



# Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

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

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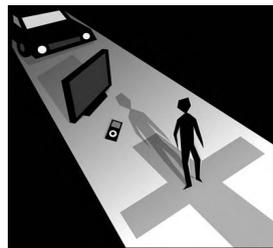
## ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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	

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### 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!

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### SUNDAY MASSES:

<b>Yass:</b>	<i>St Augustine</i>	
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm
<b>Gunning:</b>	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		8:30 am
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy of the Word and HC		8:30 am
<b>Murrumbateman:</b>	<i>Uniting Church Hall</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		10:30 am
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy of the Word and HC		10:30 am
<b>Wee Jasper:</b>	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	
5 <sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am

### Horton/Warminsteron

4 <sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Yass</b>	Saturdays	10:30 am
	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	12:15 pm

**Gunning Parish** 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Fri:** Saint John Chrysostom  
**Sat:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

We welcome to our community Archbishop Christopher Prowse who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend for younger parishioners from both Yass and Gunning parishes. Our communities should be grateful to the members of our Sacramental Teams, who give of their time and talents to support parents, as these confirmandi prepare for this great moment in their faith journey. We also acknowledge the young adults who mentor these young people on their retreat day.

Last weekend was very special as we were given the opportunity to hear Kevin Dunn, thanks to Lara Kirk, who challenged us to look seriously at the issue of euthanasia and the laws being introduced in our country. If you are interested in borrowing a DVD produced by Kevin Dunn, there is one at the parish office and Steve Scroope has a copy.

The 'pot luck' meal on the Saturday evening was enjoyed by those who attended. Many thanks to Lourdes and all who prepared the food.

Jose da Costa has requested we employ another person for our clinics in Oecusse. Besides a further salary, we would need to purchase another motor bike. Yass/Gunning Belun will discuss if this is financially possible, as the low Australian dollar is a problem for us. We have also been asked by the blind to pay for a website for their organisation.

## Confirmandi 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Please pray for...

Jude Barry	Sean Bell
Ella Broers	Noah Collins
Peter Cosgrove	Brodie Doyle
Benjamin Duncan	Denver Field
Louis Green	Madeleine Hannan
Isabella Jarratt	Cooper Lees
George Locke	Cooper Maher
Lachlan Medway	Grace Miller
Joey Timmer	Dominic Torley
Hamish Warhurst	Mia Watchorn
Dominica White	Tahlia Wullaert
Ella Young	

## 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> )		

## Rethinking our attachments

The Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? We are being invited to think about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we must move on from the comfortable, let go of the familiar. That can often be painful.

During the month of September, we are celebrating the Season of Creation. We know that our world is currently suffering from a catastrophic loss of bio-diversity, largely caused by a consumerist culture. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. Insects, mammals, trees, plants and creatures are becoming extinct. We pray that this decline may end, and we acknowledge that we are part of a complex, delicate and interdependent web of life, created by God. Today's Gospel invites us to let go of the attachments in our lives which contribute to this destruction. Let us try to live more simply and sustainably, and to encourage others to do the same. We are called to examine our relationship with material things and walk more gently on the earth.

'It is not enough to think of different species merely as potential 'resources' to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves ... Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right' (*Laudato Si'*, 33).

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St. Thomas More was the Lord Chancellor, when Henry VIII was the King of England. More was a successful lawyer, a great linguist and a renowned spiritual and political writer. His book, *Utopia*, has become a classic. When he refused to take an oath supporting the *Act of Succession*, which a) recognized the offspring of Henry and his second wife Anne Boleyn as the heir to the throne; b) declared Henry's first marriage with Catherine as null and void, and c) repudiated the Pope, More was imprisoned in the Tower of London in the year 1534. Thomas More could not, with any honesty, approve Henry's second marriage to Anne, and he could not acknowledge the King as the supreme head of the Church of England. His family implored him – for his sake and theirs – to take the oath. More's beloved daughter, Margaret, took an oath to persuade him to do so, in order that the family might visit him in prison. With More's wife and son-in-law, Margaret tried hard, but Thomas refused. He spent fifteen lonely months imprisoned in the Tower of London – in poor health, isolated from the other prisoners, deprived of his beloved books; not even paper and pen were given to him. Thomas More was convicted of treason, sentenced to death and, on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1535, he was beheaded. On mounting the scaffold, Thomas More proclaimed that he was "*the king's good servant but God's first.*" St. Thomas More paid the price for his discipleship by loving God more than his wife, children, nay, even his life.

*(John Rose in John's Sunday Homilies).*



*Next week we welcome into  
our Church community:*

Issac Michael

child of Kyle & Megan

### FATHERS' DAY APPEAL

To date, proceeds from our parish collection towards this Appeal amount to \$341.00. The Archdiocesan Clergy Retirement Foundation thanks everyone who contributed so generously. For those still wishing to make a donation, envelopes are available in the church foyer and can be left either on the collection plate or posted to the Foundation Office.

Donations can also be made at  
[www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate)

### GUINNESS & GOD – 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

#### You're invited to the final Guinness & God for 2019!

*Theme:* Become - A discussion on faith and ethics, and exploring the Catholic Church in contemporary culture.

*When:* 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

*Time:* 6:30pm Music.  
7:30pm Q&A Discussion.

*Where:* King O'Malleys, Canberra City.

### MERCY WALK FOR WOMEN – 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER

Yes ladies – it's on!! So save the date – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019. The 7<sup>th</sup> Mercy Walk for Women! Register online or contact Katrina for more information

Teena McGrath 0437 272 000 [teenamcgrath@bigpond.com](mailto:teenamcgrath@bigpond.com)

*What you need to know!*

*Check In Time:* From 8:00am

*Start time:* 9:00am

*Depart:* Corner of Cunningar Road and  
Campbellfields Road, Boorowa

*Distance:* Approx. 23km

*Morning Tea:* Approx. 11:00

*Lunch:* Approx. 1:00pm – Arrival St Clements  
Monastery Galong

*Depart:* Approx. 2:30pm (Returning by buses to your  
vehicles at the Start).

\* You will need to bring your own lunch, water bottle, hat and anything else you need for your journey.

\* Mercy Walk for Women will provide for you: water to refill drink bottles, first aid and sun screen.

\* We will also provide tea, coffee, cake, slice and fruit for morning tea. Your lunch will be transported for you to our destination.

\* Mercy Walk for Women will also provide you with support cars and a bus that you can hop on and off during the journey if you need. Portaloo's are available throughout the day.

\* On arrival at St Clements, there will be a group photo opportunity at the Grotto as well as champagne and nibbles. Transport back to the start destination is available if required.

\* Mercy Walk for Women celebrate your continued support for this very important charity event. We look forward to coming together as one to enjoy a fantastic day for women.....

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OZANAM APPEAL – 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

On the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019 the Society will be conducting its annual Ozanam Appeal.

Our Conference of St. Augustine's works to support members of our community in need both locally and internationally.

Please give generously.

### CIRCLE OF SISTERS – 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SOCIAL MEDIA – THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY – 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Interested parishioners are invited to a free workshop on this year's Social Justice Statement, *Making It Real: genuine human encounter in our digital world* from 10am-12noon in the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Franklin St, Manuka.

Commission Chairman, Mike Cassidy will facilitate discussion of the Statement.

For catering and notes, please RSVP by Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September to the Catholic Social Justice Commission, 0412 145 088 or e-mail: [Social.Justice@cg.org.au](mailto:Social.Justice@cg.org.au).

### MARIAN PROCESSION - 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019

Archbishop Christopher extends a special invitation to all parishioners and school communities to participate in the 2019 Marian Procession at the beautiful St Clement's Monastery, Galong to honour Mary our heavenly Mother.

The day of prayer and celebrations begins at 9:30am with a Youth Pilgrimage from Galong Village to St Clement's followed by Confession at 10:30am and Mass at 11:30am. A multicultural lunch will follow at 12:30pm, with the procession to the Grotto beginning at 2:00pm. The Marian Sharing will be conducted from the Grotto.

Bring food for the day, an umbrella for shade and a chair. Let us journey together, with Mary to the heart of Jesus.

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND – 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW.

Book online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) Alternatively contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com) Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

### ENCOUNTER MYANMAR – 16<sup>th</sup> TO 28<sup>th</sup> TO NOVEMBER

A Palms Encounter is an intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding for parishioners. Palms long-term participants guide the Encounter with our host communities in such countries as Myanmar, Timor Leste and Samoa.

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## COMMUNION REFLECTION

Only with difficulty, O God,  
do we understand the things of earth;  
how much more difficult for us  
to grasp the truths of heaven!

Grant us the wisdom of your Spirit,  
the understanding bestowed on the true disciples,  
that we may carry the cross each day  
and follow after your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

**First Reading** Ex 32:7-11. 13-14  
Moses intercedes for Israel and diverts the wrath of God.

**Second Reading** 1 Tm 1:12-17  
The mercy Paul has received is a sign for all.

**Gospel** Lk 15:1-32  
Parable of the prodigal son.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

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

### Prayers for

Ralph Wailes.

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

Elizabeth Holmes (2/9), Cyril Wailes (4/9),  
David Hingston (4/9), Maurice Fitzgerald (6/9),  
Frances McGrath (6/9), Rebecca Hicks (9/9),  
Brenda Longley (10/9), Kenneth McCann (10/9),  
Gwen Richmond (13/9), Gladys Delbridge (14/9),  
Catharina Kuster (15/9), John Ockwell (16/9),  
Ruby Robinson (18/9), Col Perrot (18/9),  
Ethel MacQuillan (19/9), Kathleen Richmond (20/9),  
Kerrie Blyss (20/9), William Renehan (22/9),  
Donald Hoffmann (23/9), Denis Rowe (23/9),  
Bill Richmond (24/9), Joe Monteleone (24/9),  
Rodney Wales (24/9) and Bernard Williamson (29/9).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

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

7 Sep	Susan	Morrissey	1	Joseph	Morrissey	2
	Coral	Carroll	3	Greg	Minahan	4
14 Sep	Peter	Cleary	1	Steve	Scroope	2
	Morton	Family	3	Allan	Hackett	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

7 Sep	Frank	Grace	Noel	Quinn	Kay	Perceval
14 Sep	Peter	Walker	Steve	Scroope	Joseph	Morrissey

#### VISITS

8 Sep	Frank	Grace	Noel	Quinn	Kay	Perceval
15 Sep	Peter	Walker	Steve	Scroope	Joseph	Morrissey

#### ALTAR SERVERS

7 Sep	Wendy	Morton	Ella	Widdows
14 Sep	Grace & Charlie Miller			

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

7 Sep	Russell	Hill	14 Sep	Peter	Gibbs
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#### HOSPITALITY

7 Sep	Bert & Kath Moore	14 Sep	Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy
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#### CARE GROUP

9 Sep	Jeanette	Patmore	Maureen	Grieves	(Group 9)
	Kay	Perceval	Coral	Carroll	(Group 10)
16 Sep	Kath	Luchetti	Julie	Faulkner	(Group 11)
	Jane	Hingston	Sandra	Davis	(Group 12)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

7 Sep	Helen	Murphy	14 Sep	Coral	Carroll
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