



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

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/Warmincton

4 th Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
<i>Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass with the residents at both locations.</i>		

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 rd & 4 th 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

16th & 17th March 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **R**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: Saint Patrick **Tue:** Saint Joseph

At St. Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council held this week, we welcomed Lourdes O'Keefe who will manage the social portfolio, assisted by Steve Scroope. We listened to reports from each member and these will be available to parishioners via email and the noticeboard. If you read the reports, I think you will be amazed at the activities and the number of people involved in our community.

I was asked this week about the Academy of Music and its future. Unfortunately there was resistance to it being established in Yass and we only received rent for two months. There was a similar issue with CatholicCare who missed out on contracts. The two front rooms at the main entrance of the Hartigan Centre are for rent, if you know of anyone interested.

After Easter, I will be taking annual leave and spending the first two weeks in Timor Leste.

Mass will be held this Tuesday, 5:30pm, the feast of St. Joseph.

2019 LENTEN MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS (Con't)

(2) The destructive power of sin

Indeed, when we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbours and other creatures – and ourselves as well – since we begin to think more or less consciously that we can use them as we will. Intemperance then takes the upper hand: we start to live a life that exceeds those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself. We yield to those untrammelled desires that the Book of Wisdom sees as typical of the ungodly, those who act without thought for God or hope for the future (cf. 2:1-11). Unless we tend constantly towards Easter, towards the horizon of the Resurrection, the mentality expressed in the slogans "I want it all and I want it now!" and "Too much is never enough", gains the upper hand.

The root of all evil, as we know, is sin, which from its first appearance has disrupted our communion with God, with others and with creation itself, to which we are linked in a particular way by our body. This rupture of communion with God likewise undermines our harmonious relationship with the environment in which we are called to live, so that the garden has become a wilderness (cf. Gen 3:17-18). Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests, to the detriment of other creatures.

Once God's law, the law of love, is forsaken, then the law of the strong over the weak takes over. The sin that lurks in the human heart (cf. Mk 7:20-23) takes the shape of greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. It leads to the exploitation of creation, both persons and the environment, due to that insatiable covetousness which sees every desire as a right and sooner or later destroys all those in its grip.

(Con't next week)

Each time we receive one of the Sacraments, we are transformed: For example, Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness.

Parish Finance Committee Members:

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

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Annabelle O'Connell (Youth)	Peter	Cleary (Liturgy)
Bryan Coleborne (Ecumenism)	Michael	Green (School)
Genevieve Colbert (Education)	Lourdes	O'Keefe (Social)
Bob Nash (Maintenance)	Michael	Van Wanrooy (Welfare)
Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke	Sarah	Johnston (Social Justice)

The Transfiguration

Peter, James, and John had a "mountaintop" experience, something they did not want to leave behind. It was beyond their wildest imagination.

- Have you ever experienced a place or situation that was breathtaking, incredible, glorious, and awesome? Something you did not want to leave behind? Something that filled you with joy and life and zeal? What was it like? Where was it? What made it so special? Were you alone or with others? Were you able to explain it to someone who was not there? Why or why not?
- Why do you think Jesus wanted Peter, James, and John to experience him as a glistening, dazzling, transfigured vision? How do you think that affected their faith? How would it have affected your faith? How does it affect your faith just reading about it?
- Peter did not want to leave that mountaintop experience. He wanted to build some tents and just "camp out" there for a while. Why was it better for Jesus and Peter and the others to come down from the mountain? Why is it important for us to enjoy and remember our "peak" experiences, but leave them behind and come back to our everyday life?
- God said Jesus was a Beloved Son and we should listen to him. How is your life different when you take God's words seriously?

God of table and God of open door, thank you for your invitation. You feed the deep places of our spirits and speak the words that evoke turning for good. Send your spirit to guide us in turning toward and trusting in you. Amen.

GPBS eNews



Eka –additional midwife at our clinic

Baptisms

This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Audrey Grace child of Jason & Jade

Next weekend we welcome into our Church community:

George Thomas child of Damian & Brooke



Weddings

This weekend:

Isabella Toole and Lucas Carmody

At the Parish Council Meeting on the 13th March the Parish Councillors reviewed the duties of their portfolios and discussed how they could use their roles to best meet some of the issues of concern for parishioners raised at our Parish Plenary preparation meeting. They decided on three main areas for action:

- Connection and support for those who have been through the RCIA program and for all vulnerable parishioners.
- A focus on women
- Communication

The minutes of the meeting will be published on the Parish website next week along with an outline of the roles of each of the Parish Councillors. Please don't hesitate to speak to any of the parishioners on the Parish Council if you have any questions or ideas you would like put forward.

Sarah Johnson

THANKYOU

Thankyou to Joe and Susan Morrissey for their help in tidying up the front of the Hartigan Centre in readiness for the wedding today. Also to those garden ladies for planting new flowers in the garden.

Again, many thanks.

Bob Nash

PROJECT COMPASSION



Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home.

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.

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



Trish Chipangura & Georgia Whittaker at the Rite of Election last Sunday at the Cathedral.

Trish and Georgia will be baptised at St Augustine's Yass at this year's Easter Vigil.

Trish and Georgia both attended St Francis Xavier College last year and are at uni this year.

They are close friends of parish families the O'Connell's and Barry's respectively.



Rust is an ongoing problem, due to driving through tidal rivers

CALL TO CONNECT

The prayer gathering 'Call To Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th March at 2:30pm.

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.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

All of us can experience moments of great joy because in his goodness God allows us to taste on earth the joys of the world to come. However, moments of joy, no matter how wonderful, will never satisfy the human heart. What we long for is a permanent state of happiness. But that is unattainable here. So what must we do? Like desert travellers, we must go forward from one oasis to another, with the conviction that God has a homeland prepared for us at the end of the journey. This conviction will make it possible for us to travel onwards with an ache in our hearts and an unquenchable longing in our souls.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – 26th – 28th APRIL

Relationship enrichment for married couples.

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings: Online at www.wmme.org.au

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Mary Fitzgerald, Syd Dobbin and Dorothy Honner.

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).*

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

16 Mar	Russell Hill	1	Gaye McManus	2
	Coral Carroll	3	Chris Gold	4
23 Mar	Peter Gibbs	1	Peter Cleary	2
	Hill Family	3	Ken Robbie	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

16 Mar	Peter Walker	Kath Luchetti	Kay Perceval
23 Mar	Kay Perceval	Michael Van Wanrooy	Elizabeth Liew

VISITS

17 Mar	Peter Walker	Kath Luchetti	Kay Perceval
24 Mar	Kay Perceval	Michael Van Wanrooy	Elizabeth Liew

ALTAR SERVERS

16 Mar	Charlotte McPherson	Louis Green
23 Mar	Wendy Morton	Ella Broers

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

16 Mar	Peter Cleary
23 Mar	Russell Hill

HOSPITALITY

16 Mar	Coral Carroll	Kath Luchetti
23 Mar	Frank & Kath Grace	

CARE GROUP

18 Mar	Helen Murphy	Maureen Collins	(Group 7)
	Lourdes O'Keefe	Edith Buhagair	(Group 8)
25 Mar	Jeanette Patmore	Maureen Grieves	(Group 9)
	Kay Perceval	Coral Carroll	(Group 10)

ALTAR CLEANERS

16 Mar	Geraldine Doyle
23 Mar	Kay Perceval

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

First Reading

Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

The Lord calls Moses from a burning bush.

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:1-6. 10-12

We must learn from the example of our ancestors.

Gospel

Lk 13:1-9

The parable of the fig tree.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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