



# 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>	

## 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/Warmincton

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.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.

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

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



Our submission from the discussion leading to the Plenary Council 2020 will be sent directly to those overseeing the process. I am grateful to those parishioners who volunteered to take our findings to Goulburn, but this proposed gathering has been cancelled.

Wednesday week begins the season of Lent and in these times of uncertainty, penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social. Masses on Ash Wednesday are as follows:

- 7:30am - St. Augustine's, Yass
- 9:00am - St. Francis Xavier, Gunning
- 5:30pm - St. Augustine's, Yass

If you would like to join in a Lenten discussion group, please let us know this Monday or Tuesday by informing the parish office.

Sister Maria Odelia CIJ, and Sr. Maxentia CIJ, who run our clinic at Oelmambai, Oecusse, have sent us a detailed budget for 2019. The costs involved amount to approx. \$20,000 Australian. They also included a request to build accommodation at their convent in Formentu in Dili for poor children who seek further education. The cost of this accommodation is about \$18,000 Australian, which I will discuss with them when I visit Timor Leste 1<sup>st</sup> May.

## Love Everyone, Even Your Enemies

We are called to resemble Jesus, who is heavenly. We are called to rise above earthly ways. The heavenly way is to love everyone, even our enemies who wish to hurt or harm us. The heavenly way is to hear the request for our coat, to give it willingly, and then to give our shirt as well.

- How realistic is the advice from today's Gospel? Do you think you are literally being asked to give shirts as well as coats to anyone who asks? Do you think you are literally being expected to take a slap across the face from another person and not slap back, and to give your abuser the opportunity to slap you across the face again?
- How difficult is it to live up to such standards?
- What else, besides coats and shirts, do you think Jesus is asking you to give? What is the hardest thing for you to give?

We are told to be compassionate and to pardon; to not judge and to not condemn. This way the same compassion and pardon will be shown to us, and we will be spared judgment and condemnation.

- How is your life different when you take these words seriously?

Do you have any "enemies"?

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**"Forgive Your Enemies"** The preacher's Sunday sermon was, "Forgive Your Enemies." He asked, "How many have forgiven their enemies?" About half held up their hands. He then repeated the question. This time about eighty percent held up their hands. He then repeated his question a third time. The entire congregation held up their hands except one elderly lady. "Mrs. Jones," the preacher asked, "aren't you willing to forgive your enemies?" **"I don't have any"** she replied. "That is very unusual", the preacher said. "How old are you?" "Ninety-three." "Mrs. Jones, please come to the front and tell the congregation how a person cannot have an enemy in the world." The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle and said: **"It's easy; I just outlived all those rascals."**

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## Parish Finance Committee Members:

Bill	Luchetti	Father	Mick Burke
Stan	Waldren	David	Garland
Mark	Valencic	Paul	O'Mara
Trish	Gibbs	Irene	Carr ( <i>Minutes</i> )

## Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Georgia	Breynard ( <i>Youth</i> )	Peter	Cleary ( <i>Liturgy</i> )
Bryan	Coleborne ( <i>Ecumenism</i> )	Michael	Green ( <i>School</i> )
Vacant	( <i>Education</i> )	Steve	Scroope ( <i>Social</i> )
Bob	Nash ( <i>Maintenance</i> )	Michael	Van Wanrooy ( <i>Welfare</i> )
Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke		Sarah Johnston ( <i>Social Justice</i> )	

## Be Tough Like Jesus

Turn the other cheek. "No way!" part of us screams.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr would disagree. During the 1960s civil rights marches in the United States, black protestors faced police who attacked them with clubs and dogs. Their homes were bombed. Some were lynched. But through it all, Doctor King insisted that blacks could win their rights only by following this week's Gospel passage.

Jesus calls us to love our enemies, not *like* them. We love someone when we act for his or her best interests - regardless of our feelings. Jesus also says turn the other cheek. But that doesn't mean run. He doesn't say back down. Rather, he challenges us to find the nonviolent way to stand up for our rights.

These commands are tough to follow when you face people who put you down or threaten you. But you can do it through prayer and practice. You also need support from fellow Christians.

Jesus followed these commands. Look at the difference he made. You can change your world too by following his example. Doctor King's supporters refused to fight or hate when they were attacked. Instead, they often prayed and sang Gospel songs. That might sound crazy, but their courage inspired others to join them, changed some people's minds about them, won their rights, and saved a lot of bloodshed.

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## Two presidents and a truck driver:

When President Gerald Ford granted former President Richard Nixon "a free, full and absolute pardon" for his participation and perjury in the "Watergate" scandal, many considered Ford's decision to be an act of weakness. In 1977, when President Jimmy Carter offered amnesty to those who, during the Vietnamese War, had avoided being conscripted, he was criticized for not enforcing the law. Both men, one a Republican, the other a Democrat, "took the heat", as it were, because neither was motivated by partisan politics or the pressure of public opinion. Each had chosen to go beyond the limits of strict justice in order to exercise a mercy that was dictated, not by law, but by a conscience formed on Gospel principles. During the race riots in Los Angeles, in the aftermath of the Rodney King incident, a truck driver named Reginald Denny was pulled from his vehicle and severely beaten with a brick. When the case went to trial in 1993, Denny stunned the courtroom with his offer of forgiveness to those who had almost killed him. Later Denny said that only by forgiving the perpetrators of the crime against him had he been able to put the event behind him and move on.

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Next weekend we welcome into our Church community:

Summer Gail child of Jessica



Weddings

Next weekend:

Victoria Vinson and Luke Shoard

### 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.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH

The annual World Day of Prayer service will be hosted by the Uniting Church this year on 1<sup>st</sup> of March at 2:00pm in the Uniting Church Hall.

The country of focus this year is Slovenia and their theme is "Come – Everything is Ready"

Afternoon tea will be provided. This service includes both men and women. Please come and share in this ecumenical upholding

Contact: Judy Banks (Chairperson of Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) Ph. 622 61437.

### 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.



### 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.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

#### THANK YOU

The members of St. Augustine's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society wish to convey our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your generosity and kindness in supporting the Society throughout the past year.

The response to the 2018 Christmas Appeal was truly outstanding. This appeal raised \$6,200. In addition to this financial support, the conference received large donations of food, quality toys and gifts for inclusion in the Christmas hampers.

Forty seven Christmas hampers and toys for forty four children were distributed to families and individuals within Yass and surrounding villages.

The generous support of the Yass Valley communities, the social services and business houses of Yass and Murrumbateman, the parish communities of St. Augustine's and St. Clements Anglican Churches, Mount Carmel parents, students and teachers together with many anonymous donors was astonishing.

I wish to express profound thanks to Mount Carmel School parents and students for the amazing gift of 15 large baskets of food items and quality toys for children. May I also acknowledge our grateful thanks to the teachers who coordinated the collection and delivery of baskets and toys to the conference room.

Our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for the ongoing generous support of the Vinnies Centre and the Conference; as we together strive to assist those who seek aid in difficult times and hardship.

Judith Williams

### CALL TO CONNECT

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

### 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)

### 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.

### MUSIC PRACTICE TIME

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



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## COMMUNION REFLECTION

God of mercy,  
your Son travelled the roads of this broken world,  
surrounded by sinners  
and delighting in the sincerity of their love.

Our sins, which are many, you have forgotten;  
may we, therefore, show great love  
not only to you, the source of such grace,  
but to all our sisters and brothers,  
sinners embraced by your love.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

##### First Reading

Sir 27:4-7

Speech shows state of mind.

##### Second Reading

1 Cor 15:54-58

Death has no victory.

##### Gospel

Lk 6:39-45

Take the plank from your eye.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

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

**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>23 Feb</b>	Susan	Morrissey	1	Joe	Morrissey	2
	Gibbs	Family	3	Peter	Cleary	4
<b>2 Mar</b>	Gayle	McManus	1	Tom	Considine	2
	McManus	Family	3	Vince	Coffey	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>23 Feb</b>	Dianne	Carey	Susan	Morrissey	Elizabeth	Liew
<b>2 Mar</b>	Frank	Grace	Noel	Quinn	Coral	Carroll

#### VISITS

<b>24 Feb</b>	Dianne	Carey	Susan	Morrissey	Elizabeth	Liew
<b>3 Mar</b>	Frank	Grace	Noel	Quinn	Coral	Carroll

#### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>23 Feb</b>	Ella & Rachel	Widdows
<b>2 Mar</b>	Imogen & Ella	Cassidy

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

<b>23 Feb</b>	Russell	Hill
<b>2 Mar</b>	Peter	Gibbs

#### HOSPITALITY

<b>23 Feb</b>	Michael & Helen	Van Wanrooy
<b>2 Mar</b>	Kay	Perceval

#### CARE GROUP

<b>25 Feb</b>	Margaret	Wilson			(Group 1)
	Pat	Longley	Pauline	Abbey	(Group 2)
<b>4 Mar</b>	Sr	Aileen	Sr	Macrina	(Group 3)
	Marie	Polyak	Irene	Carr	(Group 4)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>23 Feb</b>	Edith	Buhagiar
<b>2 Mar</b>	Kath	Moore

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