



# 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>	

## 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/Warlington

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

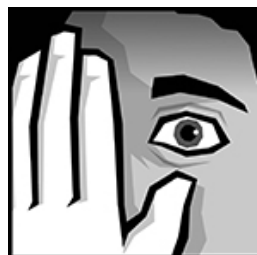
By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

## School Enrolments

Mt Carmel Central School: Kindergarten to Yr 6. Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Thu:** All Saints  
**Fri:** Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

- Thursday and Friday this coming week we celebrate All Saints and All Souls' Day. Mass times will be at 7:30am Thursday and 12 noon Friday. November is a special time to pray for the dead and remind ourselves of our own mortality.
- Designing a survey reflecting the comments of the participants at the gathering for the Plenary Council 2020 is proving to be more difficult than I had anticipated. Members of the PPC have decided there are seven or eight topics needing further responses through the survey and we hope to have appropriate questions within the next two weeks for the broader community. Upper primary at Mt. Carmel have also been involved with their own response and I am surprised at the level of maturity expressed in their own responses. They have shared their concerns and are very positive for the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.
- Rotary will be using the courtyard of the Hartigan Centre for the markets. I am grateful to Russell Hill for his involvement, arriving at the decision which will benefit the Yass Community.
- The Embassy of Japan in Timor Leste are looking at a partnership with Yass/Gunning Belun to build the offices and training centre for the blind, on the land we purchased in Tibar a short distance outside Dili.
- I will be attending a retreat at Galong for four days from the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

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/>.

## Do You Want to See?

Some days I just don't want to see anymore.

The nightly news shows people starving across the world. I see homeless people on my street corner. That lonely person who never seems to fit in comes to me needing some extra time when I'm already busy and tired. Honestly, I don't want to see at times because I get tired of trying to help. I want to focus on just my life, my wants, my friends, my pleasure.

Have you been there?

If so, you're a pretty normal Christian. If so, Bartimaeus, is a good person to think about. He called out to see Jesus, asking for sight. Jesus granted his request. And when Bartimaeus could see, he stood up and followed Jesus.

Bartimaeus reminds us that we have a choice. We can be blind. We can turn away from people and problems that call us to show compassion and sacrifice. Or we can ask Jesus to help us see.

But Christians sometimes focus their vision just on helping others. The good thing is that Jesus helps us see more than that – a lot more. He helps us see how valuable we are to God and how much God loves us regardless of our strengths or weaknesses. God helps us to see the good friends coming into our lives through our service and discipleship. He helps us see that we can't help everyone – that it's critical to say no at times in order to rest, relax, and avoid burning out from helping others.

## 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> )

## 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> )
Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke		Sarah Johnston ( <i>Social Justice</i> )

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So don't feel down when you want to just turn away. Ask Jesus to help you see why you should turn back to him and where you can find the support you need to keep going. He'll show you. He always shows me. And, like Bartimaeus, you'll "see" that the best choice in life is to get up and start following Jesus again.

**What are the hardest things for me about life as a Christian?**

GPBS eNews

## Who is blind?

Who is blind in today's gospel? The obvious answer, of course, is the blind man! Bartimaeus is blind and desperate. He has not been blind all his life, so he knows about the wonderful gift of sight he is now missing. His faith is strong, and his courage is stronger still; no matter how much he is scolded and silenced, he calls to Jesus all the louder. Though he is physically blind, he sees plenty.

Who sees Bartimaeus? Certainly not the followers of Jesus. They do not think of Bartimaeus as someone worthy of meeting Jesus. To the extent that they think about him at all, he is an irritation, a poor beggar to look down on, hardly a person. They are utterly blind to his needs.

I'm struck by the irony of the crowds summoning Bartimaeus with the word 'Courage'. He has already shown tremendous courage. Minutes previously Jesus' followers had been content to pass him by and silence his cries for help, but their master has given an order and they must obey. How they must have squirmed, calling him over.

The blind man sees Jesus, and Jesus sees the blind man. Everyone else is blind to both of them. Everyone else fades into the background of the story, just as Bartimaeus was pushed to the back of the crowds.

Perhaps it is time for an eyesight test. Do we see Jesus for who he really is? Do we pay attention to those around us, or are we blind to their needs? Do we hear the cry of the poor, or are we complicit in silencing them?

Triona Doherty

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Cardinal Newman prays for clear vision in his famous poem, "Lead Kindly Light":

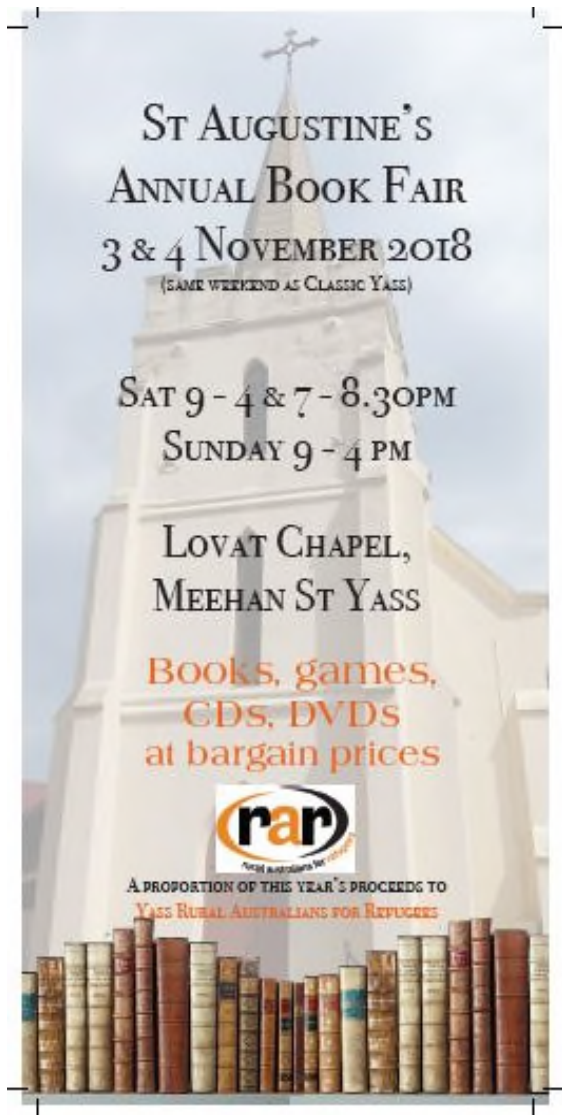
*Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom; lead Thou me on!*

*The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead Thou me on!*

*Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see*

*The distant scene; one step enough for me.*

A motorist with poor eyesight was driving through a dense fog and was trying desperately to stay within range of the taillights of the car ahead of him. As he squinted and worried his way along, trying to stay on course with those taillights, the car in front suddenly stopped, and his car hit the car in the front. The driver of the rear car got out and demanded to know why the other driver came to such an abrupt stop. "I had



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

Thanks to everyone who has already donated books, games and the like to the Book Fair. If you still have donations, please bring them to the chapel on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday this week. If you are unable to do so, please use the contact details below, so that pick-up can be arranged.

I now **really** need people to volunteer to:

- set up the chapel on the afternoon of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October (lifting boxes and moving furniture around) from about 1:00pm;
- 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 (putting books into place and making everything look welcoming);
- pack up the book fair on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November to probably Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, during the day (culling stock to go to Life Line and packing up books to be kept for next year).

If you can't do any of the above, please take a flyer and give it to a friend or email/text me and I can send you a copy of the flyer to put out on your social media accounts. Alternatively, come along yourself and buy some books! I'd also like someone to volunteer to distribute flyers in the park on the Saturday (we got quite a lot of people who visited after being given a flyer last year).

Any help at all will be very welcome. If you can help, please email or text and leave contact details (phone 0427 674 246 or email deb.valencic@gmail.com).

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.

#### Book Fair hours:

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 9:00am – 4:00pm, 7:00 – 8:30pm**  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am – 4:00pm**

### 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

### ST THOMAS MORE FORUM – 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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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### SEMINAR: CONSIDER THE CAUSE OF THE POOR – 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Chanel's 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au) or 0437 329 371.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### Let me see again

In the varied colours of the hills,  
the changing sound of waves,  
the steady flow of rivers  
let me see, Lord God, your beauty,  
your peace, your eternity.

In the care of friendship,  
the love of family,  
the commitment of husband and wife,  
let me see, Lord God, your love,  
your care your faithfulness.

In care for the poor,  
commitment of justice,  
in work for peace,  
let me see, Lord God, your passion,  
your care for the poor, your Incarnation.

In joy and in laughter,  
may I see your joy.

In suffering and in mourning,  
let me see your cross.

In forgiveness and in courage,  
let me see your resurrection.

### Let me see again.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR B

**First Reading** Dt 6:2-6

Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and strength.

**Second Reading** Heb 7:23-28

The priesthood of Christ lasts forever.

**Gospel** Mk 12:28-34

The wise scribe asks Jesus which is the greatest commandment.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

### CHECK OUT OUR NEW PARISH WEBSITE



Our website has recently been updated!

Check it out at:

[www.staug-yass.org.au](http://www.staug-yass.org.au)

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Maria Trang Nguyen and Danial Wilson.

### 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

<b>27 Oct</b>	Steve Scroope	1	Tom Considine	2
	Geraldine Doyle	3	Chris Gold	4
<b>3 Nov</b>	Rod Perceval	1	Joe Morrissey	2
	Morton Family	3	Vince Coffey	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>27 Oct</b>	Dianne Carey	Michael Van Wanrooy	Elizabeth Liew
<b>3 Nov</b>	Kay Perceval	Steve Scroope	Coral Carroll

#### VISITS

<b>28 Oct</b>	Elizabeth Liew	Michael Van Wanrooy	Dianne Carey
<b>4 Nov</b>	Kay Perceval	Steve Scroope	Coral Carroll

#### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>27 Oct</b>	Charlotte McPherson	Louis Green & Clare Broers
<b>3 Nov</b>	Molly McPherson	Fergus Green

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

<b>27 Oct</b>	Patrick O'Connell	<b>3 Nov</b>	Dianne Carey
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#### HOSPITALITY

<b>27 Oct</b>	Bert & Kath Moore	<b>3 Nov</b>	Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy
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#### CARE GROUP

<b>29 Oct</b>	Kath Luchetti	Julie Faulkner	(Group 11)
	Jane Hingston	Sandra Davis	(Group 12)
<b>5 Nov</b>	Margaret Wilson		(Group 1)
	Pat Longley	Pauline Abbey	(Group 2)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>27 Oct</b>	Geraldine Doyle	<b>3 Nov</b>	Kay Perceval
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