



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>	

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – YEAR B

24th & 25th November 2018



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **R**

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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 sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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/Warmincton

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



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Fri: St Andrew

Just one week to have your say in the survey on topics for the Plenary Council 2020. The response so far has been excellent and I am grateful to those who have taken the time to complete the survey. Using the results, we will have another meeting early February before we decide who will take our findings to a deanery gathering during Lent.

We have a vacancy on the Parish Pastoral Council to oversee education in the parish. Joe Morrissey has decided to resign after five years and his replacement will need to cover areas of education beyond Mount Carmel School. I thank Joe for his contribution, especially at the dreadful time of the closure of our secondary school.

This week the Parish Finance Committee will meet, Thursday 5:30pm at the presbytery, and if you have issues you would like as agenda items, please speak with a member. There is also a deanery meeting in Goulburn this Thursday.

In the past four days, we have received donations of \$30,000, \$1,500, \$300 and \$100 for our work in Timor Leste. Besides these generous gifts, I also acknowledge those who contribute on a regular basis. Yass/Gunning committee will meet on the 14th December to discuss priorities for 2019.

Mass at Linton (Thomas Eccles Gardens) in December will be held on Tuesday 4th December, at 11:00am not 11th December.



Domingas with a new nurse at our clinic, John Abi



The clinic in need of repairs due to termites.

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

Patriotic Catholic or Catholic Patriot?

Dorothy Day was a twentieth-century Catholic hero. During the Great Depression in the United States, she founded the Catholic Worker movement to help poor people and those living on the margins, and to challenge the nation to adopt laws that reflected Catholic values. She opposed war as a solution to world problems. She also fought for laws that protected workers. She went to jail several times for non-violently protesting policies that she thought violated the Gospel.

Dorothy loved her nation. But Jesus was her king. Like him, she "*testified to the truth*" even when it put her in conflict with her country and a majority of its citizens. We're called to be like her.

Jesus tells Pilate in this week's Gospel that he has no earthly kingdom. Jesus wasn't a politician, but he hoped to reshape society – government and religion – to reflect God's Kingdom. That's the work we carry on as his followers. For disciples the cross always rises above the flag. We're called to be Catholic patriots, people whose faith shapes our patriotism; not patriotic Catholics, people who place national policies above Gospel values. Patriotism for Christians means using our political system to shape a more compassionate, peaceful nation – being a seed of Jesus' Kingdom. That might cause conflict with other people at times. And it might cause us – like Dorothy Day – to protest when the politicians seem to be deaf. Our nation separates church and state. That means the state can't tell you what religion to follow. It doesn't mean that Christian values should be separated from our political life. Christ calls us as disciples to trace each of our political opinions back to the Gospel. How does the Gospel challenge our national policies on poverty? on health care? on war and peace? on criminal justice? on environmental issues? on abortion?

Here's a question to ask when we make decisions about whether to support a politician's proposal: *If Jesus was our king, would he enact this?*

GPBS eNews

An old man, a boy and a donkey were going to town. The boy rode on the donkey, and the old man walked.

As they went along they passed some people who remarked, "*What a shame, the old man is walking, the boy is riding.*"

he man and boy thought maybe the critics were right, so they changed positions.

Later they passed some people who remarked, "*What a shame, he makes that little boy walk.*"

So they decided they'd both walk.

Soon they passed some more people who remarked, "*They're really stupid to walk when they have a decent donkey to ride.*"

So they both decided to ride the donkey.

They passed some people who shamed them by saying, "*How awful to put such a load on a poor donkey.*"

The boy and the man figured they were probably right, so they decide to carry the donkey. As they crossed the bridge, they lost their grip on the donkey; the donkey fell into the river and drowned



Next weekend we welcome into our Church community:

Millicent May	child of	Daniel & Christine
Knox	child of	Terance & Lauren
Leti Mae	child of	Coll & Jarna (<i>Gunning</i>)

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.

FOR SALE - SIDEBOARD AND HUTCH.

Very clean and no marks. \$250 or nearest offer.
Contact: Bob Nash 0418 691 423

END OF YEAR PARISH GATHERING – 1st DECEMBER

Hosted by SAYG.

Saturday 1st December, on Mt Carmel oval following the Vigil Mass.

Friends & family welcome, bring a plate to share and a joyful spirit!

Sports, games and music, BBQ (gold coin donation).

BAND OF BROTHERS – WRAP UP 2018 FAMILY BREAKFAST – 1st DECEMBER

Where: Yass Vine Church, 11472 Wee Jasper Road

Time: 8:00am

We will be collecting for local kids. Please help bless them by bringing along a new toy or a monetary donation to fund gifts for all children who attend our upcoming Christmas dinner.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - URGENT CALL FOR SUMMER HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS

Vinnies Centres need volunteers able to work about 5, 4 hour shifts between the 22nd December and 1st 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.

Admission free.

'Unbreakable Threads' will be available for purchase.

Where: Trader & Co, 92 Meehan St, Yass

When: Friday, 7th December 2018

Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Light refreshments provided

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.



Another village supplied with water, this time Maunaben

PUBLIC WORKSHOP – 29th 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.

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Bookings: (02) 9633 4228

chisholmcottage@opensupport.org.au

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Jesus as shepherd is indeed the true way in which he comes to us as king. He is one who cares for us rather than rules us, he lifts us up and carries us rather than being carried about, he seeks us when we are lost rather than commands us to obey, he lays down his life to protect us rather than order us fight for him. We have a king who did not wave to adoring crowds but stretched out his arms on a cross. We have a king who did not seek our adulation and who did not dress in fine clothes but who was stripped naked, spat upon, beaten, and abused.

Jesus is a king because of love, because of forgiveness, because of mercy, because of peace, because of outreach. He is king because of his suffering and death, because of his faithfulness, because of his total commitment to the Father, because of the fullness of the Spirit within him. As we share in his body and blood we pledge our allegiance to this type of kingship in thankfulness for the unfailing love and forgiveness upon us by our God.

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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

First Reading Jer 33:14-16

The day is coming when the Lord will fulfil his promises.

Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Conduct yourself in a way pleasing to God.

Gospel Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

Be ready for the second coming.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

24 Nov	Peter	Cleary	1	Greg	Minahan	2
	Kay	Perceval	3	Frank	Grace	4
1 Dec	Susan	Morrissey	1	Joe	Morrissey	2
	Hill	Family	3	Peter	Cleary	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

24 Nov	Peter	Walker	Noel	Quinn	Joe	Morrissey
1 Dec	Michael	Green	Kath	Luchetti	Elizabeth	Liew

VISITS

25 Nov	Peter	Walker	Noel	Quinn	Joe	Morrissey
2 Dec	Michael	Green	Kath	Luchetti	Elizabeth	Liew

ALTAR SERVERS

24 Nov	Tallara	Howard	Louis	Green
1 Dec	Charlotte	McPherson	Clare	Broers

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

24 Nov	Peter	Gibbs	1 Dec	Patrick	O'Connell
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HOSPITALITY

24 Nov	Kath	Luchetti	Coral	Carroll
1 Dec	Frank	& Kath	Grace	

CARE GROUP

26 Nov	Helen	Murphy	Maureen	Collins	(Group 7)
	Lourdes	O'Keefe	Edith	Buhagair	(Group 8)
3 Dec	Jeanette	Patmore	Maureen	Grieves	(Group 9)
	Kay	Perceval	Coral	Carroll	(Group 10)

ALTAR CLEANERS

24 Nov	Helen	Murphy	1 Dec	Edith	Buhagair
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Timor Leste – April and September

Somoa – June

Myanmar – November

www.palms.org.au/encounters

CALL TO CONNECT

The prayer gathering 'Call to Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th December 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.

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