



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

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

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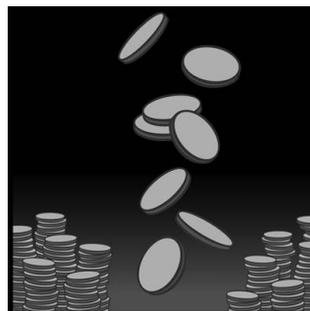
ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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>	

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

3rd & 4th August 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
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

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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

Tue: The Transfiguration of The Lord
Thu: Saint Mary of the Cross
Sat: Saint Lawrence

I will be approaching a few parishioners in the next two weeks to consider becoming Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. This will involve being on a roster and committing to spend two hours, once every six weeks, taking Holy Communion to residents of Thomas Eccles, Horton or Warmington or to those who are housebound. This is a special ministry in our community, not for everyone, but those already involved will tell you how personally satisfying it is.

We have been having problems with the server for our computers for the past two years, causing frustration and many hours lost. Hopefully this week the issues have been resolved.

Please note, Mass on Thursday is once again at 7:30am.

Steve Scroope, as you are aware, is a team member with KARIOS. This extraordinary ministry to prisoners in Goulburn jail, needs the prayer support of our community. Please pray on the 15th August, 11:30am – 12:00noon for both team and participants.

Too Many Toys, Not Enough Fun?

One night I was volunteering at a shelter when I found a large tray of hot dogs in the fridge. Knowing the homeless guests were hungry, I handed out all the hot dogs.

Another guest, James, arrived a little later. Smiling, he asked me to heat up a few of his hot dogs. Embarrassed, I realised that the hot dogs I had given out belonged to James. I quickly apologised and offered to replace them. He laughed at my mistake and said, "Don't worry about it. As long as all the people ate, that's all I care about". James was the exact opposite of the man in Jesus' parable this week.

This Gospel is important for us. Our culture pushes us to buy nonstop and do whatever we can to get more money and more things for ourselves. Some people joke at those who die with the most toys win. That's an easy trap to fall into, but Winston Churchill once said something like "you make a living with what you get, but you make a life with what you give".

A "more for me" attitude can take over your life and kill relationships. This week's Gospel condemns greed not because greedy people go to hell but because greedy people construct their own hell on earth.

Greed traps people in hell by keeping them from the best part of life, that which matters to God – sacrifice for others; service to the poor; relationships based on character, not appearance. You build a life – and find real happiness – by using your talents for others and putting their needs first.

I still forget that sometimes. That's why I'm grateful God sends people like James to remind me.

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>)		

Living the Dream

Some of us may hear today's Gospel reading and think: 'Well, what is so wrong with that?' In a lot of ways, the actions of the man in the parable make sense. He has had a good harvest (presumably a result of his own hard work) and is making provisions for the future – building bigger barns to store his crops, ensuring he has enough to live on for the coming years, allowing himself to enjoy the fruits of his labour. He is living the dream! He is a good businessman, he has achieved security in life, so why shouldn't he 'eat, drink, have a good time'?

Yet God brands him a 'fool.' Why? As it turns out, the man is to die very soon. He certainly can't take all his treasure with him. He has not thought beyond his own enjoyment. He is living only for this life, without any thought for the bigger picture. As Jesus warns: 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Furthermore, there is no indication that the considered sharing his wealth with anyone else. His focus is 'me, me, me.' He comes across as selfish and greedy. What does he have to show for his life? Yes, he had a good time, but has he helped anyone else, or left the world a better place?

We do not need to renounce all our worldly possessions or stop planning for the future, but we do need to keep things in their proper perspective.

'If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.'

CS Lewis

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Scriptural context – Do not worry

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom, and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.

SACRIFICIAL PLANNED GIVING

Tax receipts are available at the Presbytery.

Thankyou

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.

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.

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. Please contact Lourdes O'Keefe on 0413 096 413 to 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)

JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES

With the recent establishment of the International Josephite Associate Leadership Team (IJALT), there is a need to know who currently makes up the membership of the Josephite Associates Movement and to establish a database of that membership within the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

The IJALT would like to meet with the membership on Tuesday 17th September 2019, in Canberra at a location to be agreed.

Any information gladly accepted at paulinehb@bigpond.com or phone (02) 6258 3297.

The film Fatal Flaws (<https://fatalflawsfilm.com/> exploring the dangers of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide) will be screened in the Haydon Hall Manuka (behind St Christopher's Cathedral) on Sunday 18th August. Straight after 11am Mass for a cup of soup. 12.30-1.30 for the film. \$5 donation at the door appreciated. Enquiries lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

Hosted by the Archdiocese in collaboration with ACT Right to Life. Monsignor John Woods has written that the film "shows how the legalising of euthanasia has undermined the dignity of the individual and the common good. The film will acquaint you with the facts contrary to the spin of the proponents of euthanasia".

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

Come to an inspiring 2 day CCR seminar and workshop about the Gift of Healing, presented by Anne Marie Gatenby. Free, with a collection to cover costs. Friday 9 August @ St Benedicts, Narrabundah, 6:45pm - 9pm. Soup and roll for a donation. Saturday 10 August @ St Peter Chancels, Yarralumla, 9am to 4pm. Sausage Sizzle lunch \$5. For more information call Neda 0415 266 019, Susanna 0419 902 293."

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

Have you thought? – Greed is good!

In the 1987 movie, *Wall Street*, the corporate raider, Gordon Gekko, famously declares: 'Greed is good! Greed is right! Greed works! ... Greed – for life, for money, for love, knowledge – has marked the upward surge of mankind!' Whilst the depiction was intended to parody and critique corporate behaviour of the 1980s, in many ways it came to define it instead. In the intervening decades, little has changed. The pursuit of more and more wealth and the ludicrous sums paid to corporate CEOs are exactly the imagery Jesus would use today for his parable.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

While out for an evening walk
I emerged from an area where the streets
were lit by bright lamps, and came into
an open, dark area.

It was only then I discovered
that the sky was full of stars.
And I thought to myself:
how easily and how effectively the earthly lights
extinguish the heavenly ones.

Lord, help us to seek the things
that make us rich in your sight,
and grant that the glitter of this world
may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First Reading

Wis 18:6-9

In the destruction of their foes, God called them and made them
glorious.

Second Reading

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

The power of faith.

Gospel

Lk 12:32-48

Be as servants, wide awake at the return of their master.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Glenys Doyle, Stephen Liew and Judith Ticehurst.

Prayers for

C.J Hoye, Sr. Genevieve McRae and Kevin Dawes.

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

*Frances Todkill (1/8), Catherine Wallace (1/8),
Frances Cassidy (1/8), Eric Runnacles (5/8),
Thomas Heaney (5/8), Robert Field (6/8),
Beverley Beeten (7/8), Tilly Ward (7/8), Dennis Hoey (11/8),
Paul Ryan (13/8), Val McDonald (7/8), Josef Kuszko (13/8),
Helen Hird (15/8), Robert Wade (15/8), Irene Diver (15/8),
Samantha Darmody (15/8), Margaret Neumann (16/8),
Brendan McPhillips (16/8), Gweneth Besgrove (19/8),
Thomas Hilly (21/8), Florence Davis (21/8),
Brian Hepple (22/8), Kevin McKenzie (23/8),
Peggy Kennedy (25/8), Bernard Robinson (27/8),
Catherine Walmsley (27/8), Valda Connors (28/8)
and Joan Perrot (31/8).*

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

3 Aug	Joseph	Morrissey	1	Susan	Morrissey	2
	Kay	Perceval	3	Russell	Hill	4
10 Aug	Greg	Minahan	1	Rod	Perceval	2
	Geraldine	Doyle	3	Chris	Gold	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

3 Aug	Frank	Grace	Noel	Quinn	Kay	Perceval
10 Aug	Peter	Walker	Peter	Cleary	Joseph	Morrissey

VISITS

4 Aug	Frank	Grace	Noel	Quinn	Kay	Perceval
11 Aug	Peter	Walker	Peter	Cleary	Joseph	Morrissey

ALTAR SERVERS

3 Aug	Ella	Broers	Rachel	Widdows
10 Aug	Clare	Broers	Tallara	Howard

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

3 Aug	Patrick	O'Connell
10 Aug	Peter	Cleary

HOSPITALITY

3 Aug	Kay	Perceval		
10 Aug	Trish	Gibbs	Lourdes	O'Keefe

CARE GROUP

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

ALTAR CLEANERS

3 Aug	Pat	Coleborne
10 Aug	Geraldine	Doyle

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

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