



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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

6th & 7th October 2018



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.

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 Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



Our new website, thanks to Paul Trezise, is worth a visit. There have been many positive comments even from people outside our parish. We also have about one hundred parishioners on our email list.

If you need to leave a message at the presbytery, it is better to use the mobile number. Since our landline was connected to NBN, we cannot be sure of receiving messages.

Before our gathering to discuss issues you would like presented at the Plenary Council 2020, might I suggest a little research on the process by visiting the hundreds of websites indicating the approach of others around Australia. Our meeting is Wednesday 17th October, 7:30pm, at the Hartigan Centre.

'[The Rosary's] most characteristic element ... the litany-like succession of Hail Mary's, becomes in itself an unceasing praise of Christ, who is the ultimate object both of the Angel's announcement and of the greeting of the Mother of John the Baptist: 'Blessed is the fruit of your womb' (Lk 1:42). We would go further and say that the succession of Hail Mary's constitutes the warp on which is woven the contemplation of the mysteries. The Jesus that each Hail Mary recalls is the same Jesus whom the succession of the mysteries proposes to us – now as the Son of God, now as the son of the Virgin – at his birth in a stable at Bethlehem, at his presentation by his Mother in the Temple, as a youth full of zeal for his Father's affairs, as the Redeemer in agony in the garden, scourged and crowned with thorns, carrying the Cross and dying on Calvary; risen from the dead and ascended to the glory of the Father to send forth the gift of the Spirit.'

Blessed Paul VI, Marialis Cultus 46

Asking the wrong question

Today's gospel is challenging. It contains two instances of Jesus correcting a popular opinion of the time and offering an alternative way.

The first is one of the few times Jesus is presented as speaking about marriage. The question asked by the Pharisees is whether it is 'against the Law' for a man to divorce his wife. Note that they do not ask whether divorce is right, or just – only whether it is legal. They are testing Jesus of course. They know the answer and so does he: divorce was indeed allowed under the law. Divorce was relatively common in the society of the time, though there were different interpretations of the law.

But Jesus, as always, is less concerned about the law than the rightness of a situation. He directs his questioners instead to God's plan for marriage and the unity between a married couple. When he delivers his strongest words about divorce, it is in the context of adultery; the sin is not the breaking of the legal agreement, but the betrayal of one's spouse. The Pharisees are asking the wrong question.

The second part of the gospel sees Jesus once again teaching people to look at things in a new way. Children at the time of Jesus, not unlike wives, were often viewed as property, without any rights of their own. The disciples fail to show any concern for them when they turn them away. But Jesus welcomes them, blesses them, and treats them with love and concern. He goes so far as to present them as teachers, on account of their faith and openness. Another surprising attitude!

Triona Doherty

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My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.

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)

We need to reach out with Christian sympathy to the divorced and troubled families. There must be compassion, and a challenge to sin no more. Those who are divorced must be taught that God has not abandoned them. The parish community needs to accept them with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. It is the duty of the Christian community to love and support them. We must reach out to those who have been hurt by bad marriages. We may not realize the depth of their pain, but we must be aware of our own frailty. Those who are divorced and remarried must not be excluded from our community. While the Church cannot sanction remarriage unless the previous marriage has been declared annulled by the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, we must make it clear that the Church is not issuing a condemnation. "They should be encouraged to listen to the Word of God, to attend the Sacrifice of the Mass, to persevere in prayer, to contribute to works of charity and to community efforts for justice, to bring up their children in the Christian Faith, to cultivate the spirit and practice of penance and thus implore, day by day, God's grace" (CCC #1651). The *National Catechetical Directory for Catholics of the United States* says: "Divorced persons and their children should be welcomed by the parish community and made to feel truly a part of parish life. Catechesis of the Church's teaching on the consequences of remarriage after divorce is not only necessary but will be supportive for the divorced" (No. 131).

Guinness world record for the longest marriage

A British couple holds the Guinness world record for the longest marriage. Percy and Florence Arrowsmith married on June 1, 1925 and celebrated their 80th anniversary on June 1, 2005. "I think we're very blessed," Florence, 100, told the BBC. "We still love one another, that's the most important part." Asked for the secret of their long marriage, Florence said you must never be afraid to say "sorry." "You must never go to sleep bad friends," she said. Of course, she's right. There are times in every marriage for forgiving and forgetting and saying, "I'm sorry" and going to sleep good friends. That's positive sentiment override. By the way, Florence's husband Percy, 105, said his secret to marital bliss was just two words: "Yes, dear." (Copyright 2005 Reuters Limited) Are you able to overlook one another's faults and forgive one another's mistakes?

Marriage miscellany:

A marriage may be made in Heaven but the maintenance must be done on earth.

Marriage is a three-ring circus: Engagement ring, wedding ring, and suffering.

At the cocktail party, one woman said to another, "Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?" The other replied, "Yes I am; I married the wrong man."

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY – 10th OCTOBER

To celebrate International Day Against the Death Penalty on Oct 10th Amnesty International, Savage Films, Yass Arts and Peter and Kate Walker are pleased to present the film, "Guilty", detailing the last 72 hours of the life of the convicted drug smuggler, Myuran Sukumaran. The film will be shown at Traders, Meehan St Yass, 6:30 pm on Wed 10th October 2018.

This is a free event and all are welcome.

BOOK FAIR – 3rd and 4th NOVEMBER (CLASSIC YASS WEEKEND)

Donations to the Book Fair can be accepted from this week. Please 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. 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 28th October (lots of lifting boxes and moving furniture around);
- set up the book fair itself during the day on at least Monday 29th October to Wednesday 31st October (involves putting books into place and making everything look welcoming);
- work at the fair on Saturday 3rd November and Sunday 4th November (involves helping people with their purchases and possibly restocking);
- pack up the book fair on Monday 5th November to probably Wednesday 7th 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.

YASS RURAL AUSTRALIANS FOR REFUGEES OCTOBER GATHERING – 14th OCTOBER

Join us on Sunday 14th 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

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.

TOWARDS NONVIOLENCE: WHY WORKING WITH MEN IS KEY – 9th OCTOBER

As part of the Blackfriars Lecture Series, Dr Justin Barker and Nina Birkl will be presenting at the Australian Catholic University, Canberra Campus, 223 Antill Street, Watson.

To register or for further information, please email OCD.Canberra@acu.edu.au or phone (02) 6209 1129.

CES DINNER FORUM – WHY NEIGHBOURS MATTER – 10th 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

MARIAN PROCESSION AND YOUTH PILGRIMAGE – 14th OCTOBER

Join the Archdiocesan family in a day of prayer, festivities and fun at our Annual Archdiocesan Marian Procession. This year the Papal Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Yllana will be the main Celebrant as we celebrate 100 years since the foundation of St Clements, Galong.

8:30am Youth Pilgrimage
10:30am Sacrament of Penance
11:30am Mass with His Excellency, Archbishop Yllana, the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia
12:30pm BYO lunch
2:00pm Procession to the grotto

For more details contact (02) 6239 8500 or cgcatholic.org.au/marian/

SEEKING HOPE AND PEACE IN PALESTINE – 15th OCTOBER

Hear from Areej Massoud, a Palestinian Christian from Bethlehem, as she shares on the model day reality of Palestine and her hope for peace. Drawing on her story of faith amidst persecution, the dinner and discussion is open to all young adults from Christian communities.

When: Tuesday 15th October, Dinner 6:30pm Sharing and Discussion 7:30pm

Where: St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Forrest ACT 2603

Website: cgyouthministry.org.au/areejmassoud

Contact: Huw.Warmenhoven@cg.org.au

HOLY HOUR - LITURGY OF LAMENT AND HEALING – 22nd 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.

CANBERRA WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND – 15th to 18th NOVEMBER

Women of the Archdiocese are invited to an invigorating and fun weekend. Meet other women and reflect on your faith and where God is in your life, with Fr Bernie Patterson as the Spiritual Director.

When: 15th - 18th November from 6:00pm Thursday to 4:00pm Sunday

Where: Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter Road, Canberra

Registration: Lorraine Barker lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au or 0437 329 371

COMMUNION REFLECTION

The love of children

Jesus had a way with children,
a welcome for them,
a love for them,
and saw in them
some of the qualities of
openness to God.

The innocence of children and their weakness
touch the strings of love in our hearts.

If we are people of love,
true followers of Jesus,
we will want the best for our children.

We want happiness and love for them,
good health and a meaning in their lives,
we want them to find friends.
We want to spare them the hardships of life,
and when we cannot,
we want to give them a light to guide them
in what will be the pain of life.

We hope also to give them a way through
the inevitable difficulties
of love and of growth which they will find
as they make their way through life.

Can we give them
the way of Jesus?

He had a way with children
because he is the Way to God.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR B

First Reading Wis 7:7-11
Wisdom brings all good things.

Second Reading Heb 4:12-13
Nothing is hidden from God.

Gospel Mk 10:17-30
A man asks Jesus what he has to do to enter the kingdom.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week



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Palms Info Session

When: Tuesday 30th 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
or contact Palms on (02) 9560 5333.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Sean Crahan and Brian Firth.

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

Joan Bartlett (1/10), Coral Davis (1/10), Marie O'Mara (3/10),
Theresa Epple (4/10), Charles Harris (8/10),
Emily Skillin (10/10), Arthur Bush (12/10),
Cheryl Harris (13/10), Jayne Kemp (17/10),
Bryan Perryman (19/10), Reginald Cassidy (22/10),
John Richmond (23/10), Harold Carey (27/10),
Sylvia McCarthy (29/10), Allan Fitzpatrick (23/10),
Terence McGann (24/10), Rita Slattery (26/10),
Cecil MacQuillan (27/10), Grace McGann (30/10),
Edward Cassidy (31/10) and Patricia Fagan (31/10).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

6 Oct	Greg	Minahan	1	Peter	Gibbs	2
	Broers	Family	3	Allan	Hackett	4
13 Oct	Debbie	Valencic	1	Mark	Valencic	2
	Gibbs	Family	3	Russell	Hill	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

6 Oct	Joe	Buhagiar	Noel	Quinn	Coral	Carroll
13 Oct	Peter	Walker	Kath	Luchetti	Trish	Gibbs

VISITS

7 Oct	Joe	Buhagiar	Noel	Quinn	Coral	Carroll
14 Oct	Peter	Walker	Kath	Luchetti	Trish	Gibbs

ALTAR SERVERS

6 Oct	Wendy	Morton	Ella Broers & Fergus Green
13 Oct	Ella & Rachel Widdows & Ella Cassidy		

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

6 Oct	Dianne	Carey	13 Oct	Peter	Gibbs
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HOSPITALITY

6 Oct	Kath	Luchetti	Coral	Carroll
13 Oct	Frank & Kath Grace			

CARE GROUP

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

ALTAR CLEANERS

6 Oct	Edith	Buhagiar	13 Oct	Kath	Moore
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MUSIC PRACTICE TIME

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

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