



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	Sarah	Johnston
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</i>	
	<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

9th & 10th March 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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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

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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
3rd & 4th 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.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



I was delighted to see the number of people who attended the two Masses at St. Augustine's on Ash Wednesday, more than in previous years. I hope we all avail ourselves of the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as we journey towards Easter with renewed spirits. At Easter there will be three adults who will be baptized, confirmed and share with us the Eucharistic meal, please keep them in your prayers.

This week, St. Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council will meet and if any parishioner would like issues discussed, please inform a member.

Whilst our primary task in the mountains of Oecusse is to care for people with TB and leprosy, services for midwives are in great demand. We have employed another midwife, a highly qualified Indonesian girl, as the reputation of those who are working for us at present has placed great demands on our staff.

2019 LENTEN MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19)

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Each year, through Mother Church, God "gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed... as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ" (Preface of Lent I). We can thus journey from Easter to Easter towards the fulfilment of the salvation we have already received as a result of Christ's paschal mystery – "for in hope we were saved" (Rom 8:24). This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation. As Saint Paul says, "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8: 19). In this perspective, I would like to offer a few reflections to accompany our journey of conversion this coming Lent.

(1) The redemption of creation

The celebration of the Paschal Triduum of Christ's passion, death and resurrection, the culmination of the liturgical year, calls us yearly to undertake a journey of preparation, in the knowledge that our being conformed to Christ (cf. Rom 8:29) is a priceless gift of God's mercy.

When we live as children of God, redeemed, led by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 8: 14) and capable of acknowledging and obeying God's law, beginning with the law written on our hearts and in nature, we also benefit creation by cooperating in its redemption. That is why Saint Paul says that creation eagerly longs for the revelation of the children of God; in other words, that all those who enjoy the grace of Jesus' paschal mystery may experience its fulfilment in the redemption of the human body itself. When the love of Christ transfigures the lives of the saints in spirit, body and soul, they give praise to God. Through prayer, contemplation and art, they also include other creatures in that praise, as we see admirably expressed in the "Canticum of the Creatures" by Saint Francis of Assisi (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 87). Yet in this world, the harmony generated by redemption is constantly threatened by the negative power of sin and death.

(Con't next week)

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>)

What's Tempting You?

I have been amazed at some stories about millionaire executives who swindle their companies to get even richer. How could money be so tempting, especially to rich people? Riches have just never tempted me.

But I face other temptations. I ask God daily for strength because I am tempted daily to sin in ways that hurt others and hold me back from being everything I can be.

The Gospel this week shows Jesus struggling with temptation. A born leader, he was tempted to abuse his power. Many people in Israel were waiting for a *messiah* - a word we understand as *saviour* - to lead a violent revolt against Rome. But he knew God called him to greater things.

How about you? Each person faces different temptations. What tempts you to be selfish and tempts you away from doing great things for God? Lent is a time to explore that question in your soul, to see where you've surrendered to temptation and where you need God's strength to resist those temptations.

Here's an idea: List your six greatest temptations and then reflect on one each week during Lent. Remember times you gave in. Remember times you resisted. Brainstorm ways to avoid the particular temptation you're focusing on. Look at what the Bible says about it. Ask God for the vision to see the temptation clearly the next time you face it and for the strength to resist it.

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We need to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means he employed:

Like Jesus, every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth and a position of authority, and is drawn to the use of unjust or sinful means to attain good ends. Jesus sets a model for conquering temptations through prayer, penance and the effective use of the "word of God." Temptations make us true warriors of God by strengthening our minds and hearts. We are never tempted beyond the strength God gives us. In his first letter, St. John assures us: "*The One Who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world*" (1 John 4:4). Hence during Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer (especially by participating in the Holy Mass), with penance and with the meditative reading of the Bible. Knowledge of the Bible prepares us for the moment of temptation by enabling us "to know Jesus more clearly, to love him more dearly and to follow him more nearly, day by day," as William Barclay puts it.

"**Get behind me, Satan!**": I saw a cartoon on this notion recently. "A woman had bought a new dress which was very expensive. Her husband asked why she had been so extravagant. She replied, "The Devil made me do it." "Well," the husband asked, "Why didn't you say 'Get thee behind me Satan!'" "I did," explained the wife, "But he said it looked as good in back as it did in front." So I bought it."



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Fraser James child of Konrad & Kate

Next weekend we welcome into our Church community:

Audrey child of Jason & Jade



Parishioners from St Augustine's Parish strike a pose at the Caritas Kitchen Project Compassion launch last Thursday. After a delicious pot luck dinner, guest speaker Paul Mwenda told his story about the afternoon in Kenya when blindness became his constant companion. Paul's story was extraordinary; he described how important it was to him to forgive the perpetrators of his blindness in order to move on with his life. In his efforts to thrive and succeed, Paul has been a trailblazer for access to education for people with disabilities in Kenya and the world. Hope is his driving motivator and he encouraged us all to make a difference one person at a time. We were also treated to Paul's musical talents as he sang one of his songs in Swahili. When he is not studying his Masters of Public Policy at ANU, advocating for disability and human rights or excelling at blind cricket, Paul is working on a new album. Out soon.



Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes (envelopes available at the back of the church), by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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 19th March at 2:30pm.

PLANT STALL – 14th MARCH

Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary is holding its popular plant stall from 7:30am – 4:00pm at the Jamison Shopping Centre.

A wide variety of succulents, perennials and indoor plants available at bargain prices with all funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

Further information: Jan on 0437 790 980.

ST PATRICK'S DAY SERVICE – 17th MARCH

Friends of Ireland holds an Ecumenical Service for the Feast of Saint Patrick every year. This year's guest speaker is the Hon Senator David Smith (Australian Labor Party). The Hon Damien English, the visiting Irish Minister, will also be attending. He is Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. All Welcome.

Time 12:00pm

Location: Chapel at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

Address: Corner of Kings Avenue and Blackall Street

BOOK FAIR – 20th – 21st MARCH

Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Books and Beanies Fair from 8:00am – 4:00pm.

There are fiction paperbacks, children's books, cook books, biographies, books on crime, war, hobbies and more.

All books under \$2, beanies \$5. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

Come to Calvary Hospital Xavier Building Foyer, adjacent to Zouki cafe, cnr Haydon Drive & Belconnen Way, Bruce.

Enquiries: Daphne 0407 835 846.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS - GOOD FRIDAY

The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture will host the Good Friday Stations of the Cross liturgy on Friday the 19th April, 2019 at 11:00am.

The service will be held at the Chapel and the grounds of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – 26th – 28th APRIL

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend date: 26th – 28th April at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

MUSIC PRACTICE TIME

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

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Following the way of Jesus

As we set our feet on the path of Jesus, temptations will come to follow our paths, to give our energy and commitment to other ways, to look for life and happiness away from God.

The temptation to Jesus was to live for himself; like the instinct in each of us to see ourselves as number one.

Jesus' conviction, spread in his works of healing the sick in mind and body, of consoling people in all sorts of situations, and teaching the way of God, and finally in his death on the cross is that true fulfilment is in being men and women of God for others.

He was Son of God for us, not for himself; the temptation was to turn the spotlight on himself, and accept a life of comfort, concerned with honour, wealth and power.

The gifts of personality that each of us has are to fit us for our journey of life, and to be shared with all we meet on the journey of life we share.

Our wealth, learning, talents — all we have received in our upbringing, all we have received from God — are to enrich not only ourselves, but are given for the life of the world.

Called by God to be men and women for others, we may be tempted to use our love and our talents, even faith and religion, just for ourselves.

May we walk in the path of true life, may we create a world of equality and justice, where the dignity of people is valued as much as the dignity of God.

In Jesus we are brothers and sister, men and women for others.

Together may we walk on the path of life eternal.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Mary Fitzgerald, Syd Dobbin, Dorothy Honner and Carl Brown.

Prayers for

Adam Darmody, Sam Turner and Mary Jennings.

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

Leslie James (1/3), Bernard Cleary (2/3), Patricia Smith (6/3), Sam Dyball (6/3), Peter Grieves (7/3), Ruby O'Brien (8/3), Stan Walmsley (8/3), Bridget Cooke (8/3), Jarrod Sheather (9/3), Garry Delbridge (9/3), Ronald Connors (9/3), Betty Schutz (9/3), Phyllis Walmsley (12/3), Kathleen (Kay) Winter (13/3), Irene Wailes (14/3), Donald Bell (16/3), Daphne Irwin (19/3), Robyn O'Mara (19/3), Justin Moller (20/3), Adam Darmody (22/3), Bill Patrick (22/3), Joe Rigby (23/3), Robin Woods (24/3), Elsie McGregor (24/3), Barbara Merriman (27/3), Roderick Connors (27/3), Dixie Byrne (27/3), Michael Freebody (28/3) and Harry Cooke (28/3).

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

9 Mar	Dianne	Carey	1	Bob	Nash	2
	Bob	Nash	3	Russell	Hill	4
16 Mar	Russell	Hill	1	Gaye	McManus	2
	Coral	Carroll	3	Chris	Gold	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

9 Mar	Joe	Buhagair	Ken	Robbie	Trish	Gibbs
16 Mar	Peter	Walker	Kath	Luchetti	Kay	Perceval

VISITS

10 Mar	Joe	Buhagair	Ken	Robbie	Trish	Gibbs
17 Mar	Peter	Walker	Kath	Luchetti	Kay	Perceval

ALTAR SERVERS

9 Mar	Molly	McPherson	Clare	Broers
16 Mar	Charlotte	McPherson	Louis	Green

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

9 Mar	Patrick	O'Connell
16 Mar	Peter	Cleary

HOSPITALITY

9 Mar	Trish	Gibbs	Lourdes	O'Keefe
16 Mar	Coral	Carroll	Kath	Luchetti

CARE GROUP

11 Mar	Helen	Van Wanrooy	Suzanne	Hawkes	(Group 5)
	Kath	Turner	Shirley	Williamson	(Group 6)
18 Mar	Helen	Murphy	Maureen	Collins	(Group 7)
	Lourdes	O'Keefe	Edith	Buhagair	(Group 8)

ALTAR CLEANERS

9 Mar	Pat	Coleborne
16 Mar	Geraldine	Doyle

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

First Reading Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

The Lord establishes a covenant with Abraham.

Second Reading Phil 3:17-4:1

Our citizenship is in heaven.

Gospel Lk 9:28-36

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

OLD LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Ray Burn, Dr Hanna Burn-Petersen
Dr Shyama Gonakumbura
Dr Ann Stephenson – Psychiatrist
Sue Leitner – Foot Nurse

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9:00 am – 5:00 pm (by appointment)
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