



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.

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

20th & 21st July 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. **R**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

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 Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

SUNDAY MASSES:

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| 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

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| Wednesday | Yass | 5:30 pm |
| Thursday (<i>during winter</i>) | Yass | 8:30 am |
| Friday | Yass | 12:00 noon |
| Saturday | Yass | 9:00 am |

Nursing Home/Hostel

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| Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton) | | |
| 2 nd Tues (monthly) | Yass | 11:00 am |

Horton/Warmington

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| 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

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| 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: Saint Mary Magdalene **Thu:** Saint James
Fri: Saints Joachim and Anne

I found the documentary "The Final Quarter" dealing with the bullying and racial overtones aimed at Adam Goodes fascinating. As Australians, do we have to deal with a legacy that has persisted from the early days of European settlement? For me there seems to be a vocal minority who want us to know our place in society. This was certainly true of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters who suffered so much in attempts to put them in their place. To a lesser extent, Catholics for more than a hundred years endured a similar oppression. Adam Goodes demonstrated wisdom and calm as he challenged Australians to deal with deep prejudices.

At St. Augustine's PPC held this week, reports were tabled by members. We are in a holding position with regards to youth ministry, this is mainly due to insistence from on high of our changing the model for youth ministry. I am grateful to all members of the PPC, under the leadership of Sarah Johnston, for their commitment to our community.

As there is talk in the broader community as to when I will retire, I also told members that next year 2020 in August I will finish my extension of twelve years in the parishes and won't be reapplying. We are appointed for six years and can apply for an additional term. When I attempted to apply for an extension in Bega, it was knocked back. A younger priest will bring a new energy and new ideas to the communities.

Scriptural context

It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbour. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbour whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.

Different View – Feminist critique

Feminist theologian Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza suggests that this story is less about an event in the life of Jesus than it is about events in the life of the early Church. In the first 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus, women played an equal role in leadership and ministry to the community. However, by the time of Luke's gospel, men were becoming more dominant in the community. By portraying Jesus as admonishing Martha's active service and praising Mary's passive listening role, the passage can be interpreted as endorsing the relegation of women to less active roles.

Have you thought? – Action vs Reflection

This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

Parish Finance Committee Members:

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| 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:

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| 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>) | | |

Take a Hike!

A few years ago, my wife and I added a new routine to our preparations for family parties that we host. It's made the world of difference. We host relatives and friends at New Year and Easter time every year. A number of years ago the preparations involved in serving the feast and keeping the guests entertained and their drinks refreshed seemed to become a chore. It even got to the point where, as the last guests left, we wondered where the day had gone.

Then one year we made a change. We decided that an hour before the guests were to arrive, we would take a walk. For half an hour or so my wife and I walk the streets around our house, noticing the season, greeting our neighbours, and feeling alive. The break from preparations gives us a new perspective so that when the first guests arrive, we are delighted with the gift of their presence and offer them our own.

Of course, as the time for our walk nears, we always tell ourselves there's way too much to do to squander half an hour before the party starts. But then we remember Martha and Mary and decide to stop being worried and anxious about many things and choose the better part - preparing our hearts for our guests. With that accomplished, the rest seems to take care of itself.

GPBS eNews

Martha and Mary

Jesus visits the home of Martha. For such a short Gospel passage, this text has created much discussion among biblical scholars. It seems everyone in this story is breaking the rules: Jesus rebukes his host, Mary does not help her sister, and Martha is not sitting at Jesus' feet like a good disciple. Luke's gospel is all about 'reversal': what you expect to happen does not happen, often the opposite happens! Confused? Mary is positioned here as a disciple learning from her Teacher. Martha as one who is trying to serve through 'many tasks.' Throughout his Gospel, Luke places a special emphasis on the wider circle of Jesus' disciples, and names the women who follow Him. Luke is perhaps reminding us in this text that being a follower of Jesus requires an upset of the norms and a reversal of roles.

This story occurs in Luke immediately after the Good Samaritan, where the importance of service and action are clearly emphasised. It seems unfair that Martha is being told off for serving those who come to her. If Jesus arrived with a hungry entourage, what host would not be stressed out! Jesus frees Martha from these duties, not because they are not important, but so that she too can be nourished by him. Frantic activity is never good or sustainable for us.

Let today's Gospel be a reminder that when we are bogged down in the craziness around us, we can sit and listen to Him. Then we may be better prepared for the challenges that we face, whether they be in our homes or our wider communities.

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SACRIFICIAL PLANNED GIVING

Tax receipts are available at the back of the church.

Thankyou

CATECHISTS AND SUPPORTERS

A service will be held at the Uniting Church Hall on Sunday 21st July at 3pm.



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Samantha Josephine child of Christopher & Kathryn

Friday, 2nd August, Mass will be at 9:45am as Mount Carmel School celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Steve Scroope is a team member on the next Kairos retreat at Goulburn Gaol. If you can assist in supplying biscuits (no fruit) for this extraordinary ministry, they will be required by Sunday 11th August. Lourdes O'Keefe will coordinate the collection of biscuits.

ST AUGUSTINE'S GARDENING TEAM

We need more people to help maintain the garden out the front of the Hartigan Centre. I'm thinking if we had a roster similar to that of the Meals on Wheels, where a duo (or more) could spend an hour each week on a day that suits them, to weed and water. What say you, good people? If you think, I MUST be part of this, please let me know. If you have any questions or feedback or funny jokes, please also contact me.

Thanks.

Annabelle O'Connell (ph. 0412 919 856)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

- SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 10:00am

The Catholic Parish of St Augustine's, Yass, invites children in Year 6 or older, who have made their First Eucharist, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please enrol your child at St Augustine's Presbytery on Wednesday 31st July or Thursday 1st August between 5:00-6:00pm.

For further details and to print an enrolment form please visit the parish website www.staug-Yass.org.au/wp/sacraments or contact Dianne Carey (Sacramental Team Leader) on 0419 276 889.

CALL TO CONNECT

The prayer gathering 'Call To Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd July at 2:30pm.

YASS CIRCLE OF SISTERS

Yass Circle of Sisters will be meeting Saturday 27th July at the Uniting Church Hall beginning 10:00am.

For further information please contact Lynette on 0406 375 412.

SAVE THE DATE – 11th OCTOBER

Home in Queanbeyan is holding its annual 'fundraising movie' from 6:00pm at the Q Theatre, Queanbeyan.

CELEBRATION OF MASS – JESUIT COMMUNITY

– 31st JULY

Fr Brian F McCoy SJ, Provincial of the Australian Jesuits, and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Superior of the Canberra community extend an invitation to a celebration of Mass for the Feast of St Ignatius Loyola at 5:30pm at St Christopher's Cathedral.

The Jesuits will be marking the conclusion of 51 years presence of the Jesuits in the national capital. After mass, the congregation is invited to a reception with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Jesuit community in the Pastoral Centre next to the cathedral.

RSVP: frank.brennan@acu.edu.au

2019-20 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Again this year the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Justice Commission will be arranging a bulk order for the Social Justice Statement on the theme "The Impact of Information Technology and Social Media" and its complementary Ten Steps Leaflet and Prayer Card.

If you require copies, please telephone the parish office.

2019-20 Social Justice Statement schedule

- Pre-launch Workshop: Saturday, 14th September
- Social Justice Sunday: 29th September
- Public Forum on the Statement: Wednesday, 16th October

DEVINE RENOVATION IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP

– 8th to 10th AUGUST

Leading your Parish from Maintenance to Mission

An opportunity to gather with and learn from Australian Parishes actively engaged in implementing DR principles

When: Thursday August 8th 8:00pm — Saturday August 10th 1:00pm

Where: Chevalier Centre, 1 Roma Ave, Kensington, Sydney

If you are leading or supporting the movement from maintenance to mission in your Parish, this workshop is for you.

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss key implementation issues with other teams - of particular focus will be leadership structures, connect groups and the development of an overall strategy for your parish.

Workshop Cost: \$155

Thursday August 8th: 8:00pm—9:30pm (includes supper)

Friday August 9th: 9:00am—9:00pm (includes lunch & dinner. Praise, worship & prayer after dinner)

Saturday August 10th, 9:00am—1:00pm

Speakers & Facilitators include:

- Fr James Mallon (via Skype)
- Bishop Ric Thorpe, Anglican Diocese of London
- Rob McDowell (via Skype) leading DR coach
- Daniel Ang Archdiocese of Sydney
- Leadership Team, Springfield Parish, Brisbane
- Leadership Team Penshurst Parish, Sydney
- Worship lead by Wollongong Diocese team

For further information contact:

Greg Shakhovskoy 0439 678 018 or gshak@internode.on.net
Lorraine McCarthy 0402 217 123 or
lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au

HOLY HOUR OF DISCERNMENT.

Is Christ calling you to the Priesthood?

Every First Thursday of the Month. Holy Hour and quiet prayer for young men discerning a call to the priesthood and for all to join in pray for our future priests (7:00-8:00pm, Saint Christopher's Cathedral Chapel). Followed by a time of fraternity and a cuppa (8:00-9:00pm, Haydon Hall).

For any enquiries contact Fr Paul Nulley or Fr Trenton van Reesch. paul.nulley@cg.org.au, trenton.vanreesch@cg.org.au

COMMUNION REFLECTION

The Good Samaritan was someone who cared.
 Blessed are those who care:
 they will let people know they are loved.
 Blessed are those who are gentle:
 they will help people grow as the sun helps
 the buds to unfold.
 Blessed are those who listen:
 they will lighten many a burden.
 Blessed are those who know how to let go:
 they will have the joy of seeing people find themselves.
 Blessed are those who, when nothing can be done or said,
 do not walk away, but remain to provide a comforting and
 supportive presence: they will help the sufferer to bear the
 unbearable.
 Blessed are those who recognise their own need to receive:
 they will be able to give all the better.
 And blessed are those who give without hope of return:
 they will give people an experience of God.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First Reading Gen 18:20-32
 Abraham intercedes on behalf of Sodom.

Second Reading Col 2:12-14
 God pardoned our sins through the death of Christ.

Gospel Lk 11:1-13
 Jesus teaches the disciples to pray.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Stephen Liew, Judith Ticehurst, Dal Hanrahan
 and Maureen Hewitt.

Prayers for

C.J Hoye, Sr. Genevieve McRae, Kevin Dawes,
 Patrick Corkhill, Jean Davis,
 Hendrika Saccasan and Gerald Longley.

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

Gerald Longley (3/7), Roy Gibbs (2/7), Brigid Faulkner (5/7),
 Herman Poecher (5/7), Dennis Faulkner (6/7), Leslie Cox (6/7),
 Lee Irwin (8/7), Joanne Kelly (8/7), Ben Van den Bulk (9/7),
 Kevin Dawes (9/7), Cliff Hoey (9/7), John O'Connor (9/7),
 Bernard Howard (9/7), Harry Wales (10/7),
 Frans Broers (13/7), Dulcie Finn (14/7), Thomas Wales (14/7),
 Helen Bunting (14/7), Justin Hayward (16/7),
 Joan Bray (17/7), Adrian Cooke (17/7), Brett Irwin (18/7),
 Gerald Doyle (18/7), Ron Merriman (18/7),
 Henry Burgess (18/7), Len Longley (19/7), Stan Irwin (21/7),
 Robyn Cox (21/7), James McGinley (22/7),
 Catherine Wallace (22/7), Patricia Dobbin (22/7),
 Teri Bates (23/7), Terez Bates (23/7), Maureen Yates (23/7),
 Marie Grace (24/7), Angela Waters (24/7), Eric Hobday (26/7),
 Joyce Ryan (26/7), Nita Hogan (27/7),
 Ronald Howard (27/7) and Gordon Todkill (30/7).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

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| 20 Jul | Steve Scroope | 1 | Peter Gibbs | 2 |
| | Coral Carroll | 3 | Peter Cleary | 4 |
| 27 Jul | Lourdes O'Keefe | 1 | Russell Hill | 2 |
| | Morton Family | 3 | Vince Coffee | 4 |

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

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| 20 Jul | Michael Green | Steve Scroope | Coral Carroll |
| 27 Jul | Dianne Carey | Ken Robbie | Trish Gibbs |

VISITS

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| 21 Jul | Michael Green | Steve Scroope | Coral Carroll |
| 28 Jul | Dianne Carey | Ken Robbie | Trish Gibbs |

ALTAR SERVERS

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| 20 Jul | Fergus Green | Wendy Morton |
| 27 Jul | Ella Widdows | Molly McPherson |

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

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| 20 Jul | Russell Hill |
| 27 Jul | Peter Gibbs |

HOSPITALITY

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| 20 Jul | Bert & Kath Moore |
| 27 Jul | Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy |

CARE GROUP

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| 22 Jul | Helen Murphy | Maureen Collins | (Group 7) |
| | Lourdes O'Keefe | Edith Buhagair | (Group 8) |
| 29 Jul | Jeanette Patmore | Maureen Grieves | (Group 9) |
| | Kay Perceval | Coral Carroll | (Group 10) |

ALTAR CLEANERS

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| 20 Jul | Jane Hingston |
| 27 Jul | Helen Murphy |

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Do you know someone who would like the Blessed Eucharist taken to them on Sundays?
 To have a Special Minister visit contact the Parish Office on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays between 9:00am and 4:00 pm.



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