



# 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
	Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm	

## SUNDAY MASSES:

Yass:	St Augustine	
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm
Gunning:	St Francis Xavier	
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
Murrumbateman: Uniting Church Hall		
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
Wee Jasper: Our Lady of the Rosary		
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

Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
Horton/Warmington		
4 <sup>th</sup> Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am

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 <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.

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. **R**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.  
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

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- Wed:** Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Thu:** St. Cecilia, Martyr  
**Sat:** St. Andrew Dung Lac and Companions, Martyrs

The four days on retreat at Galong gave me great hope for the future of our Archdiocese. Due to the influx of priests from other countries, we have a very young and vibrant clergy with a missionary spirit. Yass/Gunning will be my last appointment and I intend taking one year at a time, until you tell me you would like a change. When I retire, Yass will be my base until I'm laid to rest in the lawn cemetery.

Just a reminder to all parishioners to complete the survey to help us address the issues you see as important for the Plenary Council 2020.

In two weeks we enter the season of Advent as we begin preparation for Christmas. The Mass times will be the same as last year, with the exception of Wee Jasper, and I hope there will be a visiting priest for Murrumbateman. Before we start buying gifts, might I suggest we think about the poorest people in our world and contribute to our work in Timor Leste or through Caritas [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au).

## When the World Is Falling Apart

We've all had those days. The sun is shining, but everything seems so dark. It's a peaceful night, but pain fills our heart. It seems like the world is ending.

Breaking up with a girlfriend or boyfriend, fighting with a parent, feeling rejected by a friend, failing a test – any or all of these things can bring our world crashing down. Things can get even worse for practicing Christians, who face even more difficulties at times because of the tough stands we must take to do the right thing.

This week's Gospel was written to give you courage during the tough times. The early Christians faced rejection and persecution. Mark's Gospel reminded them that Jesus is with his followers during the toughest of times. Even though everything may seem to be falling apart, Jesus' words "*will not pass away*."

That means that despite the troubles we face, you can rest assured God loves you, God is reaching out to comfort you, and God will strengthen you. Yes, God is with you when you are alone. But often God wants you to reach out to others. As humans, we often need other humans to really feel God's embrace. Friends, counsellors, family, or members of your Church often bring Christ's help during tough times. So, don't isolate yourself when you hurt, or you might be keeping God's help at a distance.

Don't give up and turn away, because in the midst of your toughest times, you can see God's "power and glory."

**When have you found God helping you out when part of your world seemed to be falling apart?**

GPBS eNews

## My words will not pass away

This chapter from Mark is part of a farewell speech from Jesus to his followers in the last days of his earthly life. It sounds almost apocalyptic because we are nearing the end of the Church's liturgical year and so the texts we read take this tone. Jesus is revealing to his disciples something about the new order which is coming. He talks about the 'end times' and this can appear frightening at first. However, if we enter into a meditation on this Gospel we might bring to mind something of those moments in our own lives when we felt like our world was ending. Perhaps it was the end of a relationship, the death of a loved one, the end of one stage of your life. Things which seemed so familiar and helped keep us secure suddenly changed. These can be extremely difficult periods of one's life. It is during those times

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

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that someone comes to us offering prophecy of better times to come, of words that 'will not pass away'. Jesus is preparing the disciples for what is about to happen to him and with assurance that God's kingdom is far greater than any evil that is about to occur. The passage is often interpreted as referring to the seconding coming of Christ or his resurrection. Whenever we experience trauma we keep going with the assurance that resurrection is all around us and a new way of being is on the horizon.

Jane Mellett

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The Christian tradition speaks of a moment of judgment in which we become who we are once and for all. In death we are thrust out into God. Some find themselves at home with God. That is where they belong – in heaven. Others are not yet ready for God and they experience the purification that we call purgatory. Others still find that they do not belong with God at all but that have nowhere else to go and so they are stuck – as stuck in death as they were in life. Yes, that much at least no one will want to dispute: You don't have to wait for death to experience hell. Hell is the reality of a great many people's lives here and now: cut off from God, cut off from their true selves, cut off from those around them in the isolation of compulsion and fantasy.

Fr James O'Kane,

*Shortish Homilies for 2017/18 (Year B)*

**Scientists on the end of the world:** Scientists have fueled public anxiety by citing a series of possible ways in which the world could come to an end, e.g. (a) Sucked into a black hole. A large dead star which has collapsed and has become so incredibly dense that even light cannot escape it, a "black hole" is thought to be a fatal attraction for any nearby matter; (b) Climate change. Another ice age or glacial period is expected in 2,000–10,000 years; if and when it occurs, over eight billion people will try to survive on 30% less land mass; (c) The Greenhouse Effect. A predicted temperature increase of 6° F is expected by the year 2030; if this occurs, polar regions will thaw, ocean levels will rise and vast areas of earth will be flooded; (d) Collision. Earth may be hit by a meteorite, asteroid or comet; (e) Cosmic Rays. Earth's magnetic field is waning at present, making it susceptible to the rays of an exploding supernova and/or solar flares; (f) Nuclear War and its Aftermath. A familiar and frightening scenario: a possible nuclear war could wipe out up to 90% of the U.S. population and 50% of that of Russia; (g) The Death of the Sun. Considered as the ultimate disaster, the eventual cooling of the sun will occur only after an intense period of heating up which will boil away earth's oceans and bake its crust unto lifelessness. [Patricia Datchuck Sánchez, *Celebration*.] But Today's readings give us the assurance that our God will be with us all the days of our lives and that we will have the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst guiding, protecting and strengthening us in spite of our necessary human uncertainty concerning the end time when "Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." So, the Church advises us to entrust the unknown and unknowable future to God's caring and capable hands



## Weddings

This weekend at St. Augustine's:

Peter Hoban and Julie-Anne McIntosh

### END OF YEAR PARISH GATHERING – 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

Hosted by SAYG.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December, following Mass on Mt Carmel oval.  
Friends & family welcome, bring a plate to share and a joyful spirit!  
Sports, games and music, BBQ (gold coin donation).

### 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](mailto: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.

Admission free.

'Unbreakable Threads' will be available for purchase.

Where: Trader & Co, 92 Meehan St, Yass

When: Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Light refreshments provided

### MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED BY SUICIDE – 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER

St Joseph's Church O'Connor at 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

Loss from suicide gives rise to a unique type of grief and spiritual anxiety.

To include your loved one's name in the liturgy and /or a photograph before the Altar, please contact Catherine Paice at [Catherine.m.paice@gmail.com](mailto:Catherine.m.paice@gmail.com) or 0415 154 784.

### MILITARY CHAPLAINS FUNDRAISING DINNER – 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Invitation to all parishioners to attend the dinner at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin. The dinner is hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross and people are asked to arrive at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Guest speaker is Monsignor John Woods, PP of the North Woden parish.

Cost: \$50.00 per person for a 2-course hot meal and dessert.

Donations will be sought at the dinner for the training of Catholic Military Chaplains and there will be lucky door prizes. A maximum of 75 tickets.

Contact: Bob Perkins (02) 6247 2977 to reserve tickets. The dinner is BYO but juice and soft drinks will be provided.

Book by e-mailing [neo@ksca.org.au](mailto:neo@ksca.org.au).

### CALVARY HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS STALL – 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Inc is holding its annual Christmas stall from 8:00am – 4:00pm in the Lewisham Building foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.

A huge range of gifts and homemade goodies will be available for purchase. All proceeds will be used to provide medical equipment and items for patient comfort.

Enquiries: Mary Cruikshank (02) 6254 4084.

### PUBLIC WORKSHOP – 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Concerned Catholics is hosting a public Workshop at the Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton ACT from 7:30pm.

This will be an opportunity for Catholics to contribute to the 2020 Plenary Council with a focus on sharpening specific priorities that will form the basis of a community submission for the Plenary Council to tackle. Six topics will be addressed by the workshop and these be available on the Concerned Catholics website well in advance.

Contact: Mark Metherell 0417 603 697.

Overnight billeting available for rural participants [rod@rodpage.com](mailto:rod@rodpage.com).

### FR HILTON ROBERTS 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

Friends of Fr Hilton Roberts are invited to join him as he marks the 60th Anniversary of his ordination with Mass at 12:00 noon at St Matthew's Church, 12 Chewings St, Page.

After Mass, Fr Hilton will continue the celebration with lunch in St Matthew's School Hall.

For catering, please notify South Belconnen Parish Office ([BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au](mailto:BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au)) by 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### CONSULTATION DAY FOR WOMEN – 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

Stage Two Consultation Day for Women at St Francis Xavier College, Florey, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

All Catholic women welcome.

An opportunity to complete a discernment process regarding the future of the Catholic Church in Australia and the possible reestablishment of an Archdiocesan Women's Group.

Contact Jacinta (02) 6201 9861 or register at [www.catholicwomen.org.au](http://www.catholicwomen.org.au).

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# CHRISTMAS Celebration

YASS COMMUNITY CAROLS

**SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2018**

VICTORIA PARK YASS

ACTIVITIES START 5PM

FACE PAINTING | JUMPING CASTLE  
KIDS GAMES | SANTA | NATIVITY DRESS UP  
BBQ | CHEESE PLATTERS | COFFEE | AND MORE!

CAROLS START 6PM

For more information and the latest updates visit [facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols](http://facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols).

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## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### **My words will not pass away.**

Some things last in life:  
like love and compassion,  
memory of kindnesses, big and small,  
influence of parents on children,  
moments of love, friendship and compassion,  
remembered and relived even when people have  
passed on.

And the word of God lasts,  
even though the heavens and earth,  
the weather and the winds, the crops and the plants,  
change each day and season.

The pictures Jesus uses are frightening:  
stars falling and the moon darkening,  
the sun going cold and dark.

We fear the upheaval of the earth,  
like turbulence on a plane flight,  
like thunder and lightning,  
like an earthquake moving our furniture.

We presume the earth will last forever,  
and Jesus is saying that  
his word is more lasting than the universe.

And we fear the signs he mentions:  
but these are not to be frightening signs,  
just signs that God is near.

Everything we see and experience,  
turbulent and calm, joyful and sad,  
can be to the eye of faith,  
a sign of the nearness of God.

### **READINGS NEXT WEEK:**

#### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE — YEAR B**

**First Reading** Dn:7:13-14

Vision of the son receiving kingship, dominion and glory.

**Second Reading** Ry 1:5-8

The Lord is the Alpha and the Omega.

**Gospel** Jn 18:33-37

Pilate questions Jesus about his identity.

**Please reflect on these readings over the coming week**



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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### **Recently Deceased**

John Beeten and Sr Mary Patricia Crowe RSM.

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

Vernon Norris (1/11), Christopher Butt (1/11),  
Colin Cregan (2/11), Colin O'Mara (2/11), Rita Davis (3/11),  
Barry Cassidy (3/11), David Longley (3/11),  
Al Lustenberger (5/11), Fr Phil Buckley (5/11),  
Fr Bill Crahan (6/11), Melissa Merritt (7/11),  
Eunice Turner (9/11), Thora Hoey (12/11),  
John Brennan (13/11), Lachlan Betts (13/11),  
Una Corkhill (13/11), Ronald Waters (15/11),  
Bernard Finn (18/11), Anne Benson (22/11),  
Gregory Barton (24/11), Bruce Merritt (24/11),  
Mary Richmond (25/11), Keith Blundell (26/11),  
Bruce Wales (28/11), John Best (28/11)  
and Garry Cooke (29/11).

### **Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered**

## **ROSTERS**

### **LITURGY**

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

17 Nov	Kate	Walker	1	Steve	Scroope	2
	Coral	Carroll	3	Peter	Walker	4
24 Nov	Peter	Cleary	1	Greg	Minahan	2
	Kay	Perceval	3	Frank	Grace	4

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

17 Nov	Frank	Grace	Peter	Cleary	Trish	Gibbs
24 Nov	Peter	Walker	Noel	Quinn	Joe	Morrissey

### **VISITS**

18 Nov	Joe	Buhagiar	Peter	Cleary	Trish	Gibbs
25 Nov	Peter	Walker	Noel	Quinn	Joe	Morrissey

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

17 Nov	Wendy	Morton	Ella	Cassidy
24 Nov	Tallara	Howard	Louis	Green

### **POWER POINT PRESENTERS**

17 Nov	Russell	Hill	24 Nov	Peter	Gibbs
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### **HOSPITALITY**

17 Nov	Trish	Gibbs	24 Nov	Coral	Carroll
24 Nov	Kath	Luchetti			

### **CARE GROUP**

19 Nov	Helen	Van Wanrooy	Suzanne	Hawkes	(Group 5)
	Kath	Turner	Shirley	Williamson	(Group 6)
26 Nov	Helen	Murphy	Maureen	Collins	(Group 7)
	Lourdes	O'Keefe	Edith	Buhagair	(Group 8)

### **ALTAR CLEANERS**

17 Nov	Jane	Hingston	24 Nov	Helen	Murphy
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### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

12 Nov	M. O'Brien	J. Barber	R. Perceval	K. Perceval
13 Nov	J. Hingston	K. Perceval	J. Morrissey	S. Morrissey
14 Nov	D. Garland	M. Garland	C. Carroll	L. Carroll
15 Nov	H. Van Wanrooy	J. Turner	V. Brooker	K. Grace
16 Nov	C. Cleary	A. O'Connell	S. Williamson	K. Crowther

## 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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