



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

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **R**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
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

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

### 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/Warminsteron

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



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Fri:** The Chair of St Peter    **Sat:** St Polycarp

At St. Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council, Sarah Johnston became the new Chairperson, with Bryan Coleborne as her Deputy Chairperson. Each member of the PPC will give an outline of their areas of responsibility this year and can form a committee to support their work. I am delighted Genevieve Colbert has joined the PPC, caring for education. Genevieve is a recent arrival to our community and has enormous experience in this area of responsibility.

Lent begins on the 6<sup>th</sup> March and parishioners will be given the opportunity to join a group to explore more deeply issues of faith. Interested Gunning parishioners, please contact Cath Byrnes. Murrumbateman parishioners will have two groups. Yass parishioners should speak with Genevieve Colbert or express interest by contacting the parish office.

There was a very successful concert held on Sunday. Thanks to Lourdes O'Keefe, her helpers and those who provided the food at interval. Also Paul O'Keefe and Michael Green for organising the seating. Before the concert, Paul, Peter Cleary, John Foran, Bryan Coleborne, Chris Gold, Peter Brady and Bob Nash who moved chairs from the hall to the Lovat Chapel. Many thanks!

We are looking at the possibility of a combined bulletin for Gunning and Yass. This will require a new format with a different cover and a separate section for Gunning. If you have ideas or skills, please let me know as soon as possible.

## LIFE MESSAGES:

### We need to respond to the challenge of the beatitudes in our daily life.

Millions are starving, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. The only way the promises of the beatitudes can become a reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. Hence, let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the beatitudes here and now.

### Let us light a candle instead of blaming the political set-up.

God knows that 50% of His children are hungry, 80% live in substandard housing and 70% have no education. If over half our children were hungry, cold and uneducated, how would we respond to their suffering? God wants us to live as brothers and sisters who care for one another.

### We must take care to choose our way wisely.

"There are two Ways, one of Life and one of Death, and there is a great difference between the two Ways." These are the opening lines of the "Didache" a first century Christian catechism used to teach new Christians the essence of the Christian Faith. The way of life and true happiness is the way of Jesus, the way of the beatitudes, the way of rendering loving service to God by serving our brothers and sisters.

*Indian Bishops Conference*

## Blessed Are You, Woe to You

This Gospel makes us stop and pause. It is telling us that the times we are hungry and poor and grieving and insulted by other people are the times when we are most blessed. Yet if we are rich and well-fed and joy-filled and praised by other people, we ought to be worried and filled with woe. What kind of message is this? It is mostly a reality check. Jesus is trying to shake us up to be sure we aren't living in a fantasy land. If we are too smug and comfortable with our luxurious situation in life, we ought to beware. Perhaps we aren't paying attention to what is really important in life, and we're drifting away from God. But if we are struggling and thirsty for truth and working for justice that doesn't seem to come, then we can take heart, for these things are bringing us closer to God.

It seems as if we don't usually stay still, as far as our relationship with God is concerned. We are either coming closer or drifting far away. There is no such thing as neutral.

- When do you feel rich, well-fed, and joyful?
- When are you completely satisfied? Is it when you are most grateful to God and most aware of your blessings? Or is it that the time when you tend to forget about God because you have no worries or fears?
- When do you feel poor and hungry and sad? Only when your own needs are not being met? Or when the needs of others are also not being met?

When you are most desperate, is that when you cling to God and God's promise of salvation? Or is that when you curse God, lose hope, and refuse to have faith in any power beyond yourself?

*GPBS eNews*



Clinic repaired

## 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.

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## CALL TO CONNECT

The prayer gathering 'Call To Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm

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## MURRUMBATEMAN LENTEN GROUPS

Join our weekly Murrumbateman Lenten Groups for the Lenten journey using the Wollongong diocese program "TRUST".

Wednesday evenings commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March – contact Theresa at [theresaandjoel@bigpond.com](mailto:theresaandjoel@bigpond.com) (6227 5554)

Friday mornings commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March – contact Paul at [paultrezise@bigpond.com](mailto:paultrezise@bigpond.com) (6227 5882)

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## AMICUS – 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY

A support group for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the Chong Hong Co Thai restaurant, Woden at 7:00pm for dinner.

To join the group please call Rosemary 0428 599 342.

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## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING – 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH

A prayer session will be held outside Parliament House from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

Archbishop Christopher will speak and Mr Tim Kirk will lead.



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## WANT TO GO DEEPER IN YOUR FAITH? COME TO ALPHA

Members of St Augustine's Parish are running an Alpha Course, each Tuesday evening starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm. It will be held at 53 Merryville Drive, Murrumbateman.

*What is Alpha?* Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith.

*Who's it for?* Alpha is for anyone who's curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. As well as being an introduction to the faith, Alpha offers the opportunity to go deeper and renew your faith.

*How does it work?* Typically run over eleven weeks, they have three key things in common: food, a short talk and a discussion where you can share your thoughts. There's no pressure and no follow up.

*How much is it?* There's no charge for Alpha

We'd love to see you there.

## UPCOMING RETREATS

*Where:* Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566

*Concessions apply to all retreats.*

*Phone:* (02) 8795 3400

*Email:* [retreats@carmelite.com](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com)

[www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au)

### Laudato Si, mi' Signore

2<sup>nd</sup> March

*Presenter:* Fr Michael Dyer

*Cost:* \$30

Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9:30am and 10:00am.

(please remember to bring your own lunch)

*A prayerful and interactive encounter with creation.*

### Where to from here?

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March

*Presenter:* Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

*Cost:* \$300

We will spend time trying to find God in the midst of this crisis, and seek a way forward to become a more humble, open, transparent and Christ-centered Church.

### Praying with The Doctors: St John of the Cross, St Teresa of Avila and St Therese of Lisieux

26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March

*Presenters:* Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD and Mr Geoff Stumbles

*Cost:* \$135

*Through gaining an understanding of these Carmelite mystics, can we relate to what they are teaching and locate our experience within their writings?*

### Contemplating the Creative Process

29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March

*Presenters:* John Charadia and artist tutors

*Cost:* \$300

*Through practical experience in creating artistic forms we will reflect on the spirituality of the creative process.*

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## BANKING ROYAL COMMISSION AND SUPERANNUATION FUNDS

Following the release of the findings, there have been reports in some sections of the media identifying Catholic Super Fund (CSF), as one of the organisations that will be referred to the regulator for possible civil or criminal prosecution.

The similarity in the names of the two Catholic Superannuation Funds; Australian Catholic Superannuation & Retirement Fund (ACSRF) – the Archdiocesan Fund and *Catholic Superannuation Fund (CSF)* may cause some confusion amongst members and indeed, the general public. The CSF is a separate fund based in Melbourne and is not related in any way to the Australian Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund (ACSRF).

ACSRF was not a case study that was required to give evidence at the Royal Commission's public hearings. The ACSRf supports the recommendations of the Royal Commission which, if implemented, will be beneficial for our industry and especially, for our members.

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## 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.

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## MUSIC PRACTICE TIME

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

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### Blessed are we.

Blessed are the people who have lost a lot – isn't this what Jesus is saying?

People who have lost money and are poor, who have lost love and who weep, who have lost food and are hungry.

And we can think of people who have lost a lot, who are refugees or out of work, who are lonely or without friends, and wonder what sort of happiness is this?

We can only ask if there have been times when life seemed very empty and yet there was peace.

When children leave home, either because they want to or have to; when husband or wife dies,

when marriage breaks up, when family relationships go sour, the soul and heart are opened, and the love and care of God may enter.

Or in the middle of the pain and disappointments, we know that some other energy is around, that gives another peace, not in place of what we missed, but alongside it.

And we begin to know that there are many happinesses, some can last, like love and convictions, some last just a while, like youth and health, some last forever, like faith, hope and love, and one blessing nobody can take from us is the relationship we have with God in Jesus, for in all of life's experiences is a space for the blessing of God.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

**First Reading** 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

David spares Saul.

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 15:45-49

Jesus is the new Adam.

**Gospel** Lk 6:27-38

Love your enemy.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Carl Brown, Margaret Heydon, Sr. Patricia Osborne, Helen Burt and Margaret Horne.

### Prayers for

Tony Cooke.

**Prayers for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time including:**

*Barbara McKeown (1/2), Roger Vanden Bulk (1/2), Helaine Hallahan (1/2), Nola Cooke (5/2), Eileen Power (7/2), Erzsike Devrieze (10/2), Catherine Ryan (13/2), Bill McManus (15/2), Jakob Oakey (19/2), Bill Patrick (20/2), Denis Maher (20/2), Betty Carey (20/2), Isabella Polyak (22/2), Bruce Simpson (23/2), Muriel Hobday (23/2), Robert Ryan (23/2), Mary Morris (24/2), Olive Dyball (25/2), Allan Field (25/2), Harry Cooke (25/2), Reginald Bainbridge (26/2), John Murphy (28/2), Thomas Barber (28/2) and Marija Ivanisevic (28/2).*

**Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered**

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

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

<b>16 Feb</b>	Peter Cleary	1	Rod Perceval	2
	Kay Perceval	3	Greg Minahan	4
<b>23 Feb</b>	Susan Morrissey	1	Joe Morrissey	2
	Gibbs Family	3	Peter Cleary	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>16 Feb</b>	Michael Green	Peter Cleary	Kay Perceval
<b>23 Feb</b>	Dianne Carey	Susan Morrissey	Elizabeth Liew

#### VISITS

<b>17 Feb</b>	Michael Green	Peter Cleary	Kay Perceval
<b>24 Feb</b>	Dianne Carey	Susan Morrissey	Elizabeth Liew

#### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>16 Feb</b>	Tallara Howard	Louis Green
<b>23 Feb</b>	Ella & Rachel Widdows	

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

<b>16 Feb</b>	Peter Cleary	<b>23 Feb</b>	Russell Hill
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#### HOSPITALITY

<b>16 Feb</b>	Bert & Kath Moore	<b>23 Feb</b>	Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy
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#### CARE GROUP

<b>18 Feb</b>	Kath Luchetti	Julie Faulkner	(Group 11)
	Jane Hingston	Sandra Davis	(Group 12)
<b>25 Feb</b>	Margaret Wilson		(Group 1)
	Pat Longley	Pauline Abbey	(Group 2)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>16 Feb</b>	Helen Murphy	<b>23 Feb</b>	Edith Buhagiar
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#### MEALS ON WHEELS

<b>18 Feb</b>	M. O'Brien	J. Barber	R. Perceval	K. Perceval
<b>19 Feb</b>	J. Hingston	K. Perceval	J. Morrissey	S. Morrissey
<b>20 Feb</b>	D. Garland	M. Garland	L. Carroll	C. Carroll
<b>21 Feb</b>	H. Van Wanrooy	J. Turner	V. Brooker	K. Grace
<b>22 Feb</b>	C. Cleary	A. O'Connell	S. Williamson	K. Crowther

### JOB VACANCY – DIGITAL SPECIALIST

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is looking to hire a Digital Specialist with a broad IT skill-set. Deep knowledge of the digital media landscape and direct experience in working with SharePoint, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, CMS systems and social media platforms is required.

For more information about this role go to <http://cgatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/> or contact [jeanine.doyle@cg.org.au](mailto:jeanine.doyle@cg.org.au)

Applications close 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

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