



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
	<i>Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

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/Warmington

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR C

5th & 6th January 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;

and have come to adore 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

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



I am constantly amazed at the calibre of the youth from our communities and the influence they have on their peers. It came to my attention this week that one of their number, Patrick O'Connell, after being sought out by the editor of the Catholic Weekly had a article published. With Patrick's approval, I have printed copies of the article for parishioners to read. In a respectful way, he speaks on a topic mentioned by a few people in our recent survey, namely religious education. I recommend reading his article in view of our forthcoming gathering for important issues to be raised at the Plenary Council 2020.

'We observed his star at his rising'

The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were 'seekers', looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what 'star' the Wise Men could have seen. Some have identified Jupiter, not a star, which in 6bc was following that correct trajectory across the sky over many months. One must admire the faithful and determined journey that these Wise Men set out on, a journey which involved many risks. The Wise Men represent all peoples of all cultures and faiths who make such journeys in search of God.

We often look for signs in our own lives, especially when we are looking for answers. Let us have the courage to move out of our comfort zones in search of Jesus, just as the Wise Men did. They had no idea of what awaited them, but the Gospel speaks of their delight and joy when they arrived to that place.

'We often make do with looking at the ground ... I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky? Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?' *Pope Francis*

Jane Mellett

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

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:

Glen Snowden (1/1), Brian Rosser (1/1),
Maureen Field (5/1), Alfred Warner (7/1), Toby Abbey (8/1),
Bruce Longley (11/1), Frank Carey (12/1),
Patricia Brown (17/1), George Power (17/1),
William Brassil (17/1), John Warren (18/1),
Patrick Cleary (20/1), Robyn Rees (20/1),
Jessica Patrick (23/1), Markus Gibson-Huck (24/1),
Len Dawes (25/1), Tony Cooke (25/1), Rachel Gorst (25/1),
Brian O'Mara (28/1), Edward Balnaves (28/1),
Lily Delaney (28/1) and Michael Hickey (29/1).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

The Magi and the star:

The *Magi* were not Kings, but a caste of Persian priests who served Kings by using their skills in interpreting dreams and the movements of the stars. The sixth century Italian tradition that the Magi finding Jesus were three, Magi, Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior, is based on the fact that three gifts are mentioned in Matthew's Gospel: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew nowhere says that there were three wise men from the East. Tradition holds each of them came from a different culture: Melchior was Asian, Balthazar was Persian and Caspar was Ethiopian - thus representing the three races known to the ancient world. "They are supposed to have been kings, but this stems from a very literal translation of a psalm verse: 'The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts' (Ps 72:10). Ancient depictions of them never involved symbols of royalty, but simply the Phrygian cap and garments of noble Persians" (Dr. M Watson). The Magi may actually have been Persian priests or Babylonian astronomers or Nabataean spice-traders. Eventually, however, they were pictured as representatives of different peoples and races. The Orthodox Church holds that the Magi consisted of twelve Kings, corresponding in number to the twelve tribes of Israel. (The term *magoi* in Greek refers to a wide variety of people, including fortune-tellers, priestly augurs, magicians and astrologers). Because of their connection with the star in this story, it is safe to conclude that Matthew identified them mostly with the last group. Possibly they came from Babylonia, or Persia, where the word *magus* originated. There were almost certainly Gentiles, for if they had been Jews, they would have known better than to ask King Herod about a national ruler who would challenge his dynasty! It is not clear from the story why they wanted to pay homage to a Jewish king, or what they learned about him from their observations of "his star" (Matthew 2:2) (Dr. M Watson). Christian life, the life of God's people, is most often represented in the Bible and in literature, as a journey – a journey that begins with our confession of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior in Baptism and ends when we at last meet Him as the Triune, face to face, in God's heavenly kingdom.

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ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

5 Jan	Steve Scroope	1	Peter Gibbs	2
	Gibbs Family	3	Chris Gold	4
12 Jan	Greg Minahan	1	Peter Cleary	2
	Geraldine Doyle	3	Ken Robbie	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5 Jan	Michael Green	Peter Cleary	Coral Carroll
12 Jan	Dianne Carey	Noel Quinn	Trish Gibbs

VISITS

6 Jan	Michael Green	Peter Cleary	Coral Carroll
13 Jan	Dianne Carey	Noel Quinn	Trish Gibbs

ALTAR SERVERS

5 Jan	Ella & Rachel Widdows
12 Jan	Molly McPherson Ella Cassidy

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

5 Jan	Patrick O'Connell
12 Jan	Dianne Carey

HOSPITALITY

5 Jan	Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy
12 Jan	Kay Perceval

CARE GROUP

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

ALTAR CLEANERS

12 Jan	Pat Coleburn
19 Jan	Geraldine Doyle

CHRISTMAS DUES: \$2,090