



# 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.

<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father	Mick Burke
<b>Youth Worker</b>	VACANT	
<b>Chair Finance Committee</b>	Paul	O'Mara
<b>Chair Parish Council</b>	Sarah	Johnston
<b>Principal of the School</b>	Michael	Green
<b>School Community Council</b>	Amber	Maher
<b>Sacramental Team Leader</b>	Dianne	Carey
<b>RCIA</b>	Sister	Aileen
<b>Parish Office</b>	Zuzy	Webster
	<i>Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
<b>Parish Bulletin</b>	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

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

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!

**R**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth?

**R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people.

**R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

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 laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### 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/Warmington

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 Pius of Pietrelcina  
**Fri:** Saint Vincent De Paul

- The annual audit for both Yass and Gunning parishes covers the following areas: Finance, Probity, Insurance, Employment, WH&S, Property and Child Protection. For the audit we require:-
  - Bank Statements for all bank accounts
  - Ledger Book or Spreadsheet that records transactions of the parish and GST
  - All Deposit book(s) and counting sheets and other documentation supporting deposits, transfers etc – including First Collection
  - Any Cheque Books
  - All Invoices and other documentation regarding payments, including all credit and debit cards
  - Contracts for use of parish premises including public liability certificates & rental properties
  - WWVP/WWCC records
  - WH&S reports
  - Finance Committee Minutes

I am grateful to Irene Carr, Zuzy Webster and Lyn Hefferman for their diligence in making sure we are accountable in all these areas.

- We have been approached by the Chamber Philharmonica Cologne (Germany) to hold a concert in the Lovat Chapel early next year. It's amazing the reputation this building has for its acoustics.
- Yass Ministers Fraternal will meet at the presbytery this Thursday.
- Mount Carmel Community Council will also meet Thursday evening.
- On behalf of the poor we serve in Timor Leste, I acknowledge a donation of \$200 this past week and our regular contributors.

## What's Wealth Really Worth?

Oscar Schindler was a rich man who learned the real value of wealth.

Schindler was a successful German factory owner during World War II. He made his wealth mostly by joining the Nazi party and exploiting Jewish workers.

But Schindler changed during the war. He became sickened by his complicity in Germany's treatment of Jews. Eventually, he spent his fortune and went broke buying safety for about twelve hundred Jews who would have died in death camps. His story connects well with this week's Gospel and its message about wealth.

First, our wealth should serve our relationships, not vice versa. Jesus isn't advising us to act like the steward and use other people's money dishonestly. Rather, he's pointing out that we'll find more security and meaning in life if we use our wealth generously for others. We'll have less stuff than others, but our lives will be rich in relationships.

Second, we can't claim the title Christian unless we consciously choose God as our Master. And that means we need to ask ourselves this basic question: I serve God, so how could God have me use my wealth, money, talent, and time?

That's a tough question. But if you ask it daily in prayer, you'll start to see the world and respond to it like Oscar Schindler did.

## 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> )
Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke		Sarah Johnston ( <i>Social Justice</i> )

## Kingdom Economics

If you think that all the parables Jesus told were nice stories about people of integrity then today's Gospel might make you think again. The manager has been put on notice by his CEO and he decides to even up the tables, while he still can, for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company. He is happy to let debt go and redistribute the finances. The only value the money really has is in the way it is disposed of. Yes, he is a bit of a scoundrel, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use.

During this past year we have seen young people rise up and challenge the governments of the world to take immediate action on climate change. In March 2019, the Global Protest for Climate involved over 1.2 million young people worldwide. Initiated by Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, the climate protests shine as a beacon of hope in dark times. Greta stands up to world leaders and calls them to account. She is a modern prophet inspiring millions of young people into political action and challenging all of us to raise our voices for our common home. During this Season of Creation, what can your community do to support these young people? As church, what do we have to say to this powerful movement? The manager in today's parable invites us to 'holy mischief.'

'What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? ... Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth.' (*Laudato Si'*, 160-161).

Suggestion for the week: Explore how you might join with the eco-groups in your community to rejoice in the gift of creation, to share eco-stories and hear other good news of what is already happening. Perhaps you can explore becoming an 'eco-parish?' ([www.ecocongregationireland.com](http://www.ecocongregationireland.com)) and ask young people in your area to help you.

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*Next week we welcome into  
our Church community:*

Hannah & Charles children of Joshua & Bethany

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

St. Augustine's Conference of the Society wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous support of the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

The Appeal raised \$4,219.00 together with outstanding donations of several hundred cans of food for distribution through the Conference pantry.

I wish to commend the Mount Carmel School community for the donation of canned food; a conservative estimation of the value of this donation is \$1,500.

My heartfelt thanks for the ongoing support of the Society's work and the people who seek our assistance.

*Judith Williams  
President St. Augustine's Conference*

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

Next weekend, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019, the Society will be conducting its annual Ozanam Appeal.

Many of you are aware that our Conference of St. Augustine's works to support members of our community in need both locally and internationally. Some of the work we do is titled Twinning, which is where one Conference directly supports another somewhere in the developing world. Through Twinning, our Conference members seek to support our fellow members in developing countries spiritually, financially and through mutual encouragement.

St. Augustine's Conference supports two such Conferences: St. Anthony's Church, Kurusad, South Tamilnadu, India and St. Anthony's Conference, Amphur Muang, Chacherngsao, Thailand.

To fulfil our commitment we need to raise \$640, which is shared equally between the Conferences.

The Appeal will be conducted as a retiring collection. I thank you for your support of this Appeal through the years, and again ask for your generous financial support for September 2019.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Judith Williams on (02) 6226 4696 or 0490 150 938.

### **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.

### **TALK BY DR CARMEL BENDON DAVIS – 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Following on from Dr Robyn Cadwallander's wonderful recent talk on the life of the anchoress in the early English church, Dr Carmel Bendon Davis, an expert on medieval literature, novelist and author, will speak on Julian of Norwich and her *Revelations of Divine Love* in the Lovat Chapel on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, at 2:00pm for 2:30pm. This will be the second talk on the theme of the role of women in the church in the Learning of Other Faith series.

## **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.

### **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 DAY MASS & MORNING TEA – 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 am at Holy Trinity Church, Strangways Street, Curtin, ACT 2605.

All Sisters of Mercy and past pupils of the Mercy Sisters from all nations are invited to attend Mass and Morning Tea.

*Contact:* Bev Cains [345bevc@gmail.com](mailto:345bevc@gmail.com) for preference or phone (02) 6281 2365 or 0418 718 713 (for catering purposes).

### **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/2ZtejE0> by 21st September 2019.

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

### **WISDOM OF THE DESERT RETREAT – 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

An explanation of what humanity is when it is in touch with God through Jesus Christ led by Carmel Moore rsj and Jan Wylie, NSW co-ordinator of Christian Meditation at St Clements's Retreat and Conference Centre, Galong.

*Attend for the weekend* 6:00pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November to after lunch on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Ensuite room \$300.00, shared facilities \$260.00

*Attend for six days* 6:00pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November to after breakfast on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Ensuite room \$650.00, shared facilities \$550.00

*Email:* [info@stclement.com.au](mailto:info@stclement.com.au) or *Phone:* (02) 6380 5222.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

Loving God, you have called us to be one,  
 To live in unity and harmony,  
 And yet we are divided:  
 Race from race,  
 Faith from faith,  
 Rich from poor,  
 Neighbour from neighbour ...  
 May Jesus, our Brother, whose suffering and death brought  
 the hope of salvation to us all,  
 break down the walls that separate us,  
 tear down the fences of indifference and hatred;  
 forgive us the sins that divide us,  
 free us from pride and our self-seeking ways,  
 overcome our prejudice and fears,  
 help us to create a peaceful world revealed in his Gospel of  
 Love  
 and may the power of your Spirit make us one.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Maureen Carey.

### 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**

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

**First Reading** *Am 6:1. 4-7*  
 Woe to the complacent.

**Second Reading** *1 Tm 6:11-16*  
 Fight the good fight.

**Gospel** *Lk 16:19-31*  
 Parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

**Please reflect on these readings over the coming week**

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

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

<b>21 Sep</b>	Dianne Carey	1	Peter Cleary	2
	Kay Perceval	3	Vince Coffee	4
<b>28 Sep</b>	Gaye McManus	1	Dianne Carey	2
	McManus Family	3	Russell Hill	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>21 Sep</b>	Kay Perceval	Peter Cleary	Elizabeth Liew
<b>28 Sep</b>	Michael Green	Kath Luchetti	Coral Carroll

#### VISITS

<b>22 Sep</b>	Kay Perceval	Peter Cleary	Elizabeth Liew
<b>29 Sep</b>	Michael Green	Kath Luchetti	Coral Carroll

#### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>21 Sep</b>	Molly & Grace McPherson		
<b>28 Sep</b>	Tallara Howard	Clare Broers	

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

<b>21 Sep</b>	Peter Cleary	<b>28 Sep</b>	Dianne Carey
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#### HOSPITALITY

<b>21 Sep</b>	Kay Perceval		
<b>28 Sep</b>	Trish Gibbs	Lourdes O'Keefe	

#### CARE GROUP

<b>23 Sep</b>	Margaret Wilson			(Group 1)
	Pat Longley	Pauline Abbey		(Group 2)
<b>30 Sep</b>	Sr Aileen	Sr Macrina		(Group 3)
	Marie Polyak	Irene Carr		(Group 4)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>21 Sep</b>	Kay Perceval	<b>28 Sep</b>	Pat Coleborne
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Email: enquiries@serracanberra.org

Phone: (02) 6286 1720 or 0408 113 690

### "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.org.au](mailto:margaret.broadbent@mercy.org.au.org.au)

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