



# 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

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

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

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

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### 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

**Mon:** Saint Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian  
**Fri:** Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang  
and Companions  
**Sat:** Saint Matthew

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend was one of the best I have experienced. Congratulations to everyone involved, beautifully expressed by Di Carey in this bulletin.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> September both Yass and Gunning parishes will be audited to ensure all financials are in order. After the audit, both communities will be presented with the financial statements for last year. It is important that if any parishioner has questions about our accountability, they speak with a member of our Finance Committees.

During dinner last Sunday, I spoke to the Archbishop about my plans for the future. He is aware I won't be reapplying for Yass and Gunning parishes next August, as I believe a younger priest would inject a new energy for the benefit of all parishioners. After long service leave, which I've never taken in forty-eight years, I will return to assist in a parish or take on a chaplaincy position.



Confirmandi 2019

## God Never Gives Up on You

I remember meeting Harry many years ago as he walked down the street past the church where I worked. Many young people had told me Harry was a problem young person. When I said, "Hi," he said, "You don't want to know me".

That saddened me. Harry, a senior school student, had accepted his reputation and saw himself as a problem.

But God never sees anyone as a problem. Jesus makes that clear in this week's Gospel. In fact, Jesus shows how God goes above and beyond to love people who struggle with faith.

That's hard for humans. We can be quick to label people as problems. Or, we look at our own failures and give up on ourselves, just like Harry did. So if you've ever felt that way, you're not alone.

This Gospel offers two challenges. First, don't write yourself off. Sin doesn't anger God; it moves God's compassion. So turn toward God. Pray. Go to reconciliation. Seek guidance from an adult you trust. Let God's compassion embrace you and your faults. That compassion will help you start over.

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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 (Minutes)

## Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Annabelle O'Connell (Youth)	Peter	Cleary (Liturgy)
Bryan Coleborne (Ecumenism)	Michael	Green (School)
Genevieve Colbert (Education)	Lourdes	O'Keefe (Social)
Bob Nash (Maintenance)	Michael	Van Wanrooy (Welfare)
Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke	Sarah	Johnston (Social Justice)

## Called to 'come to our senses'

The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God, and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge celebration when the lost is found. In the parable of the Lost Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to his senses.' We might pray today that God show us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to come to our senses.

In this Season of Creation, we lament the destruction of God's creation, we reflect on the loss of bio-diversity and the loss of human life caused by climate change. We pray that as a global community we might, like the lost son, 'come to our senses' and take the actions that are necessary to change course. It all seems so huge and perhaps we feel there is nothing significant we can do. That is not the case. As parishes, we can lead by example and show our commitment to care for the earth. The future of our environment depends on the action we take now as a society. As with all significant change, it begins with the grassroots.

'I wish to address every person living on this planet...to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home...The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all.' (*Laudato Si'* 3,23)

Suggestion for the week: Can you encourage your family to make small changes in the home, such as ensuring all waste is correctly recycled, composting, encouraging one another to use public transport or walk/cycle when possible? We start with ourselves.

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Second, don't write anyone else off. Each person has a talent the world needs. Ask God to help you see the potential in people who seem to struggle with sin or failure. You can be God's encouragement to them.

God helped me reach out to Harry when he saw himself as a problem. He eventually helped start a parish outreach program, and his life made a huge difference to other young people.

That's why God never gives up!

GPBS eNews

A teenager came to his pastor for advice: "I left home," said the boy, "and did something that will make my dad furious when he finds out. What should I do?" The pastor thought for a moment and replied, "Go home and confess your sins to your father, and he'll probably forgive you and treat you like the prodigal son." Sometime later the boy reported to his pastor, "Well, I told Dad what I did." "And did he kill the fatted calf for you?" asked the priest. "No," said the boy, "but he nearly killed the prodigal son!"



*This week we welcomed into our Church community:*

Issac Michael

child of Kyle & Megan

### CONFIRMATION 2019

Our confirmandi enjoyed a great retreat day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September working with Ethan Seselja, Nicholas Beaton, Nicholas and Clare Barry. I am extremely grateful to these extraordinary people for their leadership and mentoring the younger members of our communities.

I would also like to thank Fr Mick and the Sacramental Team - Kassie Miller, Linda Swadling, Mandy Leahy, Maryanne and Carolyn Hannan for the way they prepared the parents and candidates; Annabelle O'Connell, Kassie, Linda and Mandy for their wonderful work on the stoles; Peter Cleary for the decorations and many behind the scenes preparations; Charlotte and Molly McPherson for altar serving; Annabelle, the choir and musicians for the beautiful singing; Trish Gibbs and Kassie for the wonderful cake; Mt Carmel School and those who assisted with the cuppa after the ceremony, many thanks.

*Dianne Carey  
Sacramental Team Leader*

### CALL TO CONNECT – 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

The prayer gathering 'Call To Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2:30pm.

### 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.

### BOOK FAIR – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER

The Book Fair will be held again this year, on the same weekend as Classic Yass (November 2 & 3). Last year's Book Fair was successful and I hope that with your support, this year's can be even better. Funds this year will go to various parish building/maintenance commitments, with a proportion being directed towards Yass Rural Australians for Refugees to assist them with their valuable work.

If you've been putting off going through the book shelves and cupboards, now is the time to start! Donations of books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records, games, puzzles and the like are all welcome. Due to storage constraints and other commitments, donations cannot be accepted until the middle of October.

You can, however, contact Deb Valencic at [deb.valencic@gmail.com](mailto:deb.valencic@gmail.com) or ring or text 0427 674 246 to advise that you have goods to donate and to organise a time to drop off donations or to have them picked up.

Donations of encyclopaedias and magazines cannot be accepted this year.

A shout out for help with the setting up, manning and dismantling of the Book Fair will go out shortly. Please check your calendars to see if you might be able to help.

### RALLY FOR BABIES – 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

#### CALL to ACTION:

Join us in the "Rally for Babies"

NOTE: BYO pro-life PLACARDS (creative & colourful)

#### DATE & VENUE:

15 Sep (Sunday) 1.15pm

Outside Yass Soldiers Club

(The National Party meeting will be held here at 2pm. Rally needs to take place before the meeting until it finishes)  
If you can't make it at 1.15pm, do come anytime before 4pm or give PAUL a call to check

#### LUNCH:

Pizza will be provided

(As we understand that many will be rushing in after church, we'll take care of your lunch)

Please RSVP to Paul 0418 267 899

### 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.

### INTERFAITH YOUTH TRIVIA NIGHT – 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Young people are invited to attend the first ever for Interfaith Youth Trivia Night organised by Canberra Interfaith Forum at 3 Mulley Street, Holder, Sukyo Mahikari Centre from 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Youngsters aged between 18 and 35 will be able to participate in the trivia. Please note noting the registration is online by 21st September for catering purposes.

Please RSVP your attendance at <https://bit.ly/2ZtjE0> by 21st September 2019.

E-mail any queries to [bonnie.choi@sukyomahikari.org.au](mailto:bonnie.choi@sukyomahikari.org.au).

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

God of forgiveness,  
because of the prayer of Moses  
you did not abandon your people  
even when they turned their backs on your love.

Through the prayer of your Son,  
who forever intercedes on our behalf,  
grant that your church,  
together with the angels of heaven,  
may rejoice even over one sinner who repents.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

**First Reading** Am 8:4-7

The Lord will forget nothing that the wicked do.

**Second Reading** 1 Tm 2:1-8

Pray often, free of anger and dissension.

**Gospel** Lk 18:1-13

Parable of the wise manager.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

### HOME IN QUEANBEYAN 10<sup>th</sup> MOVIE FUND RAISER – 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

*Where Am I Going?* At the Q Theatre, Queanbeyan. \$75 ticket includes hot meal and drinks.

Purchase tickets [www.theq.net.au](http://www.theq.net.au) or at the Q Box office (02) 6286 6290.

### ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY – 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary."

For more information and for prayer resources visit [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org).

### SPRING PLANT STALL – CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY – 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Spring Plant Stall from 8:00am – 4:00pm in the Jamison Centre, Belconnen. There will be a great range of indoor and outdoor plants, succulents, drought tolerant plants and herbs. Also terrariums, which make great Christmas gifts!

All proceeds will be used to purchase medical and other equipment for patient welfare and comfort.

Contact: Jan 6241 8819.

### 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.

## 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

14 Sep	Peter	Cleary	1	Steve	Scroope	2
	Morton	Family	3	Allan	Hackett	4
21 Sep	Dianne	Carey	1	Peter	Cleary	2
	Kay	Perceval	3	Vince	Coffee	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

14 Sep	Peter	Walker	Steve	Scroope	Joseph	Morrissey
21 Sep	Kay	Perceval	Peter	Cleary	Elizabeth	Liew

#### VISITS

15 Sep	Peter	Walker	Steve	Scroope	Joseph	Morrissey
22 Sep	Kay	Perceval	Peter	Cleary	Elizabeth	Liew

#### ALTAR SERVERS

14 Sep Grace & Charlie Miller  
21 Sep Molly & Grace McPherson

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

14 Sep	Peter	Gibbs	21 Sep	Peter	Cleary
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#### HOSPITALITY

14 Sep Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy  
21 Sep Kay Perceval

#### CARE GROUP

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

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

14 Sep	Coral	Carroll	21 Sep	Kay	Perceval
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### "VISIONS OF BEAUTY" SUMMER PROGRAM – RUSSIA – 3<sup>rd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020

Participants will be encouraged to learn about the notions of 'Beauty' and 'Peace' and their progression throughout the ages. Rich understandings of Russian values, in the light of this notion, will help to highlight the Spiritual, Cultural and Historical developments in Russia during the past ten centuries. Engagement with Russian traditional icon painting will help to clarify particular perceptions and visions of 'Beauty' through insights into the values of Russian Orthodoxy.

Please contact Sr. Margaret Broadbent, Australian Co-Ordinator [margaret.broadbent@mercy.org.au](mailto:margaret.broadbent@mercy.org.au)

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