



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

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR C

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R**

Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R**

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

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

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

## 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/Warlington

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



As the summer break draws to a close, I remind parishioners of the meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm in the Hartigan Centre, to discuss issues we want brought to the Plenary Council 2020. At this gathering, we will also elect delegates to attend a deanery meeting with the results from other parishes.

Do we have a small group of people prepared to maintain the garden at the Hartigan Centre? Unfortunately we don't have the finances to employ someone. If there were about four willing gardeners, it would require about two hours a month.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Noel Maher, Robert Thurling and Jacqueline Longley

### Prayers for

Geoffrey Sykes, Patrick Fisher, 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**

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Thu:** St Anthony of Egypt

### The Baptism of the Lord

Today's Gospel tells us that the people were 'filled with expectation'. It sounds like a very exciting time as they wonder who this prophet John could be. John must have been a very dynamic and inspiring preacher as the people speculated if he were the one they had been waiting for. He uses all of this attention for one purpose: to point people to Jesus. There are many people in our own lives who have pointed us towards Jesus, perhaps by an invitation to an event or a retreat or by sharing a reflection with us at just the right time. In them, we see something special and interesting that makes us wonder in our hearts and seek a little further. They are the John the Baptists in our lives, pointing us towards the Lord like signposts along the way.

John humbly responds to the people by saying: 'One who is more powerful than I is coming.' He emphasises that it is He who will really set their hearts on fire. While the words concerning 'winnowing forks' seem harsh, we might interpret them as speaking of God's power to transform our lives through Jesus. When Jesus enters into the narrative, Luke emphasises that He is at prayer, and it is then that this powerful experience of God occurs. A nice meditation for today is to repeat the last sentence of today's Gospel, imagining God speaking these words to you: 'You are my Daughter/Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Jane Mellett

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### Thomas Merton

A young man once described his experience of sinking into insanity. He was a very bright university student, but he had abandoned his studies in favor of nightclubs and pornography. One night he retired to a hotel room. As he lay in bed, the window appeared to expand until it reached the floor. He heard a mocking voice in his mind saying, "What if you threw yourself out of that window?" The young man wrote: "Now my life was dominated by something I had never known before: fear. It was humiliating, this strange self-conscious watchfulness. It was a humiliation I had deserved more than I knew. I had refused to pay attention to the moral laws upon which all vitality and sanity depend." Well, this young man did begin to pay attention to the moral law. He began to put his life in order – and to experience inner peace. He eventually entered the Catholic Church and went on to become one of the most famous monks of the twentieth century. His name is Thomas Merton. Today's Gospel on Jesus' baptism should challenge us, too, to examine whether we are keeping our Baptismal promises.

(Fr. Phil Bloom)

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## ROSTERS

### LITURGY

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

12 Jan	Greg Minahan	1	Peter Cleary	2
	Geraldine Doyle	3	Ken Robbie	4
19 Jan	Kate Walker	1	Bob Nash	2
	Bob Nash	3	Peter Walker	4

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

12 Jan	Dianne Carey	Noel Quinn	Trish Gibbs
19 Jan	Frank Grace	Ken Robbie	Joe Morrissey

### VISITS

13 Jan	Dianne Carey	Noel Quinn	Trish Gibbs
20 Jan	Frank Grace	Ken Robbie	Joe Morrissey

### ALTAR SERVERS

12 Jan	Molly McPherson	Ella Cassidy
19 Jan	Charlotte McPherson	Imogen Cassidy

### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

12 Jan	Dianne Carey
19 Jan	Peter Cleary

### HOSPITALITY

12 Jan	Kay Perceval	
19 Jan	Trish Gibbs	Lourdes O'Keefe

### CARE GROUP

14 Jan	Margaret Wilson			(Group 1)
	Pat Longley	Pauline Abbey		(Group 2)
21 Jan	Sr Aileen	Sr Macrina		(Group 3)
	Marie Polyak	Irene Carr		(Group 4)

### ALTAR CLEANERS

12 Jan	Pat Coleborne
19 Jan	Geraldine Doyle

### Three times

Too many people come to Church three times primarily. They're baptized, they get married, and they have their funeral service at the Church. The first time they throw water on you, the second time rice, the third time dirt!

### "Have I been "pasteurized?"

In a Dennis the Menace cartoon, after attending a baptism Dennis asks the question, "Have I been "pasteurized?" We've all been pasteurized. We have put on Christ. In Him we have been baptized. Alleluia, Alleluia.