



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/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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

20th & 21st October 2018



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

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The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

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

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



Parish Finance Committee Members:

Bill	Luchetti	Father	Mick Burke
Stan	Waldren	David	Garland
Mark	Valencic	Paul	O'Mara
Trish	Gibbs	Irene	Carr (<i>Minutes</i>)

The participants at our first gathering to look at issues for the Plenary Council 2020 put forward many areas of concern they would like discussed in the broader community. The task of the Parish Pastoral Council is to put together a survey for others to make comment before a second gathering, early February. I am grateful to those who attended and especially for the facilitation of Paul Trezise. We can now move forward to the next stage to highlight our concerns, as the Catholic Church in Australia attempts to listen to the Spirit for a better future.

St. Augustine's PPC will meet this Wednesday, 7:30pm at the presbytery. Whilst the primary purpose will be the survey as mentioned, there will also be a brief report from each member. If any parishioner has an agenda item you would like discussed, please speak with a member of the PPC.

Congratulations to Jan Harvey who has been appointed Deputy Principal of Mount Carmel after acting in the position for this year.

Here is an opportunity to sign a petition for two Australians who told the truth about the Australian spying on the Timorese government in 2004, and who face two years' jail as a result. The espionage was conducted by the Australian government so that Australia would have the advantage in negotiations over the Timor Sea resources.

The spying had nothing to do with "national security" but everything to do with financial gain from one of the poorest nations on earth.

The petition is asking the Attorney-General that the case be dismissed. It is found at <https://justimor.org/>.

Pay the Ransom

A few years ago, teen hazing rituals were making news.

Reports told how young people humiliated and sometimes physically injured younger teens as a way to initiate them into sports teams or school traditions. One ritual called for football players to hold down, strip, and humiliate younger players. Another encouraged school leaders to throw garbage on younger students. Some "just" called for older teens to surround and intimidate younger students in the corridors and grounds.

Hazing has always saddened and angered me. It frightens or hurts young people. It teaches young people to enjoy humiliating others. It holds up failed leadership as good leadership.

I think failed leadership saddened and angered Jesus too. In this Gospel Jesus sees how James and John are looking for leadership perks that will give them power over others. Was he angry or sad when he told all the Apostles, "It shall not be so among you"? Who knows? But Jesus saw how leaders in his time abused authority and used it to abuse others, especially those who were weak. He was determined to teach his leaders to use authority differently. He used his life as the model to follow.

Jesus' life was a ransom, he says. That means it freed people. And, like Jesus, young people have the ability to free younger teens or to imprison them. Hazing imprisons teens in fear and humiliation. But older teens can free younger teens by befriending them, by defending them, by helping them learn new skills, and by showing them how to sacrifice for others.

Jesus clearly defines Christian leadership and asks you to consider whether you will offer it to teammates, classmates, and younger brothers and sisters. Will your life be a ransom for others?

In what ways could you be a ransom, that is, an offer of

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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

Sir, I am a Corporal! During the American Revolution, a man in civilian clothes rode past a group of soldiers who were busy pulling out a horse carriage stuck in deep mud. Their officer was shouting instructions to them while making no attempt to help. The stranger who witnessed the scene asked the officer why he wasn't helping. With great anger and dignity, the officer replied, "Sir, I am a Corporal!" The stranger dismounted from his horse and proceeded to help the exhausted soldiers himself. When the job was completed, he turned to the corporal and said, "Mr. Corporal, next time you have a job like this, and don't have enough men to do it, inform your commander-in-chief, and I will come and help you again." Too late, the proud Corporal recognized General Washington. Washington understood that those who aspire to greatness or rank first among others must serve the needs of all. America's first president found himself in a situation that invited him to demonstrate servant leadership. Where did Washington learn such leadership skills? I have no doubt he learned them here, in these words of Jesus: "*Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.*" The young corporal had these words modeled for him by the man at the top. Jesus' disciples, likewise, receive from their leader a picture of servanthood.

I discovered that Service is Joy: It may sound unbelievable, but it is true that Asia's first Nobel Prize winner in Literature (1913), Rabindranath Tagore, was behind the three great national anthems of three nations, viz. Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka. He was also the first non-Westerner to win the Nobel Prize in literature. He did so in 1913. He wrote this short poem:

I slept and dreamt that life was Joy;
Then I awoke and realized that life was Service.
And then I went to work - and, lo and behold, I discovered that Service is Joy.

Today's Gospel teaches us that true happiness comes from surrendering ourselves completely in humble service to God through Christ. And all we need is a servant's heart, mind, eyes and touch. So, "How's Your Serve?"

On their way to the church to get married, a young Catholic couple were involved in a fatal car accident.

Being good Catholics the young couple find themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven.

While waiting, they begin to wonder: could they possibly get married in Heaven?

When St. Peter finally showed up, they asked him.

St Peter said "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out" and he leaves them sitting at the Gate.

After three months, St Peter finally returns, looking somewhat bedraggled.

"Yes" he informs the couple " I can get you married in Heaven".

"Great!" said the couple "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"

"You must be bloody joking" says St. Peter, red-faced with frustration, slamming his clipboard on the ground.

"What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple".

"OH, COME ON!" St. Peter shouted "I took you three months



**URGENT WORKING 'B'
SATURDAY
27th OCTOBER**



Could able-body people please help in removing furniture and sundry items from St. Augustine's Hall, to clean up and tidy storage area under hall and to take surplus and redundant goods to the tip or recycle.

People with ute's or trailers would be appreciated.

Time: 8:00am, or if help could be available during the week, that would also be appreciated (to start the clean up).

Contact: Bob Nash 0418 691 423.

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

Donations to the Book Fair are now being accepted. 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. 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. Thanks to everyone who has already donated.

I am getting a little desperate for offers of help. I need people who can:

- drop advertising flyers into businesses around town (you can do this at any time from now);
- set up the chapel on the afternoon of Sunday 28th October (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 (putting books into place and making everything look welcoming);
- work at the fair on Saturday 3rd November and Sunday 4th November (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 (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.

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.

CALL TO CONNECT

The prayer gathering 'Call to Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd 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

PUBLIC FORUM ON HOMELESSNESS – 25th OCTOBER

Christians for an Ethical Society are joining with our Catholic Social Justice Commission to hold a public forum on this year's Social Justice Statement, *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land.*

Dr John Falzon OAM, Fr Frank Brennan AO SJ and Peter Thorley are the keynote speakers with the evening moderated by Fr Michael Cockayne, Celebration Community.

Time: 7:00 for 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Venue: The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton.

Enquiries: Ann Skamp (02) 6254 0487 (CES) or email Social.Justice@cg.org.au (CSJC).

ST THOMAS MORE FORUM – 30th OCTOBER

'The Catholic Church in Australia - where to from here?'

Professor Greg Craven AO, GCSG, Vice Chancellor and President of Australian Catholic University

When: Tuesday 30th October 7:30 to 9:00pm

Where: Holy Faith Hall, 30 White Crescent Campbell

Cost: Online or before the night - \$12 or \$5 Student/Concession; or at the door - \$14 / \$6

RSVP: Noon Friday 26th October 2018 (preferred to assist with catering and seating set up)

Contact: Parish Office on 0416 823 447 or forum@stthomasmore.org.au



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Time: 4:15 pm

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SEMINAR: CONSIDER THE CAUSE OF THE POOR – 10th NOVEMBER

A day seminar on responding to the needs of the poor in the current age presented by the Good Shepherd prayer group with Kate Cleary and Fr Bernie Patterson.

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Venue: Parish Room, St Peter Chancels Catholic Church, Weston St, Yarralumla.

Free event, morning tea provided.

For more info call Kate 0404 112 428; Neda 0415 266 019; or Susanna 0419 902 293.

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

Women of the Archdiocese are invited to an invigorating and fun weekend to be held at Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter Road, Canberra from 6:00pm Thursday to 4:00pm Sunday.

Meet other women and reflect on your faith and where God is in your life, with Fr Bernie Patterson as the Spiritual Director.

Enquiries and registration: Lorraine Barker lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au or 0437 329 371.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Not to be served, but to serve.

What we remember most in anyone's life, is not so much what they achieved, but the love in which they lived.

Jesus himself is remembered more for his death out of love for all his people than for any great achievements.

He wrote no music or symphony, but shared the song of God's love; he painted no great masterpiece, but showed us we are all God's work of art; wrote no great book, but his words of comfort and love resound through all our joys and sorrows.

He has shown us what the Son of Man is capable of when he lives in the shadows and light of God; and he has shown us what every man and woman can be guided towards.

Sitting at the right and the left of Jesus – that's language he doesn't go for.

To live and grow, to suffer and struggle in love of self and others,

is the way to glory in the sight of God, and this is the only glory worth our effort.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR B

First Reading *Jer 31:7-9*

The Lord declares himself a father to Israel.

Second Reading *Heb 5:1-6*

The Lord himself calls those who are to serve.

Gospel *Mk 10:46-52*

Jesus gives sight to Bartimaeus.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Maria Trang Nguyen, Danial Wilson and Brian Firth.

Prayers for

Mitchell Davison.

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

20 Oct	Lourdes O'Keefe	1	Peter Cleary	2
	McManus Family	3	Greg Minahan	4
27 Oct	Steve Scroope	1	Tom Considine	2
	Geraldine Doyle	3	Chris Gold	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

20 Oct	Michael Green	Ken Robbie	Joe Morrissey
27 Oct	Dianne Carey	Michael Van Wanrooy	Elizabeth Liew

VISITS

21 Oct	Michael Green	Ken Robbie	Joe Morrissey
28 Oct	Elizabeth Liew	Michael Van Wanrooy	Dianne Carey

ALTAR SERVERS

20 Oct	Tallara Howard	Grace Miller & Charlie Miller
27 Oct	Charlotte McPherson	Louis Green & Clare Broers

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

20 Oct	Russell Hill	27 Oct	Patrick O'Connell
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HOSPITALITY

20 Oct	The Cleary Family	27 Oct	Bert & Kath Moore
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CARE GROUP

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

ALTAR CLEANERS

20 Oct	Pat Coleborne	27 Oct	Geraldine Dovle
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