



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>	

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

23rd & 24th March 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, 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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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
	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.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: The Annunciation of the Lord

- Next Sunday, being the fifth Sunday of the month, Mass will be held at Wee Jasper at 10:00am. Gunning and Murrumbateman will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at the usual times.
- The first meeting for the year of the Community Council of Mount Carmel School will be held this Thursday.
- On Good Friday, 19th April, Gunning and Murrumbateman will hold the Stations of the Cross at 10:30am.
- The Triduum will be celebrated at St. Augustine's:
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
Good Friday Passion of the Lord 3:00pm
Easter Vigil 6:30pm

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

(3) The healing power of repentance and forgiveness

Creation urgently needs the revelation of the children of God, who have been made "a new creation". For "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Cor 5: 17). Indeed, by virtue of their being revealed, creation itself can celebrate a Pasch, opening itself to a new heaven and a new earth (cf. Rev 21: 1). The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery.

This "eager longing", this expectation of all creation, will be fulfilled in the revelation of the children of God, that is, when Christians and all people enter decisively into the "travail" that conversion entails. All creation is called, with us, to go forth "from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

Dear brothers and sisters, the "lenten" period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. Mk 1:12-13; Is 51:3). May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be "set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into

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:

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

Be Patient!

The gospel today may seem a bit odd to us. Most of us don't cultivate fig trees and we don't generally have gardeners. So, let's substitute a rose bush, one that we planted three years ago and so far has not produced a single rose.

We very likely would dig it out and replace it with a plant that will produce. Whether figs or roses, the point of today's gospel is that God does not give up on us. We get chance after chance to "produce".

This Lent we can imitate the patience and love of God by not expecting those around us to always produce, achieve, or succeed according to our expectations. God trusts that each will bear fruit in his or her own time, and if that's good enough for God, why are we so impatient!

Patience ... Today's gospel gives us much food for thought though we perhaps don't think of it as a lesson about patience. Yet the gardener who begs for one more year is clearly calling for this difficult-to-practice virtue. We need patience with our spouse, our children, our co-workers, our friends; we need to let them grow at the pace God has set for them. Think about this today and be patient in small ways that you might pave the way for patience in greater things.

You, O God, are like a great gardener who allows me to grow at my own pace. May I imitate your patience and love with those around me. Give me the grace this Lent to bloom and grow, and give me the patience to let others do the same. I give you praise, great gardener. Amen.

GPBS eNews

The Jewish concept of repentance at Jesus' time:

Teshuvá was the key concept in the rabbinic view of sin, repentance, and forgiveness. The Jewish rabbis taught that repentance required five elements: *recognition* of one's sin as sin; *remorse* for having committed the sin; *desisting* from repeating this sin; *restitution* for the damage done by the sin where possible; and *confession*. "Confession" for the Jews had two forms: ritual and personal. Ritual confession required recitation of the liturgies of confession at their proper moments in the prayer life of the community. Personal confession required individual confession before God as needed or inserting one's personal confession into the liturgy at designated moments. One who followed these steps to *teshuvá* was called a "penitent." In fact, Jesus invited his Jewish listeners to such repentance. "Repent" (Greek, *metanoia*), implies not just regret for the past but a radical conversion and a complete change in our way of life as we respond and open ourselves to the love of God. Repentance, or a turning away from one path to another, is not so much finding God as being found by God. Jesus calls us today to "repentance" - not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives.



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

George Thomas child of Damian & Brooke

Next weekend we welcome into our Church community:

Piper Mae child of Brett & Amy

PLEASE NOTE

There is a change of time for the Easter Altar cleaning on Wednesday, 17th April.

Please come at 12:30pm if you can help.

Thank you

First Reconciliation

10th April 2019

Please pray for ...



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| Esther Adie | Alex Bell |
| Georgina Burke | Mia Buser |
| Caelan Cassidy | Nicholas Cassidy |
| Ashton Cooke-Bosustow | Millie Dunn |
| Mia Gibbs | Zara Hillman |
| Scarlett Hughes | Georgia Inkster |
| Molly Jarratt | Angus Kelly |
| Grace McPherson | Chloe Pearce |
| Tiana Pidding | Delilah Rajic |
| Luca Rajic | Riley Thompson |
| Flynn Wullaert | Jake Wullaert |

PROJECT COMPASSION



Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who is living with a

disability. With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future.

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.

MOTHER'S PRAYER WOMEN'S RETREAT – 29th to 31st MARCH

Registrations close this Friday for the annual Mothers Prayers Women's Retreat which is from Friday 29th March to Sunday March 31st at St Clement's Galong. The theme of the retreat is *Make your home in Me, as I make My home in you*. The weekend costs \$260 which includes single room accommodation, shared bathroom and all meals.

Organiser Anne Hartwell says "All women are most welcome to join us on our retreat. We come away together to be cared for and blessed, to be nourished and enriched in God's love".

Enquiries: Phone Anne Hartwell on (02) 6282 0874 or email australia@mothersprayers.org

ANIMA WOMEN'S NETWORK – 6th APRIL

Local members of the Anima Women's Network are hosting a retreat afternoon at St Joseph's Parish O'Connor on Saturday 6th April from 2:00-4:30pm.

The afternoon's theme will revolve around the Stabat Mater, a beautiful 13th-century Christian hymn devoted to Mary as she witnessed the crucifixion of her son, Jesus. The retreat will include adoration, an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation and will finish with afternoon tea.

Event organiser Clara Geoghegan says "Please join us for an afternoon of prayer and fellowship as we journey through Lent in companionship with Mary and the women who accompanied Jesus to the Cross. We hope this will be the first of such opportunities for the women of Canberra"

Donation \$10 for afternoon tea.

Enquiries: Phone 0448 411 389 or email geoghegan.clara@gmail.com

PRAYING WITH ST JOHN OF THE CROSS – 6th APRIL

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00pm

Cost: \$30 (please remember to bring your lunch). Pick-ups from Minto train station at 9:30am and 10:00am.

Presenter: Barbara Stenning OCDS

"For well I know the spring that flows and runs although all is night."

Contact: Ph: 02 8795 3400, retreats@carmelite.com, www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

FINDING LIFE AND JOY IN TODAY'S WORLD: A RETREAT USING WORSHIP FROM TAIZE – 12th to 14th APRIL

Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

Facilitated by Annemarie Nichol

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it"

Contact: Phone: (02) 8795 3400, retreats@carmelite.com, www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

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.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic experience for all those concerned with many divorcees unsure of the validity of this marriage within the Catholic Church. The Church reaches out in support of those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage.

If you are divorced or in the process of finalising your divorce and would like information about the annulment process, please contact the Tribunal on (02) 6239 9813 or by email tribunal@cg.org.au.

All enquiries remain confidential to the Tribunal.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

It isn't the things you do,
it's the things you leave undone,
which give you a little heartache
at the setting of the sun.
The gentle word forgotten,
the letter you didn't write;
the flowers you might have sent,
are your haunting ghosts tonight.
The stone you might have lifted
out of your brother's way;
the little heart-felt counsel
you were hurried too much to say.
The tender touch of the hand,
the gentle and kindly tone;
which we have no time or thought for,
with troubles enough of our own.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Mary Fitzgerald and Syd Dobbin.

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

23 Mar	Peter Gibbs	1	Peter Cleary	2
	Hill Family	3	Ken Robbie	4
30 Mar	Debbie Valencic	1	Mark Valencic	2
	Morton Family	3	Peter Walker	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

23 Mar	Kay Perceval	Michael Van Wanrooy	Elizabeth Liew
30 Mar	Michael Green	Steve Scroope	Coral Carroll

VISITS

24 Mar	Kay Perceval	Michael Van Wanrooy	Elizabeth Liew
31 Mar	Michael Green	Steve Scroope	Coral Carroll

ALTAR SERVERS

23 Mar	Wendy Morton	Ella Broers
30 Mar	Tallara Howard	Fergus Green

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

23 Mar	Russell Hill
30 Mar	Peter Gibbs

HOSPITALITY

23 Mar	Frank & Kath Grace
30 Mar	The Cleary Family

CARE GROUP

25 Mar	Jeanette Patmore	Maureen Grieves	(Group 9)
	Kay Perceval	Coral Carroll	(Group 10)
1 Apr	Kath Luchetti	Julie Faulkner	(Group 11)
	Jane Hingston	Sandra Davis	(Group 12)

ALTAR CLEANERS

23 Mar	Kay Perceval
30 Mar	Coral Carroll

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

First Reading Jos 5:9-12

The Lord removes the reproach of Egypt.

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21

All is new in Christ.

Gospel Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

Parable of the prodigal son.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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