



# 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>	

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
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 will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

### 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/Warminston

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 Francis Xavier      **Fri:** St Ambrose Bishop and Doctor

Advent, from the Latin *adventus* meaning coming, is a special season in preparation for Christmas. The Church not only prepares to welcome Him at Christmas, it also rejoices in the possession and the presence of its Lord in its midst. All through the year we are summoned to prepare the way of the Lord, to hear the voice of Him who is even now in their midst to prepare for his second coming by living the mystery of Christ in the present.

Due to the busyness of this time of the year, we can be distracted and lose sight of the simple and profound truth, God is with us. I hope to be reconciled with those people I have hurt and to enter more deeply into the mystery of a God of infinite mercy. There will be ample opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a communal celebration at 6pm, 21<sup>st</sup> December.

The survey for the Plenary Council 2020 is now closed and we look forward to the analysis of those issues you would like presented. At our deanery meeting this week, it was decided to have four representatives from each parish to meet at North Goulburn on the first Saturday of March 2019. This will be the opportunity to progress our concerns to the Archdiocesan level of consultation.

St. Augustine's Finance Committee held a meeting this week and welcomed Trish Gibbs as a new member. We have discussed ways of simplifying our accounts and hope, as usual, to present the annual report in March. Accountability requires complete transparency and if any parishioner has concerns, please speak with a member.

I have been reading Richard Rohr's, "Falling Upwards", which I can recommend to anyone trying to understand themselves in this postmodern era. "Sin happens whenever we refuse to keep growing." (Gregory of Nyssa)

Please pray for Trish Chipangura and Georgia Whitaker, who are discerning entry into our community of faith through baptism at the Easter Vigil.

**Missing the signal!** In its day, the Titanic was the world's largest ship, weighing 46,328 tons, and it was considered unsinkable. Yet, late during the night of April 14-15, 1912, the unthinkable happened to the unsinkable. Near midnight, the great Titanic struck an iceberg, ripping a three-hundred-foot hole through five of its sixteen watertight compartments. It sank in two and a half hours killing 1,513 people. Before the Titanic sank, warning after warning had been sent to tell the crew that they were speeding into an ice field, but the messages were ignored. In fact, when a nearby ship sent an urgent warning, the Titanic was talking to Cape Race about the time the chauffeurs were to meet arriving passengers at the dock in New York, and what dinner menus were to be ready. Preoccupied with the trivia, the Titanic responded to the warning, "Shut up. I am talking to Cape Race. You are jamming my signals!" Why did so many die that night? Perhaps the crew disregarded the danger of the weather; there were not enough lifeboats on board; and the radio operator of nearby *California* was off duty; perhaps those responsible did not heed the warnings; they were preoccupied with other things! -Sometimes we believe that our 'ship' is unsinkable, our life is all well planned, and the unthinkable can never happen to us. We need to read the signs of the times, we need to pay attention to the warning signals. But if we are preoccupied with the trivial things of life we will miss the most important things till it is too late. The First Sunday of Advent gives us the warning to be watchful, waiting and prepared.

## 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> )
<i>Vacant</i> ( <i>Education</i> )	Steve	Scroope ( <i>Social</i> )
Bob Nash ( <i>Maintenance</i> )	Michael	Van Wanrooy ( <i>Welfare</i> )
<i>Ex Officio Member:</i> Fr Mick Burke	Sarah Johnston	( <i>Social Justice</i> )

## **Be prepared ...**

Have you ever heard the story of the ant and the grasshopper? It tells the tale of a grasshopper who has spent the summer singing and so is not prepared when winter comes, whereas the ant has been working hard all summer and has stored up enough food for winter. Like many of Aesop's Fables, it has a stark moral lesson, in this case about the virtue of hard work and being prepared for the future.

The problem, of course, is that we have no idea when this will happen. Unlike the ant and the grasshopper, we have no way of knowing when the seasons will change. We don't even know when the sun will set on our own individual lives. All we can do is to be prepared and to 'stay awake' – to live now in such a way that when we meet Jesus, we will be ready. This readiness is less a practical skill than a condition, or a way of life. Look at how St Paul describes it: he talks about increasing our love for one another, and continually making progress in living the life that God wants. That is how we store up treasures here on earth to make sure we are ready for the heavenly things to come.

*Triona Doherty*

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**Who came up with this?** A woman was in the mall doing her Christmas shopping. She was tired of walking through every aisle of every store to find just the right present. She was stressed out by the mounting debt on her credit card. She was tired of fighting the crowds and standing in lines for the registers. Her hands were full and when the elevator door opened, it was full. "Great!" she muttered and the occupants of the elevator, feeling her pain, graciously tightened ranks to allow a small space for her and her load.

As the doors closed she blurted out, "I think whoever came up with this Christmas junk ought to be found, strung up and shot!" A few others shook their heads or grunted in agreement. Then, from somewhere in the back of the elevator came a single voice that said, "Don't worry. They already crucified him."

**Sign on a Church bulletin board:** "Merry Christmas to our Christian friends. Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends. And to our atheist friends, good luck."

Many young people struggle with fear today. I know young people that are afraid of failing tests and young people that are afraid of losing friends. I know young people that are afraid of gangs and violence. Fear is pretty normal, so don't feel ashamed if you feel it.

When you feel fear "*stand tall and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand*". Where can you get this courage? Luke tells us to pray and be vigilant, which means we must think carefully about a Christian response before important decisions.



Next weekend we welcome into our Church community:

Millicent May	child of	Daniel & Christine
Knox	child of	Terance & Lauren

We are looking for a parishioner to care for the gardens in front of the Hartigan Centre. Roma has decided to call it a day due to health issues. We thank Roma for her wonderful work over the past two years. Please contact Bob Nash on 0418 691 423 as soon as possible.

**YASS/GUNNING BELUN COMMITTEE** will meet this Tuesday, 7pm at the presbytery.

Just a reminder, Mass at Thomas Eccles will be held this Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at 11am.

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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL - URGENT CALL FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS**

Vinnies Centres need volunteers able to work about 5, 4 hour shifts between the 22<sup>nd</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> of February. Most Centres are open Monday – Saturday, public holidays excepted. If you know someone who would be interested or if you are interested, please contact (02) 6234 7348 or by emailing volunteer@svdp-cg.org.au.

**UNBREAKABLE THREADS: THE TRUE STORY OF AN AUSTRALIAN MOTHER, A REFUGEE BOY AND WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO BE A FAMILY (by Emma Adams)**

Psychiatrist Emma Adams, who specializes in the well-being of mothers and children, travelled to Darwin as an observer of conditions for mothers and babies in immigration centres. Emma will speak about this journey and what followed in the hope that this story will be a beacon of hope and humanity.  
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'Unbreakable Threads' will be available for purchase.

Where: Trader & Co, 92 Meehan St, Yass  
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**CALL TO CONNECT**

The prayer gathering 'Call to Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm in the Lovat Chapel.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**RECONCILIATION 2019**

Registration

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 5:00-6:00pm at the presbytery

Commitment Mass

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 6:00pm St. Augustine's and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am Uniting Church Hall Murrumbateman

Church Liturgy

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7:00pm St Augustine's

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm St Augustine's

**FIRST EUCHARIST 2019**

Registration

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 5:00-6:00pm at the presbytery

Commitment Mass

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 6:00pm St. Augustine's and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am Uniting Church Hall Murrumbateman

Church Liturgy/ Family gathering

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 7:00pm St Augustine's

Preparation Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 9:00am-3:10pm Hartigan Centre and St Augustine's

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10:00am St Augustine's

As a part of the **YASS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS** this year, we are asking for volunteers to help deliver flyers to a selected number of streets in Yass.

The Christmas Carols are an amazing community outreach event, hosted by the combined churches of Yass. It is a great way to share the true message of Christmas with our town and provides an opportunity to show the unity of the Body of Christ. Delivering flyers to the whole of Yass is the best way to advertise this event to each household and by dividing up the town into small sections and asking each church to participate we are hoping that many hands will make light work.

If you are available to help distribute flyers please let the Parish office know.



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**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.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail.  
Amen.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

**First Reading** *Bar 5:1-9*

Take off your robe of mourning, put on the splendour of glory.

**Second Reading** *Phil 1:3-6, 8-11*

He who has begun the good work in you will bring it to completion.

**Gospel** *Lk 3:1-6*

John the Baptist proclaims a baptism of repentance.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Ellen Agnew and Patrick Corcoran.

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

*Betty Barber (1/12), Jessica Walker (1/12),  
Eric Bernard (1/12), Eric Bell (1/12),  
Beulah (Bubbles) Garry (3/12), Rae O'Brien (8/12),  
Mary Wicks (8/12), William Freebody (5/12),  
Mary Warren (9/12), Patricia (Jeannie) Merritt (9/12),  
Judith Woods (13/12), John Gray (21/12),  
Jessamine Williams (21/12), Nataline Parkin (29/12),  
Michael Cooke (26/12), Gary Teale (30/12)  
and William Jefcoate (31/12).*

**Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered**

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

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

1 Dec	Susan Hill	Morrissey Family	1	3	Joe Peter	Morrissey Cleary	2	4
8 Dec	Gaye Broers	McManus Family	1	3	Bob Paul	Nash Trezise	2	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

1 Dec	Michael Green	Kath Luchetti	Elizabeth Liew
8 Dec	Dianne Carey	Ken Robbie	Coral Carroll

#### VISITS

2 Dec	Michael Green	Kath Luchetti	Elizabeth Liew
9 Dec	Dianne Carey	Ken Robbie	Coral Carroll

#### ALTAR SERVERS

1 Dec	Charlotte McPherson	Clare Broers
8 Dec	Grace & Charlie Miller	

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

1 Dec	Patrick O'Connell	8 Dec	Dianne Carey
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#### HOSPITALITY

1 Dec	Frank & Kath Grace
8 Dec	The Cleary Family

#### CARE GROUP

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

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

1 Dec	Edith Buhagair	8 Dec	Kath Moore
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