



# Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Bowning, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gunning, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

Established: 1838

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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	

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### 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.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPOHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R**

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

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 ANTIPOHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Mon:** St Thomas Aquinas  
**Thu:** St John Bosco  
**Sat:** The Presentation of The Lord

- As St. Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council doesn't have a Chairperson, I would like to suggest the 13<sup>th</sup> February for our first meeting in 2019. At this meeting we will elect a new Chairperson. We also have a vacancy for a parishioner to oversee education, involving adult education and children not attending Mount Carmel. Please let me know if you would be interested in this important role.
- Our gathering on the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 7:30pm at the Hartigan Centre, to discuss topics we would like discussed at the Plenary Council 2020, will be lead by Paul Trezise as facilitator. You can prepare for this meeting by reading the feedback from our survey.
- The Finance Committee will meet on the 6<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30pm. As it is over thirty years since the Lovat Chapel was painted externally, I hope we will be able to do this painting before major work is required. Donations for this painting would be gratefully accepted.
- The wooden trusses in our clinic in Usi Tasae have had to be replaced by steel, due to the termites in Oecusse. AHMDTL, the organisation for the blind in Timor Leste, have been assured of significant financial support by the Japanese Embassy, to build the training centre on the land we purchased. Yass/Gunning Belun have been advocates for the blind in the past four years.



'So that you may know the truth' There is something about the opening sentences of Luke's Gospel that grabs one's attention. He is the only Gospel writer to give us information about his purpose and sources. He writes for Theophilus, whose name in Greek suggests 'lover of God'. Theophilus may have been a patron of Luke's, but we can also take this name to mean that Luke writes for all lovers of God, i.e. all of us.

Jesus, 'as was his custom,' attends the service at his local synagogue. It is clear that Jesus was a faithful Jew even though he is about to have some serious run-ins with the Jewish religious leaders. This moment is one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament, as Jesus sets out his manifesto for ministry. Reading from Isaiah, Jesus tells the crowd that this passage is being fulfilled as they hear it, his ministry would be one focused on freeing people from various types of oppression. This passage is as relevant in our world today as it was for Jesus' time: people still await liberation, the oppressed are not free. This is not a passage read in the past: it is very much alive, a vision for all to have as Christians and to work out of. Just as the scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, they are also fulfilled in each of our lives.

'Although they heard you, Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you ... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.' (Tony Singleton)

Jane Mellett  
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Saint Oscar Romero's "**option for the poor**." Speaking in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus used Isaiah's prophetic terms, long since seen as referring to the coming Messiah, to describe his own mission. Jesus said he had been sent, among other reasons, "*to bring Good News to the poor.*" The success of Jesus' mission, particularly with the poor who had no political power except that conferred by their sheer numbers, made Jesus a "dangerous" person to the religious authorities of Israel and eventually resulted in his crucifixion. The Christian Gospel is still dangerous when its truth is really put into practice. This is clearly seen in the case of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who was assassinated while he was celebrating Mass because, like Jesus, he reminded people of the needs of the poor and the oppressed in El Salvador. The story began in 1979 when a young priest, Father Grande, was shot and killed on the streets of El Salvador. His "crime" was that he spoke out against the government, which brutally suppressed all forms of protests and executed thousands of innocent people using its notorious "*Death Squads*." When Fr. Grande's great friend, Bishop Oscar Romero, was chosen to be the new Archbishop, the authorities thought he would keep quiet on the question of the oppressed poor in that country. Instead, Archbishop Oscar Romero became an outspoken defender of the poor and a critic of the state-supported "*Death Squads*." To honor the memory of his martyred friend, Romero refused to appear in any public ceremonies sponsored by the army or the government. He soon became the voice and conscience of El Salvador. His words and actions were reported throughout the whole world, so that everybody knew the atrocities happening in El Salvador. Romero's fight for human rights led to his nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize. On March 24, 1980, at 6:25 PM, as the Archbishop was offering Mass in a hospital Chapel, a shot from the back of the Church struck him in the chest, killing him instantly. Thus, Archbishop Oscar Romero died a martyr for the Gospel of Christ. He was beatified May 23, 2015 by Cardinal Angelo Amato representing Pope Francis and canonized by Pope Francis October 14, 2018 with the designation "Bishop and Martyr".

## CATECHIST MEETING – 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY

Catechists and those who are interested are invited to a brief meeting with new Catechist Coordinator, Margaret Friend and Deacon Matt Ransom on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 10:00-11:00am at the Hartigan Centre, Yass.

Contact: matt.ransom@cg.org.au for further information.

## TWO ORGANS, TWO ORGANISTS – 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Rising star performers Samuel Giddy and Jonathan Lee will be playing a variety of classical music from baroque to contemporary at The Lovat Chepel.

Performances will be on the restored historic Taylor pipe organ, and a locally built chamber pipe organ.

Music will include works by JS Bach, Bach/Vivaldi, Louis Vierne, John Stanley, Antonio Soler, Bach/Ernst and others.

**When:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 2:30pm

**Where:** Lovat Chapel, Meehan Street, Yass

**Tickets:** \$20 at the door; Concession \$15

**Enquiries:** 0411 232 317

Light refreshments afterwards.

Proceeds to the Performers and the Yass Hartigan Centre.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Catholic Parish of St. Augustine's, Yass, invites children baptised in the Catholic tradition, Year 3 or older, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for their First Holy Communion. If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please enrol your child at St. Augustine's Presbytery on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March or Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March between 5:00-6:00pm.

For further details and to print an enrolment form please visit the parish website [www.staug-yass.org.au/wp/sacraments](http://www.staug-yass.org.au/wp/sacraments) or contact Dianne Carey (Sacramental Team Leader) on 0419 276 889.

## BAND OF BROTHERS BREKKY – 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY

Our first brekky for 2019 will be held at the Anglican church in Yass commencing at 8:30am on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.

Will YOU be there to get the year off to a flying start?? Garry will be sharing a planned event for MARCH and Rev Ken will be sharing some thoughts with us too.

Our desire this year, is to regrow BOB and to evolve the way God wants us to, so come along, bring some mates, bring your young blokes along and lets put some life back into this ol dog!! :)

Brekky is free, the mateship is great and lets face it we need a cholesterol fix of bacon, eggs and all the trimmings.

If you want to help set up and serve, please turn up at 7:00-7:15am. Colin and his team would love the help.

**Enquiries:** Gary Brown 0409 771 712

## 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.

## CALL TO CONNECT

The prayer gathering 'Call To Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm.



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## FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL - PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

- 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and his letters from the New Testament following his footsteps on a 14-day pilgrimage to Greece departing on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. This pilgrimage features the saint's mission through Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Hosios Loukas, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5,990. This all-inclusive fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Stay Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Return Airfares + Local Transfers+ Priests.

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## God's surprise message to three powerful presidents:

There is a story about God calling the world's three most powerful Presidents for a meeting: Presidents coming from Russia, China and U.S.A. God told them one thing: "The world will end by the year 2020." The three Presidents went to their respective countries and told their people about what God had told them. The Russian President said: "My dear people, I have two messages to give, both of them are bad news. First, God is real and second, the world will end by the year 2020." The President of China announced to his people, "My dear people, I have two important messages for you, one unbelievable and God is real. The horrible message is that this God is so fed up with our world that He wants to destroy it."

The American President appeared in the national television to speak to the Americans. He said: "My dear people I have three messages to convey to you, all of them are good news. First, God is still in control of the world. Second, He talked to your President directly. And the third is, our world will end by the year 2020 and all our problems will be over." In today's Gospel Jesus stands up in his native synagogue in Nazareth and announces the good news of a loving, liberating and saving God.

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## MUSIC PRACTICE TIME

St. Augustine's Church, Thursdays at 5:00pm.

## CHANGING OR CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?

Please notify the Parish Office of any changes to your address/phone number.

Also, any new parishioners to the parish please complete a New Parishioner Information Card located at the rear of the church. This ensures our parish database is up to date.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### With the power of the spirit

The spirit of a person is within the unique cluster of gifts, exuberances, talents, loves, hopes, worries, hurts, anxieties that makes each person unique, never to be replaced.

It is what we remember of someone who has left us.

Jesus spoke from the depths of his spirit, from what made him unique:

Son of God, Son of Mary,  
Bread of God, Human Flesh,  
for the life of the world,  
and at the very last  
he gave up his Spirit  
that his Spirit might live:

the Spirit of wisdom to teach the true way of life,  
the Spirit of compassion to reach out to all of us,  
the Spirit of courage to follow through his work to the end,  
the Spirit of gentleness to invite each to the embrace of God,  
the Spirit of forgiveness to move on always to deeper love.  
And this Spirit gave him power,  
a power of conviction and of love  
so that the ears of all were on his word.

This is the power of his people,  
the Spirit he shares through all time.

What made him unique  
still invites all of us  
to be his people,  
the community of believers,  
the Church of God.



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### SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Do you know someone who would like the Blessed Eucharist taken to them on Sundays?  
To have a Special Minister visit contact  
the Parish Office on Mondays, Wednesdays  
or Fridays between 9:00am and 4:00 pm.



### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



#### Recently Deceased

Margaret Horne and Noel Maher.

#### Prayers for

Geoffrey Sykes, Patrick Fisher, Sam Turner,  
McKenna Family, Gordon Bush, Sam Yates,  
Toby & John Abbey, Dermot O'Hurley, Phillip Buckley,  
Len Dawes, Michael Cooke Maria Quy Nguyen  
and Tony Cooke.

#### 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

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

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

26 Jan	Lourdes	O'Keefe	1	Steve	Scroope	2
	Coral	Carroll	3	Frank	Grace	4
2 Feb	Tom	Considine	1	Dianne	Carey	2
	Morton	Family	3	Paul	Trezise	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

26 Jan	Joe	Buhagair	Kath	Luchetti	Coral Carroll
2 Feb	Peter	Water		Michael Van Wanrooy	Trish Gibbs

#### VISITS

27 Jan	Joe	Buhagair	Kath	Luchetti	Coral Carroll
3 Feb	Peter	Water		Michael Van Wanrooy	Trish Gibbs

#### ALTAR SERVERS

26 Jan	Wendy	Morton		Clare	Broers
2 Feb	Ella	Broers		Fergus	Green

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

26 Jan	Russell	Hill	
2 Feb	Peter	Gibbs	

#### HOSPITALITY

26 Jan	Coral	Carroll		Kath	Luchetti
2 Feb	Frank & Kath	Grace			

#### CARE GROUP

28 Jan	Helen	Van Wanrooy	Suzanne	Hawkes	(Group 5)
	Kath	Turner	Shirley	Williamson	(Group 6)
4 Feb	Helen	Murphy	Maureen	Collins	(Group 7)
	Lourdes	O'Keefe	Edith	Buhagair	(Group 8)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

26 Jan	Kay	Perceval	
2 Feb	Coral	Carroll	

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

##### First Reading

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

Jeremiah is given his mission and promised protection.

##### Second Reading

1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Love is patient....

##### Gospel

Lk 4:21-30

No prophet gains acceptance in his own land.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

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