



# 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</i>	
	<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
<b>Parish Bulletin</b>	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

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

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R**

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **R**

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
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

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

### 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/Warmincton

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

**Mon:** St Therese of the Child Jesus

**Tue:** Guardian Angels

- Confirmation last Sunday was a wonderful celebration and the people involved are to be congratulated.
- Next Saturday, the 9am Mass will include the anointing of the sick/frail.
- The gathering to discuss issues to be presented to the Plenary Council 2020 will be held in the Hartigan Centre, 7:30pm, 17<sup>th</sup> October, and all are invited to attend, especially those disaffected with the church. We need to listen to each other in an attempt to discover the voice of the Holy Spirit in our times. At this meeting we hope to put together a survey for the broader community.
- I signed a lease agreement with Yass Gymnastics this past week for the use of St. Augustine's hall. This organisation has at least 250 children with 18 instructors and had nowhere to go.

## The Good Type of Pain

I know a young man who gave up smoking pot. It was hard because it was part of his daily routine. He smoked when he was sad. He smoked to celebrate. He smoked to fight boredom. In some ways pot became part of him. So when he gave it up, it felt like cutting off part of his body. But after breaking free, he realised how much more alive he felt and how much stronger his friendships became.

Jesus knows what he's talking about in this week's Gospel.

Sure, his advice sounds pretty extreme. But his point is right on. Sin can become routine. A sinful habit can become so normal, so much a part of us, that we can't imagine life without it and can't see how it hurts us or others.

That goes for any sinful habit: alcohol or drug abuse, selfishness, dishonesty, prejudice ... the list can go on.

The lesson from this week's Gospel is this: We have to break some habits, even though that can hurt, because they keep us from the life God promised us. Our lives can be wasted if we aren't willing to make tough choices and let go of some things we think we need that conflict with the Gospel.

Where do you start? Look at how you live daily. How do you party, date, study, treat family and friends, spend money? When you take a hard look, do you see any habits that conflict with the Gospel? If you're not sure, ask a friend, parent, teacher, pastor, or someone who will be honest with you. If you find a sinful habit, then ask for God's strength to "cut it off." It will be hard at first. But you'll be thankful in the long run.

**What habits that are or could be sinful have you broken or do you need to break?**

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## Intolerance in the blood

In Belfast, Ireland, a Catholic priest, a Protestant minister and a Jewish rabbi were engaged in a heated theological discussion. Suddenly an angel appeared in their midst and said to them, "God sends you His blessings. Make one wish for peace and your wish will be fulfilled by the Almighty." The Protestant minister said, "Let every Catholic disappear from our lovely island. Then peace will reign supreme." The priest said, "Let there not be a single Protestant left on our sacred Irish soil. That will bring peace to this island." "And what about you, Rabbi?" said the angel. "Do you have no wish of your own?" "No," said the rabbi. "Just attend to the wishes of these two gentlemen and I shall be well pleased."

(Anthony de Mello, in *Taking Flight*).

## Parish Finance Committee Members:

Bill	Luchetti	Father	Mick Burke
Stan	Waldren	David	Garland
Mark	Valencic	Paul	O'Mara
Trish	Gibbs	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)

## God's Gifts in Your Life

Each day a king sat in state hearing petitions and dispensing justice. Each day a holy man, dressed in the robe of a poor beggar, approached the king, and silently offered him a piece of very ripe fruit. Each day the king accepted the fruit and handed it to his treasurer who stood behind the throne. Each day the beggar, again without a word, withdrew and vanished from the crowd. Year after year this ritual occurred daily.

Then one day, ten years after the beggar first appeared, something different happened. A tame monkey, having escaped from the women's apartments in the inner palace, came bounding into the hall and leapt up onto the arms of the king's throne. The poor beggar had just presented the king with his usual gift. But this time, instead of passing it on to his treasurer as was his usual custom, the king handed it over to the monkey.

When the animal bit into it, a precious jewel dropped out and fell to the floor. The King, amazed, quickly turned to his treasurer behind him. "What has become of all the others?" he asked. But the treasurer had no answer. Over all the years he had simply thrown the unimpressive gifts through a small upper window. He hadn't even unlocked the door. So he excused himself and ran quickly down the stairs and opened up the courtyard. There, on the floor, lay a mass of rotten fruit in various stages of decay. But amidst this garbage of many years lay a heap of precious jewels.

**Do we neglect God's gifts in everyday life?**

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In the fourth and fifth centuries in North Africa, there were Christians who believed that to be a follower of Jesus, especially one in ministry, one needed to be perfect and pure. In fact, they went as far as to say that those who were not saints had no place in the church. We know these people today by the not entirely accurate title of Donatists. For them, any Christian minister who was sinful could not celebrate the sacraments validly. Against them stood Augustine of Hippo, who realised that the church was not an assembly of saints but a hospital for sinners.

Even further than that, Augustine realised that holiness can be found outside the boundaries of the church, just as a lack of holiness can sometimes be found inside the church. The church itself is a mixture of the good and the bad, the wheat and the weeds, to use the imagery of one of the parables, and it is not our task to separate them out. That will happen at the last judgement. Writing against the Donatists Augustine said: "There may be something catholic outside the church catholic. The name of Christ could exist outside the congregation of Christ, as in the case of the man casting our devils in Christ's name... So as there may be found in the church catholic something which is not catholic, so there may be found something which is catholic outside the church catholic". The bishops at the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s in their Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, *Nostra Aetate*, recognised that there are elements of holiness in other religions.

## **BOOK FAIR – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER (CLASSIC YASS WEEKEND)**

Donations to the Book Fair can be accepted from this week. Please 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. Please don't drop donations at Vinnies – storage space there is very limited.

In the lead up to the fair, help will be required to:

- set up the chapel on the afternoon of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October (lots of lifting boxes and moving furniture around);
- set up the book fair itself during the day on at least Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October (involves putting books into place and making everything look welcoming);
- work at the fair on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November (involves helping people with their purchases and possibly restocking);
- pack up the book fair on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November to probably Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 and leave contact details.

Donations of books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, games, puzzles and the like are all welcome. 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**

This weekend 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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## **YASS RURAL AUSTRALIANS FOR REFUGEES OCTOBER GATHERING – 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Join us on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 4-5pm for a gathering to recap what YRAR has been doing over the past 12 months and find out what's coming up.

We'll also be collecting for the Socks and Jocks Drive, so bring along a donation of new socks or jocks to go to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

*Refreshments provided.*

*Where:* Boree Log Cottage, 29 Demestre Street, Yass

*Enquiries:* 0406 378 889 or email [yass4refugees@gmail.com](mailto:yass4refugees@gmail.com)

## **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.

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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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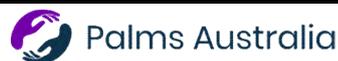
## **HOLY HOUR - LITURGY OF LAMENT AND HEALING – 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER**

Archbishop Christopher invites you to join him at St Peter Chanel Church, Cnr Weston and Loch, for a 'Holy Hour - Liturgy of Lament and Healing'.

*Time:* 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

This Liturgy accompanies the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse.

In prayer, we will gather with heads bowed seeking healing and hope in Christ.



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*When:* Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

*Time:* 4:15 pm

*Where:* St Clare's College, 1 McMillan Cr, Griffith ACT 2603

Find out more at [www.palms.org.au/events](http://www.palms.org.au/events) or contact Palms on (02) 9560 5333.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### What are we thankful for today?

We are thankful for the truth that can come to us from the most unexpected of places.

We are thankful that God can speak to us anywhere and anytime, in any situation and through any person.

We are thankful for the wisdom of the foolish, the maturity of the young, the insight of the outsider, and for the inclusion of the excluded.

It is only by being broken that we become one, and it is only by being spilled that we become whole.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

**First Reading** Gen 2:18-24

The Lord creates woman.

**Second Reading** Heb 2:9-11

Jesus was made low to taste death for all people.

**Gospel** Mk 10:2-16

'Let the children come to me.'

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Brian Firth

**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

29 Sep	Peter Hill	Gibbs Family	1	Gaye Paul	McManus Trezise	2	4
6 Oct	Greg Broers	Minahan Family	1	Peter Allan	Gibbs Hackett	2	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

29 Sep	Frank Joe	Grace Buhagiar	Peter Noel	Cleary Quinn	Kay Coral	Perceval Carroll
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#### VISITS

30 Sep	Frank Joe	Grace Buhagiar	Peter Noel	Cleary Quinn	Kay Coral	Perceval Carroll
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#### ALTAR SERVERS

29 Sep	Charlotte & Molly McPherson
6 Oct	Wendy Morton Ella Broers and Fergus Green

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

29 Sep	Dianne Carey	6 Oct	Dianne Carey
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#### HOSPITALITY

29 Sep	Trish Kath	Gibbs Luchetti	Coral Carroll
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#### CARE GROUP

1 Oct	Sr Marie	Aileen Polyak	Sr Irene	Macrina Carr	(Group 3)	(Group 4)
8 Oct	Helen Kath	Van Wanrooy Turner	Suzanne Shirley	Hawkes Williamson	(Group 5)	(Group 6)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

29 Sep	Helen Murphy	6 Oct	Edith Buhagiar
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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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