



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>	

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR C

1st & 2nd June 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

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

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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/Warlington

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

Sun: The Ascension of the Lord
Mon: Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions
Wed: Saint Boniface

On Good Shepherd Sunday we were supposed to have a collection for the support of educating our seminarians. As I can't find the envelopes, which obviously have been thrown out, if you are prepared to donate, please go to www.cgatholic.org.au/donate or email giving@cg.org.au. You may remember Arlindo Gutteres the smallest of the seminarians from Timor Leste who spent time with us a few years ago, he has been chosen to complete his studies for the priesthood in Rome.

It was a lovely gathering last Saturday after Mass for a 'pizza meal' and I am grateful to Lourdes and her team for organizing this social event.

Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost and I suggest we pray for our communities each day this coming week with the prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Prayers for the guidance of the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

- V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created:
- R. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

O God, who taught the hearts of your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation; through Christ our Lord.

O Lord, you have taught us that all our actions are worth nothing without charity; send your Holy Spirit upon us and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER FOR EVANGELISATION

It is the Risen Christ who tells us, with a power that fills us with confidence and unshakeable hope: "Behold, I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). With Mary we advance confidently towards the fulfilment of this promise, and to her we pray:

Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith: as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One, help us to say our own "yes" to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection, that we may bring to all the Gospel of life which triumphs over death.

Give us a holy courage to seek new paths, that the gift of unfading beauty may reach every man and woman.

Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world.

Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, pray for us. Amen. Alleluia!

POPE FRANCIS, *THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL*;
FROM PARAGRAPH 288

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	Clery (<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>)		

Don't Look Up

The portraits of the Ascension I like the most are the ones that begin and end with Jesus' feet. Of course, the heads of the disciples gather at the bottom of the frame, staring upward with open mouths. But all we see of Jesus are his feet disappearing at the top edge of the picture. His great exit is in process, and all that will be left behind is the advice of a couple of angels.

Don't look up, the angels say. Look out. Look within! Don't get caught up in what is already past but see what's happening right now. Participate in the kingdom, which is coming in every new decision, in each word and action, in your relationships, in the choice of love, compassion, and forgiveness! The angelic advice is all about perspective. If we focus too much on heaven, over which we have no control - if we view religion as a matter of "what goes up" - then we'll miss what's "going down" all around us. And that's something about which we have a lot of control, not to mention a lot of responsibility.

The Ascension tends to get lost in the "what goes up" phase of our imagination. We, too, look up until our necks ache, forgetting that the story we're being told is neither history nor biography, but gospel. The gospel is faith spoken to faith. The gospel speaks to believers about the meaning of what they believe. Once Jesus returns to the One who sent him, our business lies not with the realm we can't see but the busy, complicated, tangible world we are immersed in.

In the celebration of Jesus' Ascension, we recognise that we ascend, too, through the grasp of what binds us to our brokenness and sin. In all these ways, Jesus comes again, and we meet him, eye to eye, right where we live.

GPBS eNews

Nietzsche and Hitler:

Nietzsche, the German philosopher, said, "God is dead and the stench of his corpse is all across Europe." He advocated humanism and proposed the development of a "superman" of Aryan heritage, protected by selective breeding and superior education. The Nazi Party picked up his idea, and men like Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Mengele, Himmler, and Rommel set about building such a society in Germany's Third Reich. But it all ended with bullets and bombs, chaos and suffering such as the world has seldom seen. The Christian Faith has no less a plan. But it involves a higher order. Hitler would have renewed man by his own efforts. We seek to renew the human race by the work of God. Our mission as given by the ascending Jesus is not to make converts or Church members, but baptized, receptive, obedient disciples!

Indian Bishops Conference

"No eulogy is due to him who simply does his duty and nothing more."

"Order your soul; reduce your wants; live in charity; associate in Christian community; obey the laws; trust in Providence."

St. Augustine



This week we welcomed into
our Church community:

Charlotte

child of

Luke & Tiffany

THANK YOU

Feast day celebration last Saturday was a great evening. Thank you to all who attended, to Genevieve who gave a wonderful talk on Our Lady, all who helped, Pauline and Jane for their wonderful pumpkin soup and a special thank you to the lovely young girls and boys who made the evening even more enjoyable. Look forward to everyone attending our next get together.

Lourdes O'Keefe

LEARNING OF OTHER FAITHS

A series of talks on Sunday afternoons on themes of faith, belief and religious practice.

Arranged by St. Augustine's Parish in conjunction with Yass Ministers.

Robyn Cadwallader

The award-winning Australian author Robyn Cadwallader will speak on her highly-acclaimed novel *The anchoress*, which was published by Faber and Faber in London in 2016. The novel is set in the late medieval world and explores the life of seventeen-year old Sarah, who chooses to become an anchoress, a holy woman shut away in a small cell, measuring seven paces by nine, at the side of the village church. The novel exists in the context of the spiritual writing of the anchoress Julian of Norwich, whose *Revelations of Divine Love*, c.1395, is considered to be the first book in the English language to have been written by a woman.

Where: The Lovat Chapel, Meehan St, Yass

Time: 2:00 for 2:30

When: Sunday, 23rd June 2019

TWO ORGANS, TWO ORGANISTS & TWO TRUMPETERS

Samuel Giddy, Jonathan Lee, Keith Thomas
and Rohan Heffernan

will be playing a variety of classical music for organ and trumpet.

Where: Lovat Chapel, Meehan Street, Yass

When: Sunday 30th June 2019

Cost: Tickets \$25 at the door, Concession \$20

Light refreshments will be served after the performance.

Proceeds to the Musicians and the Yass Hartigan Centre.

Enquiries 0411 232 317

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

– 2nd to 9th JUNE

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from 2nd – 9th June 2019 in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme is "Justice and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16.18-20) The National Council of Churches of Australia has some resources on its website including a poster, reflections, notes for organisers and worship resources.

See its website for more details.

AMICUS – 9th JUNE

The next gathering for 2019 will be at Yarralumla Nursery Oaks Brasserie at 12 NOON for lunch. To join us please call Rosemary 0428 599 342.

First Eucharist – 23rd June 2019

Please pray for...

Esther Adie

Alex Bell

Oran Bradley

Georgina Burke

Mia Buser

Caelan Cassidy

Nicholas Cassidy

Ashton Cooke-Bosustow

Savannah Donnelly

William Downey

Millie Dunn

Mia Gibbs

Zara Hillman

Scarlett Hughes

Georgia Inkster

Molly Jarratt

Angus Kelly

Grace McPherson

Chloe Pearce

Tiana Pidding

Delilah Rajic

Luca Rajic

Rory Swadling

Flynn Wullaert

Jake Wullaert



FIRST EUCHARIST MORNING TEA – 23rd JUNE

Following Mass there will be an opportunity to gather for a cuppa/morning tea and the cutting of the cake for these young people.

It would be very much appreciated if parishioners could help with the supply of sandwiches, slice etc. on this special occasion. Food may be dropped off to the school office on Friday 21st June or at Mt Carmel Performing Arts Centre in Dutton Street prior to Mass.

Enquires to Mt Carmel School 6226 3357 or Dianne Carey 0419 276 889.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CHILDREN RECEIVING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

You may be thinking about appropriate gifts to give to celebrate this occasion. The Vinnies store carries a small range of suitable cards and gifts, such as rosary beads and pens. Alternatively, the Catholic bookshop at 55 Franklin Street, Forrest in Canberra, carries a wide range of suitable items. It is open weekdays 9:30 am – 5:00 pm and Saturdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

WINTER WOOLLIES STALL – 13th JUNE

Calvary Public Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Winter Woollies Stall from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

This is a one-day opportunity to purchase hand-made scarves, rugs, jumpers and more at bargain prices.

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

Venue: foyer, Calvary Public Hospital, Hayden Drive, Bruce.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

'Go preach the Gospel to all nations.'

This was the farewell command of Christ.
He has no body now on earth but ours.
He has no hands but ours to raise the fallen.
No feet but ours to seek out the lost.
No eyes but ours to see the silent tears of the suffering.
No ears but ours to listen to the lonely.
No tongue but ours to speak a word of comfort to the sad.
No heart but ours to love the unloved.
Lord, take pity on us, your timid and fearful disciples;
give us the courage to witness to you in the world,
and so the Gospel will be preached,
and people will find their way into your kingdom.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: PENTECOST - YEAR C

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

The Spirit comes to the Apostles as tongues of fire.

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

The Spirit of God dwells in us.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

Jesus promises the disciples the Paraclete.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week



MT CARMEL SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW FOR 2020

If you have a pre-school child ready for Kindergarten next year, please contact the front office on 6226 3357 for an enrolment form.

An interview will be organized once the enrolment application is received.

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 11th June at 2:30pm.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Andrew Widdows

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

Doreen (Pat) McKenna (1/6), Mary (Mollie) O'Brien (1/6), Aileen Wales (10/6), James MacQuillan (13/6), Nance O'Connor (14/6), Damien Broderick (15/6), Gordon Butt (17/6), Don Bayley (17/6), Eileen Jackson (18/6), Francis 'Noel' Agnew (20/6), Gerald Honner (26/6), Audrey Pearce (27/6), Susan O'Connor (27/6), Peter Doyle (27/6), Raymond Bayley (28/6), Maria Doemling (28/6), Cliff Doust (29/6) and Margaret Morrissey (30/6).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

1 Jun	Peter	Cleary	1	Tom	Conside	2
	Morton	Family	3	Russell	Hill	4
8 Jun	Susan	Morrissey	1	Bob	Nash	2
	Bob	Nash	3	Chris	Gold	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

1 Jun	Peter	Walker	Steve	Scroope	Kay	Perceval
8 Jun	Kay	Perceval	Ken	Robbie	Elisabeth	Liew

VISITS

2 Jun	Peter	Walker	Steve	Scroope	Kay	Perceval
9 Jun	Kay	Perceval	Ken	Robbie	Elisabeth	Liew

ALTAR SERVERS

1 Jun	Ella	Broers	Rachel	Widdows
8 Jun	Grace & Charlie Miller			

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

1 Jun	Peter	Cleary
8 Jun	Dianne	Carey

HOSPITALITY

1 Jun	Bert & Kath Moore
8 Jun	Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy

CARE GROUP

3 Jun	Helen	Van Wanrooy	Suzanne	Hawkes	(Group 5)
	Kath	Turner	Shirley	Williamson	(Group 6)
10 Jun	Helen	Murphy	Maureen	Collins	(Group 7)
	Lourdes	O'Keefe	Edith	Buhagiar	(Group 8)

ALTAR CLEANERS

1 Jun	Jane	Hingston
8 Jun	Helen	Murphy

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