



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 EASTER – YEAR C

4th & 5th May 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

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Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

R

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people
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

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, 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/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



You know I love you

Some years ago, I noticed a couple with a newborn baby in the front pew. I *observed* the baby, but they could not take their eyes off the infant for the whole Mass. Their way of looking was completely different to mine. It was the *loving gaze* of total commitment and, no doubt, of the deepest desire for the best possible future for their baby.

This is the gaze which, according to St Luke's Gospel, Jesus bestowed on Peter as he stood warming himself by a charcoal fire where he denied Our Lord three times: 'I do not know the man.' Now, he is standing near another charcoal fire on which his now Risen Lord had prepared breakfast, affirming three times: 'Lord, you know that I love you.'

Peter came to that point because he was first held in that transforming gaze of Jesus Christ.

You and I, the adopted brothers and sisters of Jesus, are constantly held in that gaze. You and I, like Peter, are thus enabled to repent of our betrayals of Our Lord, some major, most minor, and to claim: 'Lord, you know that I love you.'

But, this claim has to be evidenced by concrete action. In the case of Peter it was to feed and tend and shepherd 'my lambs, my sheep'. How do we decide what concrete action will manifest our professed love? The short and sure answer, in the words of Father Richard Rohr, is *to love what God loves*.

And that, my friends, is nothing less than the whole cosmos: 'For God so loved the cosmos as to give the Son.' (Jn 3:16,17)

Of course, we have to love our fellow human beings, but leaving it there would be an inadequate imitation of God's love for the cosmos. How can we concretely show that love?

Recall, Our Lord says elsewhere, 'You are the Salt of the Earth.' Salt is a preservative, preventing decay, making food suitable for eating. You must preserve the Earth so that it does not decay and so that it is a suitable habitation for all the creatures, including us, for whom the Earth is a common home.

That imitates God's love for the cosmos.

And then Our Lord went on: 'You are the Light of the Cosmos.' You are the enlightened mind and the enflamed heart of the whole cosmos, allowing it to understand what it is and to praise God for its existence. As you will hear in the Mass 'With [the Angels], we too, confess your name in exultation, *giving voice to every creature under Heaven* as we acclaim: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts".'

As stardust loving consciousness, *that* imitates God's love for the cosmos.

St Francis of Assisi sings of this in his Canticle of the Sun:

Be praised, My Lord, through all your creatures,
Especially through my lord Brother Sun,
Who brings the day; And you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

In the words of the Pope who took his name: 'We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story and each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is.'

We are all held in the loving gaze of the One who first loved us (1Jn 4:19). That is what enables us, personally and as a Church, to respond: 'Lord, you know that I love you.'

But then we must prove it as Salt of The Earth and Light of

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 Colborne (<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>)
Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke		Sarah Johnston (<i>Social Justice</i>)

Your Mistakes Can Be "Food" for Others

Sometimes I feel like Peter. Not because I'm holy, but because Jesus has given me the chance to admit my past mistakes, correct them, and use them for building God's Reign.

As a young bloke, I stopped going to church and praying. I lived a self-centred life. I didn't care about anyone but myself. Over time that lifestyle left me with a deep sense of emptiness. Jesus filled that emptiness when I turned back to God, sought forgiveness, and resolved to live differently. I'm still a sinner. But now I encourage people to draw close to Christ and this avoid the mistakes I made. I try to use my past mistakes to help others.

Jesus offers Peter that same opportunity in this week's Gospel. Peter denied Jesus three times. So Jesus invites Peter to repent and be forgiven by expressing his love three times. Peter has the chance to repair the damage his denials caused. Repentance can free you from the guilt that keeps you from fully loving yourself and others. You can't really be free until, like Peter, you try to correct the damage your sins leave behind.

You can also use those sins to help others. Look at how the Gospel uses Peter's sin to teach us about Jesus' love and our ability to start anew.

Easter is a good time to correct and learn from your mistakes. The Risen Christ offers you the opportunity and the courage to look honestly at your mistakes, repair damage they caused in your relationships, and use what you have learned to help others. Take up Christ on this offer. And then follow him.

GPBS eNews

We need to open our eyes, ears and hearts wide to see, hear, and experience the Risen Lord coming into our lives in various forms, circumstances and events:

1) The Risen Lord blesses us with success and achievements. We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the Risen Lord behind our unexpected successes, great achievements, promotions at work, miraculous healings, and success in relationships. He is right there in our parties, celebrations and occasions of rejoicing.

2) The Risen Lord is present in our pains and suffering: Acts 9:1-13 tells us how the Risen Lord transformed the life of Saul by pushing him down onto the Damascus road and making him temporarily blind. The same Jesus often visits us in the form of accidents, illnesses, the loss of dear ones, pain and suffering, and problems in relationships.

3) The Risen Lord visits us through our friends and well-wishers: He is present in those who visit us and encourage us in our sad and desperate moments. The Risen Lord visits us in the form of unexpected help from the least expected persons in our dire needs.

4) The Risen Lord is present in our Christian worship: He is present on our altars during the Holy Mass to share His life with us; He is present in the words of Holy Scripture; He is there in the Sacraments and He is there where two or three are gathered in his name (Matthew 18: 20).



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Harper Pia	child of	Antoni & Heather
Riley Jay	child of	Adam & Kineta

SOCIAL EVENT – 25th MAY

A soup and pizza night will be held after Mass to celebrate our patron Our Lady, Help of Christians.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks will be provided. Gluten free pizza will also be available.

Where: Hartigan Centre

Cost: \$8 per person

RSVP: 20th May, Lourdes 0413 096 413

MARIAN PROCESSION – 5th MAY

A Marian Procession is being held this Sunday, 5th May from 5:00pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Cobargo.

The Marian Pilgrimage seeks to bring young people and the broader Church to connect with the 'Yes of Mary'. It is through the Procession that all participants get the opportunity for formation through pilgrimage and build a sense of fellowship and community.

The Marian Procession is open to all from across the Archdiocese.

The Australian Bishops have decided to have the relics of St Therese of Lisieux visit our nation in 2020 as a part of a prayer focus for the Plenary Council. From all accounts, the previous visit in 2002 was exceptional and provided the many who participated with a deepening of their faith in Christ, and an additional focus on the mission of our Church.

Our Archdiocese has been offered the dates of 26th to 31st March, 2020, with Sunday, 29th March set aside for the Cathedral. If you believe this would benefit our community, please speak with a member of your PPC.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE - MAY RETREATS

Where: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

Phone: 8795 3400

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Mary MacKillop, Woman of faith and Vision

May 17 – May 19

Presenter: Sr Ann Morrison, RSJ

Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)

"Believe the whisperings of God to your own heart."

A week with the Carmelite Saints

May 27 – June 2

Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD

Cost: \$800 (concessions apply)

How can the Carmelite Saints guide us in our journey to intimacy with God?

Directed retreat

May 27 – June 2

Cost: \$800 (concessions apply)

A time of reflection and prayer on your own spiritual journey with the help of a director.

GUINNESS AND GOD - KING O'MALLEYS PUB – 8th MAY

Lana Turvey-Collins, Nathan Ahearn and Theresa Corson share their own encounters in the Church, discuss what it means to 'Belong' and what an inclusive church should look like.

Live music, drinks and dinner from 6:30pm, with the discussion and Q&A commencing at from 7:30pm.

Contact: youth@cg.org.au for more information.

MARIST MOTHER'S RETREAT – 10th MAY

Marist are hosting a *free* Mother's Retreat at the College from 10:15am to 2:30pm.

The speaker, Kate Seselja will reflect on "Sustainable wellbeing in motherhood, living our lives with love". Kate is a mother of six, the Founder of The HOPE Project, UN SDG Advocate, World Kindness Goodwill Ambassador, TEDx Speaker and Facilitator. Kate will be sharing key insights and learning from her twelve year battle with addiction and on how motherhood and faith have anchored her in a sustainable resilience.

Register online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MMR2019>

Enquiries: Leesa.Callaghan@mcc.act.edu.au

FILM SCREENING: THE INSULT – 29th MAY

As part of National Reconciliation Week, the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture will be hosting a film screening of the movie *The Insult* which demonstrates reconciliation and forgiveness in a powerful and compelling way.

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Chapel at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

Donation: Gold coin

IMAGES OF THE DIVINE, ICONOGRAPHY EXHIBITION – 31st MAY to 2nd JUNE

From 31st May to 2nd June "Images of The Divine" will be on exhibit at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Haydon Hall, Manuka.

Free admission.

31st May 5:00pm to 7:30pm

1st June 9:00am to 6:00pm

2nd June 9:00am to 4:30pm.

Inquiries: Sue Orchison, 0421 028 331, sue.orchison@gmail.com

CATECHISTS RETREATS

A gathering for Catechists to celebrate, pray, learn and to go deeper into Jesus and so receive greater strength during these challenging times.

- 31st May – Young.
- 1st June – Tumut.

For more information contact matt.ransom@cg.org.au

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.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

It can happen that we lose interest in people, and even become blind to their strengths, when we discover their limitations. During his passion Jesus discovered the limitations of Peter, yet he didn't write him off. He continued to believe in him, and in time he came good. Like Peter, we are weak human beings, who are inconstant in our beliefs. We need someone who understands our weaknesses, who realises that it may take time for us to overcome them and who doesn't write us off because we don't produce the goods at once.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52
Paul and Barnabas are expelled from Antioch.

Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17
John sees people of every race before the throne.

Gospel Jn 10:27-30
The gift of eternal life.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

DESIGNING WINDOWS

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YOUTH MINISTRY POSITION

Are you a young adult?

Do you want to be employed on a year of formation and mission?

We want to invite you to become a Youth Minister in 2019 across the Archdiocese.

For more information, visit cgyouthministry.org.au/youthministers or contact youth@cg.org.au

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Mark MacKenzie, Bernie Crowe, Frank Morrissey, Gloria Rattenbury, Grace Stansfield, Sr Marietta Drew, and Michael Heffernan.

Prayers for

Robert Corkhill, Edward McReynolds and Mary McReynolds.

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

Thomas Williamson (1/5), Brendan Reardon (2/5), David Warren (2/5), Herbert Vincent (3/5), Mary McReynolds (5/5), Vea Teofilo (5/5), Robert Delbridge (6/5), Maude Baker (6/5), Bill Smith (7/5), Jennifer Rowan (7/5), Gwendoline Bayley (8/5), Thomas Horton (10/5), Kevin Crossley (10/5), Franjo Bambic (12/5), Bruce McDonald (12/5), Florence Vincent (12/5), Maureen McGrath (14/5), Rubina Crossley (15/5), Norman Carey (16/5), Zygmunt Banaszczyk (18/5), Ian Kennedy (18/5), Cassandra Friend (20/5), Edward McReynolds (20/5), Esther Tully (25/5), Thomas Richmond (27/5), Corrina Medway (22/5), Beryl Downey (23/5), Joseph Barratt (28/5), Audrey Carey (29/5) & Emse Cregan (31/5).

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

4 May	Greg	Minahan	1	Peter	Gibbs	2
	Gibbs	Family	3	Paul	Treize	4
11 May	Tom	Considine	1	Russell	Hill	2
	Hill	Family	3	Peter	Cleary	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

4 May	Kay	Perceval	Peter	Cleary	Elizabeth	Liew
11 May	Michael	Green	Kath	Luchetti	Coral	Carroll

VISITS

5 May	Kay	Perceval	Peter	Cleary	Elizabeth	Liew
12 May	Michael	Green	Kath	Luchetti	Coral	Carroll

ALTAR SERVERS

4 May	Ella	Cassidy	Molly	McPherson
11 May	Clare	Broers	Charlotte	McPherson

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

4 May	Dianne	Carey	11 May	Russell	Hill
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HOSPITALITY

4 May	Trish	Gibbs	Lourdes	O'Keefe
11 May	Coral	Carroll	Kath	Luchetti

CARE GROUP

6 May	Jeanette	Patmore	Maureen	Grieves	(Group 9)
	Kay	Perceval	Coral	Carroll	(Group 10)
13 May	Kath	Luchetti	Julie	Faulkner	(Group 11)
	Jane	Hingston	Sandra	Davis	(Group 12)

ALTAR CLEANERS

4 May	Pat	Coleburne	11 May	Geraldine	Doyle
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HELP NEEDED

A small group of volunteers are needed for small functions as they arise, to help setting up and catering.

If you can help at any time, please contact Lourdes on 0413 096 413.

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