



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	VACANT	
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	

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – YEAR C

29th & 30th December 2018



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **R**

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **R**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

The Face of God

The wise men knew a great King had been born
His star to guide them shone so bright and clear
They followed it from nightfall 'til each morn
When Herod heard their quest, he grew in fear
While simple shepherds watched their flock that night
An angel came to tell them of the star
In fear at first, they saw the Heav'nly light
As angel choirs sang Glories from afar
A manger housed the Christ Child whom they sought
In awe, they knelt, adoring Him, and saw
The Alpha and Omega holding court:
The King of Kings asleep on bed of straw
As Mary kissed, His head began to nod,
Again she kissed Him, kissed the Face of God

John Meston

SUNDAY MASSES:

Yass:	St Augustine	
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm
Gunning:	St Francis Xavier	
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/Warlington

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

Wed: Saints Basil & Gregory

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Sr. Marie Duffy, Neville Bonnette, Judith Whittaker,
Ellen Agnew, Patrick Corcoran, Robert Thurling
and Jacqueline Longley

Prayers for

Gerald Longley, Bruce Longley, Robert Corkhill,
Sam Turner, McKenna Family, Gordon Bush, Sam Yates,
Toby & John Abbey, Dermot O'Hurley, Phillip Buckley,
Len Dawes, Michael Cooke and Maria Quy Nguyen.

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

Tuesday, 1st January, is the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine's at 9am.

When we open our hearts in love to the poor, transformation is twofold. Lives are changed as living conditions improve and the givers receive many blessings. I am in awe of the generosity of our people with further donations of \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$500 and \$400 towards our work in Timor Leste. "In as far as you did it to one of these, you did it to me."

When Jesus was small

In primary school we used to sing a song about Jesus' childhood. I don't recall the exact words, but the chorus went something like this:

Jesus was a happy child
When he was small like me
He used to laugh and run around
And sometimes climb a tree
Running here, running there
Having fun like you and me.

There was a verse about his mother bringing him to school on his first day. The aim was clearly to remind us that Jesus was a real child who did all the things that other children do. In theological terms, it impressed on our young minds the humanity of Jesus, even as we heard the stories of the healings and miracles that expressed his divinity.

This hymn came to mind as I reflected on today's Gospel. The story of the finding in the Temple is the only one we have from Jesus' childhood, so it takes on greater significance. It is both an ordinary and extraordinary family story, highlighting a typical family incident while also setting the scene for Jesus' future mission. What parent hasn't felt the panic of discovering their child is missing, and then been overcome with relief when they were found? But the story ends with the realisation that Jesus is far from ordinary. His parents don't understand his cryptic reference to 'my Father's affairs', but Mary stores up 'all these things' in her heart, accepting the mysterious workings of God.

We are left, with Mary and Joseph, to ponder who this child really is.

Triona Doherty

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ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

29 Dec	Debbie	Valencic	1	Mark	Valencic	2
	Geraldine	Doyle	3	Russell	Hill	4
5 Jan	Steve	Scroope	1	Peter	Gibbs	2
	Gibbs	Family	3	Chris	Gold	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

29 Dec	Peter	Walker	Susan	Morrissey	Elizabeth	Liew
5 Jan	Michael	Green	Peter	Cleary	Coral	Carroll

VISITS

30 Dec	Peter	Walker	Susan	Morrissey	Elizabeth	Liew
6 Jan	Michael	Green	Peter	Cleary	Coral	Carroll

ALTAR SERVERS

29 Dec	Ella	Broers	Clare	Broers
5 Jan	Ella & Rachel Widdows			

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

29 Dec	Peter	Gibbs
5 Jan	Patrick	O'Connell

HOSPITALITY

29 Dec	Kay	Perceval	Irene	Carr
5 Jan	Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy			

CARE GROUP

14 Jan	Margaret	Wilson			(Group 1)
	Pat	Longley	Pauline	Abbey	(Group 2)

ALTAR CLEANERS

12 Jan	Pat	Coleburn
19 Jan	Geraldine	Doyle

MEALS ON WHEELS

31 Dec	M. O'Brien	J. Barber	R. Perceval	K. Perceval
1 Jan	J. Hingston	K. Perceval	J. Morrissey	S. Morrissey
2 Jan	D. Garland	M. Garland	L. Carroll	C. Carroll
3 Jan	H. Van Wanrooy	J. Turner	V. Brooker	K. Grace
4 Jan	C. Cleary	A. O'Connell	S. Williamson	K. Crowther

CHRISTMAS DUES: \$1,760

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL: \$1,523

Grandparents are a treasure: Pope Francis said that as a child, he heard a story of a family with a mother, father, many children and a grandfather. The grandfather, suffering from Parkinson's illness, would drop food on the dining table, and smear it all over his face when he ate. His son considered it disgusting. Hence, one day he bought a small table and set it off to the side of the dining hall so the grandfather could eat, make a mess and not disturb the rest of the family. One day, the Pope said, the grandfather's son came home and found one of his sons playing with a piece of wood. "What are you making?" he asked his son. "A table," the son replies. "Why?" the father asks. "It's for you, Dad, when you get old like grandpa, I am going to give you this table." Ever since that day, the grandpa was given a prominent seat at the dining table and all the help he needed in eating by his son and daughter-in-law. "This story has done me such good throughout my life," said the Pope, who celebrated his birthday on December 17. "Grandparents are a treasure," he said. "Often old age isn't pretty, right? There is sickness and all that, but the wisdom our grandparents have is something we must welcome as an inheritance." A society or community that does not value, respect and care for its elderly members "doesn't have a future because it has no memory, it's lost its memory," Pope Francis added. (<http://www.catholicerald.co.uk/news/2013/11/19/grandparent-s-are-a-treasure-says-pope-francis/>)