



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

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

Meehan Street, PO Box 24, YASS NSW 2582

Tel: (02) 6226 1086 Fax: (02) 6226 2220 Mob: 0448 414 541

E-mail: yass@cg.org.au Website: www.staug-yass.org.au

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	

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/Warlington

4 th Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
--------------------------------	------	----------

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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

24th & 25th August 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

R

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

R

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through 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 earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Tue: Saint Monica
Wed: Saint Augustine
Thu: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

The Gospel this weekend has a sobering reminder that entrance to the feast in the kingdom of God is not automatic. Two people who died this week have demonstrated, in their respective vocations, the importance of our faith which motivates how we are to live. I speak of Sister John Keenan and Tim Fischer. Sr. John was the leader of the Mercy Sisters in our region for many years and spent the last two decades as chaplain at the Canberra Hospital. She was a person of great compassion who loved and cared for people, especially the sick, greeting all people with a smile. Tim was a person of great faith, possessing a genuine humility, as a true servant of the people. To use an Australian expression, neither Sr. John nor Tim had tickets on themselves. Like so many we have known, may they enjoy the feast.

This coming Wednesday, your Parish Pastoral Council will meet. If you have agenda items, please speak with a member.

Thursday evening the confirmandi and their parents will gather in St. Augustine's in the final stage of their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Next Thursday a deanery meeting will be held in Goulburn.

Remember Your Dinner Partner

Was Jesus talking about the church carpark in this week's Gospel? Watch a church carpark after Mass or the school (or staff!) carpark after school. See who lets others go first and who races to be the first out, cutting off others.

Or maybe Jesus was talking about the sign of peace. I remember one parishioner who refused to offer it to another because he was angry with him.

Or maybe Jesus was talking about who is welcome at church. I remember a parishioner who was angry when her church let homeless people spend the night in a parish building.

I think Jesus was talking about all of the above in this week's Gospel. You see, going to church, where we eat and drink in Jesus' company, is really pretty easy. It takes about an hour. But after the final blessing, some people think they've done their part for the week and don't connect that "meal" with their behaviour for the next six days.

But following Jesus requires much more. The challenge we face is letting the Sunday Eucharist shape our lives all week long. How does your weekly meal with Jesus shape how you play sports, treat outsiders, live with family, work at your job, and act at school?

There's another challenge in this reading. We might be surprised, Jesus says, by who we meet at God's banquet in heaven. I've met homeless people who never go to church but are more compassionate than some people I know who go to church daily.

So go to church. Eat and drink in Jesus' company. But remember your dinner partner for the rest of the week. And also remember he dines with a lot of people we'll never see in church.

GPBS eNews

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>)

Curiouser and curiouser

'Alice opened the door and found that it led into a small passage, not much larger than a rat-hole: she knelt down and looked along the passage into the loveliest garden you ever saw. How she longed to get out of that dark hall, and wander about among those beds of bright flowers and those cool fountains, but she could not even get her head through the doorway.' (Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*)

In the opening chapter of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Alice is having a bit of bother with doors. She finds herself in a hall in which the doors are all locked. When she finds a key, it doesn't fit the locks. When she manages to find a door to match the key, she herself won't fit through; the doorway is too narrow. How frustrating!

The parable in today's Gospel also features a narrow door and a locked door, as well as an unsympathetic doorkeeper – it's almost as if the master wants to keep everyone out! People knock on the door and expect to be admitted, but it's not that simple. The master turns them away, claiming not to know them, despite protestations that they are acquainted.

Jesus is trying to teach his followers about discipleship. What does he mean when he says we must 'enter by the narrow door'? Is it almost impossible to enter the kingdom of God? One thing is sure: a passing acquaintance with Jesus will not be enough. The plea of 'We once ate and drank in your company' is feeble. It is not enough to know Jesus only on the surface – to attend Mass every Sunday or to turn to him only when we are in need. To really know Jesus, one must walk the narrow path of the Gospel.

Printed with permission of Intercom – a pastoral and Liturgical resource of the Irish Bishops Conference

The narrow gate of great musicians

Someone once said to Paderewski, the great pianist, "Sir, you are a genius." He replied, "Madam, before I was a genius, I was a drudge." He continued: "If I missed practice one day, I noticed it; if I missed practice two days, the critics noticed it; if I missed three days, my family noticed it; if I missed four days, my audience noticed it. It is reported that after one of Fritz Kreisler's concerts a young woman said to him, "I would give my life to be able to play like that." He replied, "That's what I gave." The door is narrow. Why should we think we can "drift" into the Kingdom of God? The Christian life is a constant striving to do the will of God as Jesus revealed it. We need to strive because there are forces of evil within us and around us, trying to pull us down.

Indian Bishops Conference

An open-air evangelist, preaching on today's Gospel text was warning his congregation about the eternal damnation. "On the Day of Judgment," he said, "there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." But an old woman in the crowd asked, "Look preacher, I got no teeth!" "Never mind," says the evangelist, "teeth will be provided."

**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.

PUBLIC LECTURE BY KEVIN DUNN – 31st AUGUST

Kevin Dunn – International Speaker on euthanasia & producer of the film *Fatal Flaws* will deliver a lecture entitled: "Living, Dying and the Power of Presence".

Where: Hartigan Centre, 111 Meehan St., Yass (opposite St Augustine's Catholic Church)

Time: 11:00am – 12:30pm.

Optional donation of \$5 per person & \$10 per family.

Enquiries: lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869.

CALL TO CONNECT – 3rd SEPTEMBER

The prayer gathering 'Call To Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd September at 2:30pm.

BAND OF BROTHERS BREKKY – 7th SEPTEMBER

We will be having a brekky at Vine Church on Saturday 7th September starting at 8:00am, if we get an indication of at least 15 participants.

Band Of Brothers has been a catalyst for bringing people from all churches, and non-churched men together for mateship and a good feed. I would like to see it continue but we need YOU to participate.

WE are scheduled to have the brekky in September, so IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMING can you please **RSVP no later than 3rd September**. If we get a good response we will go ahead with brekky, but if there are less than 15 we won't.

Thanks to all the men who have been in the past and I hope to see you at the next one.

Gary (0409 771 712)

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.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

There are 30 priests of the Archdiocese who come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. The Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to this Appeal and all gifts are tax deductible.

Please give generously.

Donations can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate

**STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE,
PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS
CONFERENCE**

The Victorian Court of Appeal has today announced that, in a 2-1 decision, Cardinal George Pell's appeal against his convictions for child sexual abuse offences has been dismissed.

The Catholic Bishops of Australia believe all Australians must be equal under the law and accept today's judgement accordingly.

Cardinal Pell's legal team has said it will examine the judgement in order to determine a special leave application to the High Court.

The Bishops realise that this has been and remains a most difficult time for survivors of child sexual abuse and those who support them. We acknowledge the pain that those abused by clergy have experienced through the long process of the trials and appeal of Cardinal Pell. We also acknowledge that this judgement will be distressing to many people.

We remain committed to doing everything we can to bring healing to those who have suffered greatly and to ensuring that Catholic settings are the safest possible places for all people, but especially for children and vulnerable adults.

MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND – 30th AUGUST

Join other men of faith reflecting on select scripture passages and exploring how, the power of "Yes!" changed circumstances in dark times; how we can live in the light of God's truth which can bring much joy to our lives and much needed peace and harmony. Through a series of meditations, there will be an exploration into the many different facets of God being with us and always loving us.

Where: St. Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park

Cost: \$230

Contact: Mr Paul White

RSVP: Ph:(02)4630 0233 or *email:* contact@towersretreat.org.au

Website: <http://towersretreat.org.au>

**NATIONAL PRAYER CRUSADE FOR VOCATIONS
– 1st SEPTEMBER**

On this day, the Knights of the Southern Cross will launch their 13th National Prayer Crusade for Vocations. The Crusade will run until Saturday, 23rd November 2019 and all Catholic organisations/schools and colleges, parishes and individual Catholics throughout Australia are invited to participate. Participants are asked to choose one week during the Crusade period to pray the following Crusade Prayer each day:

"Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Military Services. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen."

The second phase of the **Plenary Council of Australia** is soon to begin.

All the information is now available on the website: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

Recent discussions with our deanery leaders indicate the desire to continue with our deanery based discussions within parish and community groups. The topic this time is: *Let's Listen and Discern*. Please access the website and become familiar with this next phase. The first phase had a big participation rate nationally: over 222,000 people.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Jesus said that there are two roads we can follow.
 The first is wide and easy to travel.
 It is downhill most of the way.
 It is the way of comfort and ease, pleasure and self-seeking.
 Many are fooled and travel down this road.
 But in the long run it leads them nowhere. They die in the desert.
 The second road is narrow and difficult.
 It is uphill a lot of the way. It is the way of struggle and sacrifice.
 Few take this road. But they are the lucky ones.
 This road leads to the Promised Land.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First Reading

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

Be humble, find favour with God.

Second Reading

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

We are drawn to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel

Lk 14:1. 7-14

Humble yourself and be exalted.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week



Completed accommodation for clinic workers costing \$8,000 Australian dollars.



Our civil engineer team in Timor Leste.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Maureen Finney, Brian Moore, Sr. John Keenan,
 Tim Fischer, 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

24 Aug	Tom	Considine	1	Bob	Nash	2
	Bob	Nash	3	TBA		4
31 Aug	Rod	Perceval	1	Gaye	McManus	2
	McManus	Family	3	Frank	Grace	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

24 Aug	Michael Green	Michael	Van Wanrooy	Coral	Carroll
31 Aug	Dianne Carey	Susan	Morrissey	Trish	Gibbs

VISITS

25 Aug	Michael Green	Michael	Van Wanrooy	Coral	Carroll
1 Sep	Dianne Carey	Susan	Morrissey	Trish	Gibbs

ALTAR SERVERS

24 Aug	Ella	Broers	Louis	Green
31 Aug	Ella	Cassidy	Rachel	Widdows

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

24 Aug	Russell	Hill	31 Aug	Peter	Gibbs
---------------	---------	------	---------------	-------	-------

HOSPITALITY

24 Aug	Frank & Kath	Grace	31 Aug	The Cleary	Family
---------------	--------------	-------	---------------	------------	--------

CARE GROUP

26 Aug	Helen	Van Wanrooy	Suzanne	Hawkes	(Group 5)
	Kath	Turner	Shirley	Williamson	(Group 6)
2 Sep	Helen	Murphy	Maureen	Collins	(Group 7)
	Lourdes	O'Keefe	Edith	Buhagair	(Group 8)

ALTAR CLEANERS

24 Aug	Kath	Moore	31 Aug	Jane	Hingston
---------------	------	-------	---------------	------	----------

Woolaroo Merino Stud

Sale Rams micron average 17.5 Yield 71%
 Mature ewes 5 yr average 18.2

James, Charles, Jack & Peter Walker
Ph: (02) 6226 1104 Mob: 0427 499 616

Our Parish Bulletin is made possible each week by our generous sponsors, please support them.

Woolaroo Merino Stud, Miller's Pharmacy, Bowning Antique Centre,
 Designing Windows, Old Linton Medical Practice, Ray White Rural Canberra/Yass, Patrick's Butchery,
 Yass Earthmovers and Yass Newsagency, B & V Engineering and Priceline Pharmacy Yass.