

Many of you are aware that our Conference of St. Augustine's works to support members of our community in need both locally and internationally. Some of the work we do is titled Twinning, which is where one Conference directly supports another somewhere in the developing world. Through Twinning, our Conference members seek to support our fellow members in developing countries spiritually, financially and through mutual encouragement.

St. Augustine's Conference supports two such Conferences: St. Anthony's Church, Kurusad, South Tamilnadu, India and St. Anthony's Conference, Amphur Muang, Chacherngsao, Thailand.

To fulfil our commitment we need to raise \$640, which is shared equally between the Conferences.

The Appeal will be conducted as a retiring collection. I thank you for your support of this Appeal through the years, and again ask for your generous financial support for September 2018..

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Judith Williams on (02) 6226 4696 or 0490 150 938.

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## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: *Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*. The Statement confronts the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499.



Our Confirmandi with our youth leaders

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## ONE DAY RETREAT – 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

The retreat will be led by Fr Augustine Vallooran, VC, Director of the Divine Retreat Centre, Muringoor, Kerala, India.

Highlights include breaking the Word of God, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Praise and worship music led by Teresa and Glen La'Rive.

*Venue:* St. Brigid's Catholic Church, Cnr Whilshire & Bancraft, Dickson, ACT 2602 from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Admission is free, bring your own lunch (\$10 boxed lunch available, RSVP by 30<sup>th</sup> September to [p1.rebello@gmail.com](mailto:p1.rebello@gmail.com)).

All welcome.

*Contact:* Parveen: 0439 642 571; Winnie: 0451 015 527; Prakash: 0406 381 446; Tom: 0434 689 957

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## CES DINNER FORUM – WHY NEIGHBOURS MATTER – 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

The next CES forum is the Annual Dinner Forum at 6:00 for 6:30pm in the Corinna 2 Room at the Southern Cross Club, 92-96 Corinna Street, Woden.

The speaker will be Hugh Mackay, social researcher and bestselling author who will focus on the role of compassion in lowering anxiety and building stronger communities. The conversation will be facilitated by John Warhust, Chair of the CES Committee.

*Cost:* \$65 per person for a 3-course meal with wine, juice & tea/coffee.

*To book:* Transfer to "Christians for an Ethical Society" BSB 805-022 account 03310199 and reference with "your-surname Dinner". Email bookings to [admin@ces.org.au](mailto:admin@ces.org.au)

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## HOME IN QUEANBEYAN MOVIE FUNDRAISER – 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

### Back to Burgundy

"Moving, profound, funny ..."

*When:* Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 6:00pm - 10:30pm

*Where:* The Q Theatre, 253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan

*Tickets:* <http://www.theq.net.au/back-to-burgundy/>

*Contact:* [manager@homeqbn.org](mailto:manager@homeqbn.org) or (02) 6284 2409.

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## SOUL JOURNEY COMPANIONS

A three year program of training for those who sense that God is calling them to the work of spiritual direction, and are looking for a community where this vocation can be explored and nurtured. Applications for enrolment are open now for Soul Companions for the 2019 academic year.

*Website:* [www.spiritualdirectiontrainingact.org.au](http://www.spiritualdirectiontrainingact.org.au)

*Contact:* Liz Anne Smith or Sue Dunbar on [souljourneycompanions@gmail.com](mailto:souljourneycompanions@gmail.com) or 0409 987 401.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### To be first with God

To be first is a desire in many of us;  
 first in class, first in sport,  
 the favourite in the family,  
 the favourite in the class;  
 to be thought highly of, to be acclaimed.

And that was the way with the disciples  
 when they argued about which of them was the greatest.

Maybe they argued about who was Jesus' favourite,  
 or who was the leader of the group,  
 or wanted to be seen as the closest to him  
 by those who looked up to Jesus.

We like honour and praise,  
 we like prestige and to be looked up to,  
 but the eyes of Jesus fell on a child  
 when he wanted to say something  
 about who was the greatest.

When they all wondered  
 how to be popular in the eyes of God,  
 Jesus took a little child,  
 and told us that when you welcome a child,  
 you welcome God.

To be first in the eyes of God  
 is to be first in service,  
 for the Son of Man came  
 not to be served but to serve.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR B

##### First Reading

Nm 11:25-29

The Lord bestows his spirit on seventy elders.

##### Second Reading

Jas 5:1-6

Harsh words for those who exploit others.

##### Gospel

Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

If they are not against us, they are for us.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Peter Breen.

**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

<b>22 Sep</b>	Russell Hill	1	Dianne Carey	2
	Kay Perceval	3	Ken Robbie	4
<b>29 Sep</b>	Peter Gibbs	1	Gaye McManus	2
	Hill Family	3	Paul Trezise	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>22 Sep</b>	Kay Perceval	Steve Scroope	Elizabeth Liew
<b>29 Sep</b>	Frank Grace	Peter Cleary	Kay Perceval

#### VISITS

<b>23 Sep</b>	Kay Perceval	Steve Scroope	Elizabeth Liew
<b>30 Sep</b>	Frank Grace	Peter Cleary	Kay Perceval

#### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>22 Sep</b>	Tallara Howard	Louis Green
<b>29 Sep</b>	Charlotte & Molly McPherson	

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

<b>22 Sep</b>	Patrick O'Connell	<b>29 Sep</b>	Dianne Carey
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#### HOSPITALITY

<b>22 Sep</b>	Kay Perceval	Irene Carr
<b>29 Sep</b>	Trish Gibbs	

#### CARE GROUP

<b>24 Sep</b>	Margaret Wilson			(Group 1)
	Pat Longley	Pauline	Abbey	(Group 2)
<b>1 Oct</b>	Sr Aileen	Sr Macrina		(Group 3)
	Marie Polyak	Irene Carr		(Group 4)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>22 Sep</b>	Jane Hingston	<b>29 Sep</b>	Helen Murphy
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### CALL TO CONNECT

The prayer gathering 'Call to Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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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