



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

Bowning, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gunning, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

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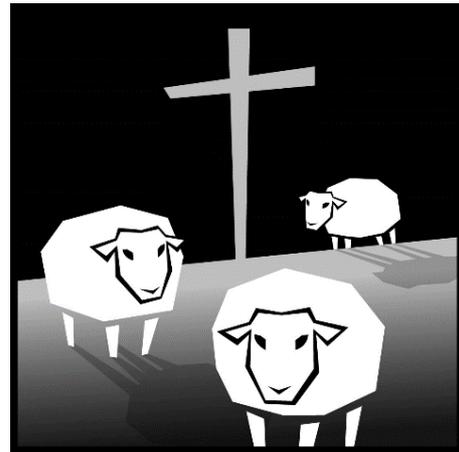
ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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>	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

11th & 12th May 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

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 Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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/Warminsteron

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

Tue: Saint Matthias

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock.

The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock.

Richard Leonard SJ

Hearing Voices

A friend was talking about a time she was sorely tempted toward revenge. A person at work had hurt her and now it was in her power to turn the tables. She found out something about this co-worker that would have deeply embarrassed the woman, and my friend savoured the possibility of spreading the news.

Then she heard her grandmother's voice. Her grandmother had been her spiritual hero, and even though the elderly woman had died years ago, my friend often heard her words echoing in her heart. Today she heard, "Revenge spills on everyone - including the one who dishes it out". It made her pause, and she reconsidered. Reluctantly she came to the conclusion that the right thing to do was to just keep quiet and let this chance of sweet revenge pass by.

We all hear voices in our heads. Some people call it the "committee". And we're influenced by the voices we hear. Parents hope their children will hear parental voices in their consciences loud and clear when they're tempted to take crazy chances or stray from the right path. Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me". With all the noise going on in the world it can take consistent effort to hear the voice of Jesus. Why not begin your morning prayer with this: "Jesus, help me hear your voice". And then just sit and listen.

GPBS eNews

Let us become good shepherds: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, etc. are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers.

Indian Bishops Conference

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>)

You're in Good Hands

There was an insurance company commercial running for many years that assured people they were in "good hands" with the company's policies.

Security. Insurance. Protection. At some level, isn't that what we all are looking for?

I worry about young people today because I've seen so many stressed out because they think security comes only from becoming the smartest, the richest, the most popular, or the most athletic. They work or worry all day and night for their goals. And the stress takes a toll on them. Some get sick. Some start using drugs or alcohol. Some get involved in gangs. Some have problems with friends or family.

I wish they would all read this week's Gospel over and over. It is clear. We're in good hands – God's hands. And nothing can change that. We can't flunk out of God's hands. We can't get cut from or kicked out of God's hands. You need not be rich or popular to be in God's hands. Why do we worry so?

We can have an eternal life of meaning and loving starting right now if we just recognise where we live – in God's hands. Who is this God? Ignore false images of God as judgmental and punishing. Jesus says he and God are one. So look at Jesus to understand God. You'll be reminded that God is a loving, merciful, and compassionate parent who cares in a special way for the people most forgotten.

Sure, it's not easy to remember and live each moment aware that nothing can snatch us from God's hands – even our worst failures and most serious shortcomings. That's why a strong spiritual life is key. Take time each day to close your eyes and visualise yourself leaning back into God's arms like a little kid with a parent. Sit with that picture for several minutes. Ignore any thoughts about any tests, practices, or worries. Just rest in God's arms. Over time you'll notice that you worry less. You'll become more aware in your gut that, regardless of what happens, God will always be there to comfort, strengthen, and guide you.

So do your best. Develop your mind, body, and spirit. Reach for lofty goals. But always remember who embraces you every moment of every day.

GPBS eNews

A young pastor was teaching the 23rd Psalm to the Sunday school children. He told them that they were sheep who needed guidance. Then the priest asked, "If you are the sheep, then who is the shepherd?"-- obviously indicating himself.

A silence of a few seconds followed. Then a young boy said, "Jesus. Jesus is the Shepherd."

The young priest, obviously caught by surprise, said to the boy, "Well then, who am I?"

The boy frowned thoughtfully and then said, "I guess you must be a sheep dog."

SOCIAL EVENT – 25th MAY

A soup and pizza night will be held after Mass to celebrate our patron Our Lady, Help of Christians. Genevieve Colbert will give a 10 minute talk about Our Lady.

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

CALL TO CONNECT

The prayer gathering 'Call To Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st May at 2:30pm.

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.

MUSIC PRACTICE TIME

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

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.

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May 27 – June 2

Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD

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

Directed retreat

May 27 – June 2

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

CHANGING OR CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?

Please notify the Parish Office of any changes to your address/phone number.

Also, any new parishioners to the parish please complete a New Parishioner Information Card located at the rear of the church. This ensures our parish database is up to date.

DESERT CREEK HOUSE WORKSHOP – 24th TO 26th MAY

Going Deeper: Money, Work, Generosity 2

Workshop: Friday 24th May 5:00pm to
Sunday 26th May 9:00am

Facilitator: Yves de Morsier

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.

ECUMENICS ROUNDTABLE WITH RT. REV'D DR GEEVARGHESE COORILLOS – 25th JUNE

The Centre for Ecumenical Studies at the ACC&C presents this ecumenical roundtable with Special guest speaker Rt. Rev'd Dr Geevarghese Coorilos.

He is Moderator of the World Council of Churches Communion on World Mission and Evangelism; Metropolitan of Niranam Diocese of Malankara Jacobite Syriac Orthodox Church; President of Kerala Council of Churches.

He will present the following topics: Ecumenism and public theology in a multi religious context and Orthodoxy in diaspora communities today: opportunities and challenges.

Time: 10:30am - 4:00pm

Location: Chambers Pavilion at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

Address: 15 Blackall Street, Barton

Registration: acc-c@csu.edu.au

COMMUNION REFLECTION

The deepest wound of all is that which affects the heart: the feeling that one has not been loved, that one is not precious to anyone. Many people today are wounded at heart. Each of us can do something to heal their wounds. We have hands that can make things, and minds that can understand things. But above all we have hearts that can give life. We are not sterile people. We can give life to people who are inwardly broken. We can show them that they are important, and so bring life to them. Today, as we reflect on the Good Shepherd, may we recall that our principal vocation in life is to love.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

First Reading

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas journey extensively, returning to Antioch.

Second Reading

Rv 21:1-5

John sees a new Jerusalem.

Gospel

Jn 13: 31-35

Jesus issues a new commandment, love one another.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week



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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Mark MacKenzie, Bernie Crowe, Frank Morrissey, and Gloria Rattenbury.

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).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

11 May	Kate Walker	1	Rod Perceval	2
	McManus Family	3	Peter Walker	4
18 May	Tom Considine	1	Russell Hill	2
	Hill Family	3	Peter Cleary	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

11 May	Michael Green	Kath Luchetti	Coral Carroll
18 May	Dianne Carey	Michael Van Wanrooy	Trish Gibbs

VISITS

12 May	Michael Green	Kath Luchetti	Coral Carroll
19 May	Dianne Carey	Michael Van Wanrooy	Trish Gibbs

ALTAR SERVERS

11 May	Clare Broers	Charlotte McPherson
18 May	Wendy Morton	Louis Green

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

11 May	Russell Hill	18 May	Peter Gibbs
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HOSPITALITY

11 May	Coral Carroll	Kath Luchetti
18 May	Frank & Kath Grace	

CARE GROUP

13 May	Kath Luchetti	Julie Faulkner	(Group 11)
	Jane Hingston	Sandra Davis	(Group 12)
20 May	Margaret Wilson		(Group 1)
	Pat Longley	Pauline Abbey	(Group 2)

ALTAR CLEANERS

11 May	Geraldine Doyle	18 May	Kay Perceval
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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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