



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	VACANT	
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
	Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm	

TWENTITH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

17th & 18th August 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. **R**

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. **R**

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. **R**

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow 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

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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: Saint Bernard
Wed: Saint Pius X
Thu: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat: Saint Bartholomew

Insurance for the Yass parish next year will be \$17,880, Gunning \$3,439 and Mount Carmel School \$26,327 paid by the school with a contribution of approximately \$5,000 by Yass parish.

As you are aware from your own household budget, gas and electricity have increased significantly. I would like to install solar panels but the initial outlay is too costly.

Mount Carmel Community Council will meet this coming Thursday and the Northern Deanery will meet the following week.

'Godwin's Law is an internet adage that states that the longer a controversial debate continues, the more likely it is that someone will be called a Nazi or compared to Hitler. It is the ultimate putdown, intended to silence the opposition.

There is a Catholic equivalent to Godwin's Law: sooner or later any discussion of issues even marginally related to the Church will result in references to the abuse crisis. Even when they are not relevant, these arguments are deployed to silence any discussion from a Catholic perspective.

It goes without saying that abuses must be acknowledged, the survivors respected and cared for, and all steps taken to prevent future crimes. But more broadly, if we are to make any progress with evangelisation, the credibility of the Church has to be restored. It is not uncommon to encounter young people, with no meaningful personal experience of faith, who actually believe that the Church condones abuse or cruelty. Evangelisation will remain at a standstill if this is how Catholicism is perceived.

The answer to this is not to be found in some new strategic plan or marketing initiative. The answer is as old as the Gospel itself: holiness. The world has to be reminded of what it means to be a Catholic from the example of those who imitate Christ - the saints - and not from those who betrayed him, like Judas.

Pope Benedict, speaking with Italian priests in 2008, commented on this important role of the saints in apologetics:

To me art and the Saints are the greatest apologetic for our faith. The arguments contributed by reason are unquestionably important and indispensable, but then there is always dissent somewhere. On the other hand, if we look at the Saints, this great luminous trail on which God passed through history, we see that there truly is a force of good which resists the millennia; there truly is the light of light.

St Paul VI once wrote: Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses. Even religious sceptics must admire the witness of St Damien of Molokai, who went half-way round the world to serve in a leper colony, knowing that it was almost inevitable that he too would contract the disease and die. Or the example of St Maximilian Kolbe, who volunteered to be executed by the Nazis if they allowed the father of a family to live. There are countless examples of men and women like this.

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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>)		

Three against two and two against three

Sadly, many people are no strangers to family feuds. In past generations, things like land and inheritance were major causes of family disagreements, causing parents to fall out with sons or daughters, or siblings to stop speaking for years. We may have heard other stories from our own families – secrets that were not talked about, relatives who were shunned for 'shaming' the family. These attitudes are dying away, and that is good. We are less concerned with keeping up appearances, and more focused on ensuring children feel loved and supported.

Yet, there will always be conflicts in family life. Differences of opinion can arise over beliefs or choices, sometimes causing immense hurt on both sides. Often these disagreements are between generations. Parents who have raised their children in the faith can feel hurt when a son or daughter drifts away, or decides not to pass on the faith to their own children. Grandparents often carry this burden too.

Some conflict is unavoidable as we navigate these situations, but we have a choice – do we allow anger and hurt to shape our interactions with loved ones, or do we listen with respect and try to understand and find common ground? Perhaps these inevitable conflicts are what Jesus refers to in today's Gospel – father divided against son, mother against daughter. It's a surprising statement given his usual focus on peace. But then, following Jesus is not a smooth path. Peace can be hard-won, particularly in families where there are so many different personalities and opinions. Let us pray for wisdom and patience to navigate the tougher times.

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In case you didn't know, some saints were well-known for having a good sense of humor. Philip Neri ("the Humorous Saint"), Francis De Sales, and Teresa of Avila, for instance, are not only known for their exemplary lives, but also because they certainly knew how to use a proper joke to good effect. But one doesn't need to go all the way back to the 16th and 17th centuries to find examples of good church humor. For instance, it is said that when a journalist asked Blessed John XXIII (pope from 1958 to 1963) how many people work in the Vatican, the pope paused, thought for a bit and replied, "About half of them."

So. . . .

Father O'Malley answers the phone.

-Hello, is this Father O'Malley?

-It is

-This is the ATO. Can you help us?

-I can

-Do you know a Ted Houlihan?

-I do

-Is he a member of your congregation?

-He is

-Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?

-He will-

SACRIFICIAL PLANNED GIVING

Tax receipts are available at the parish office.

Thankyou

'FATAL FLAWS' – 18th AUGUST

In collaboration with ACT Right to Life, the Archdiocese will be screening the documentary **Fatal Flaws** (<https://fatalflawfilm.com/>)

Fatal Flaws explores the dangers of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. 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 viewers with the facts contrary to the spin of the proponents of euthanasia".

Where: Haydon Hall Manuka (behind St Christopher's Cathedral)

Time: Straight after 11:00am 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

ST. AUGUSTINE'S FEAST DAY GET TOGETHER – 31st AUGUST

Hot pot supper will be held on the 31st August after Mass at the Hartigan Centre.

Please bring a plate and please ask anyone you know who may not get the newsletter.

All welcome.

For further details call Lourdes on 0413 096 413.

CIRCLE OF SISTERS – 28th SEPTEMBER

St. Augustine's ladies have been requested to host the next ecumenical get together for this ladies group. We are asked to supply a light brunch for around 20-40 ladies.

When: Saturday 28th of September

Time: 10:00am and 12:00pm

Contact: Please contact Lourdes O'Keefe on 0413 096 413 if you are able to help.

Please pass on this invitation to others, as it's a great way to get to know others and meet a group of lovely women.



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We are seeking volunteers for January 2020 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, East Timor & Solomon Islands.

Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1881 – 1226)

Francis was born when his father was buying cloth in France so his mother named him John. When his father returned he named him Francis.

Francis lived a very rich life and lacked for nothing. When he was 24 he had a vision when Jesus spoke from the cross in a church which was falling down from neglect. The words were "Rebuild my Church". Francis started to rebuild the neglected church but gradually realised that God wanted him to change people's understanding what being a Christian was. Francis lived by the gospel so he lived a life of extreme poverty. He had a big fight with his father and neither spoke to each other again. He was always happy in spite of the hardships he had to put up with. He got permission from the Pope to preach and he became a deacon. He refused to become a priest because he held priests in high esteem even when they were not living holy lives.

He attracted about 5000 followers who also lived lives of extreme poverty.

Eventually he became almost completely blind. He asked God if he could suffer more and he received the stigmata (this is the same wounds that Jesus received on the cross) in 1224.

He was great friends with Clare who founded the Poor Clares. They also lived lives of extreme poverty.

He has done more to awaken Christianity's social conscience than any other saint.

There were two types of people in Assisi – the majors (the rich) and the minors (the poor). The Franciscans were called the Friars Minor (OFM) so they are constantly reminded that they have live lives of poverty.

He also founded an order of lay people called the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO).

Genevieve Colbert

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.

SAVE THE DATE – 11th OCTOBER

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

THANK YOU

Huge Thank you to everyone who donated biscuits in answer to the call from Steve Scroope and the Kairos team.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

A swamp may look nice on the surface, but its depths are full of rotten things. Peace that is based on injustice is like that. It is a false peace and Jesus came to disrupt it. But there is a true peace - a peace in which all of God's children have their basic rights respected, and are able to live in freedom and dignity. This is the peace Jesus came to bring. But peace like this doesn't happen; it has to be made. Sometimes the peacemakers will be branded troublemakers. But Jesus had another name for them: he called them 'children of God'.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First Reading *Is 66:18-21*
The Lord will gather all people to see his glory.

Second Reading *Heb 12:5-7, 11-13*
The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Gospel *Lk 13:22-30*
It is difficult to enter the kingdom of God.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Jeremy Broom, Alma Gorham and Glenice Doyle.

Prayers for

Emma Bainbridge.

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), Emma Bainbridge (18/8), 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

17 Aug	Kate Walker	1	Tom	Considine	2
	Gibbs Family	3	Peter	Walker	4
24 Aug	Tom Considine	1	Bob	Nash	2
	Bob Nash	3	Ken	Robbie	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

17 Aug	Kay Perceval	Kath Luchetti	Elizabeth Liew
24 Aug	Michael Green	Michael Van Wanrooy	Coral Carroll

VISITS

18 Aug	Kay Perceval	Kath Luchetti	Elizabeth Liew
25 Aug	Michael Green	Michael Van Wanrooy	Coral Carroll

ALTAR SERVERS

17 Aug	Charlotte McPherson	Fergus Green
24 Aug	Ella Broers	Louis Green

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

17 Aug	Dianne Carey	24 Aug	Russell Hill
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HOSPITALITY

17 Aug	Coral Carroll	Kath Luchetti
24 Aug	Frank & Kath Grace	

CARE GROUP

19 Aug	Sr Aileen	Sr Macrina	(Group 3)
	Marie Polyak	Irene Carr	(Group 4)
26 Aug	Helen Van Wanrooy	Suzanne Hawkes	(Group 5)
	Kath Turner	Shirley Williamson	(Group 6)

ALTAR CLEANERS

17 Aug	Edith Buhagair	24 Aug	Kath Moore
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