



# 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</i>	
	<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
<b>Parish Bulletin</b>	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

## 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.

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Mon:** Saints Simon and Jude

**Fri:** All Saints

**Sat:** All Souls' Day

As an insert with the bulletin today is the Financial Statement, January to December 2018 and January to August 2019. It is a simplified version and if you require further information, please discuss with a member of our Finance Committee. I am grateful to Paul O'Mara, Irene Carr and Mark Valencic for the additional work for a less complicated statement.

We have two outstanding loans which hold us back from doing additional maintenance. Due to the buildings in our care, Yass parish will always have issues with ongoing repairs and maintenance, an obvious example is the Lovat Chapel which hasn't been painted since 1986. Without the ongoing generosity of those parishioners who contribute to the finances of the parish, our mission to the broader community who don't contribute would be limited.

I'm in the process of organizing a brief visit by a Dominican Sister from Timor Leste. She spent over ten years at the orphanage in Oecusse and is an exchange teacher working for a month on the Gold Coast. Those parishioners who have visited Oecusse would have met Sr. Adina.

## Exalted Sinners?

I wish it wasn't true, but when it comes to sin, I know it well. In fact, I'm an expert.

I remember many times in my life when I've had trouble looking myself in the mirror. "You're a jerk," I've thought to myself. "You call yourself a Christian? If people only knew about the *real* you".

But over the years I've learned to thank God that Jesus does know the *real* me, with all my sins and hang-ups. I've learned to face them honestly. Why? Jesus can't heal what I hide.

We all have done things we're ashamed of. We all have sinful habits we'd like to break. And this week's Gospel reminds us that the only real remedy is gut-wrenching honesty with God, who is mercy, compassion, and healing.

Here's the truth. Secrets kill. The more we keep sinful mistakes and habits secret, the more we give them power over our lives. They control us until we are humble enough to "beat our breast" (an ancient act that showed sorrow) and say, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner". Use the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is a perfect way to air our sins and let someone remind us about God's love while giving us advice on how to change. See a spiritual director, an older Christian you respect with whom you meet regularly to discuss ways of growing closer to God.

Take it from a sinner. God has exalted me when I've admitted how I've sunk into sin. Christ has provided me with pastors and spiritual directors who've helped me feel better about myself and grow closer to God by looking with compassion at my sins and flaws. It's difficult and humbling, but God always picked me up and never let me down.

GPBS eNews

On the first evening of their visit with their grandmother, a young boy and his brother knelt by their bed to pray. Shouting as loudly as he could, the younger boy pleaded. . . "and PLEASE God, I need a new bicycle and a pair of roller blades." "Shh!" said the older boy, "not so loud. God isn't deaf, you know!" To which his younger brother replied. "Yes, I know, but Grandma is." Technically, the boy was praying to God but, like the Pharisee in today's Gospel, he was doing so simply to benefit himself.

## 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> )

## The meaning of life

After the Second World War, a Greek man named Alexander Papaderous founded an Institute of Peace and Understanding on the island of Crete, as a response to the atrocities that had taken place there during the war. One day, while taking questions at the end of a lecture, someone asked him 'What is the meaning of life?' In response, Papaderous took a small mirror out of his wallet, and said: 'I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect light into the dark places of this world – into the black places in the hearts of men and women – and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I'm about. This is the meaning of my life.' Papaderous was a person of great humility, aware of how small and seemingly insignificant each one of us is, but full of faith that we can still do great things. Like the tax collector in the parable we hear today, he was aware of his unworthiness, but open to light and hope.

In today's Gospel we are invited to put ourselves in the shoes of the Pharisee, who regarded himself as superior to others, and the tax collector, who throws himself on the mercy of God. Which of them sees the bigger picture?

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## CATHOLIC MISSION

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world.

Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations. Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Ghana Mission Partners Program.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or the Extraordinary Missionary Month in October, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at [catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact](http://catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact).

Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/Ghana](http://catholicmission.org.au/Ghana)

Truly humble of heart: Dorothy Day died in November 1980 at the age of 84. Reporting on her death, the *New York Times* called her the most influential person in the history of American Catholicism. In her book, *From Union Square to Rome*, she describes her conversion to Christ. One of her first attractions came in childhood. One day she discovered the mother of one of her girlfriends kneeling in prayer. The sight of this kneeling woman moved her deeply. She never forgot it. In the same book she tells how, in the days before her conversion, she often spent the entire night in a tavern. Then she would go to an early morning Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Sixth Avenue. What attracted her to St. Joseph's were the people kneeling in prayer. She writes: "I longed for their Faith... So, I used to go in and kneel in a back pew." Eventually Dorothy Day received the gift of Faith and entered the Church. *(Mark Link in Sunday Homilies)*

## BOOK FAIR – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER (CLASSIC YASS WEEKEND)

Donations of books, games, puzzles, CDs, DVDS, vinyl records and the like are still very much needed to ensure we have enough fresh stock for the book fair. If you still have donations, bring them to the chapel on Monday or Tuesday this week. If you are unable to do so, please use the contact details below, so that pick-up can be arranged.

I now **really** need people to volunteer to:

- set up the book fair itself during the day on at least Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October (putting books into place and making everything look welcoming – some heavy lifting involved, but only if you are able to do so);
- work at the fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (involves helping people with their purchases and possibly restocking), particularly the afternoons;
- pack up the book fair on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to probably Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, during the day (culling stock to go to Life Line and packing up books to be kept for next year).

If you can't do any of the above, come along and buy some books!

Any help at all will be very welcome. If you can help, please email or text and leave contact details. (phone 0427 674 246 or email deb.valencic@gmail.com).

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.

### **Book Fair hours:**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9am – 4pm, 7pm – 8:30pm;**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 9am – 4pm.**

## **BAND OF BROTHERS BREKKY – 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER** MEN BANDING TOGETHER IN YASS

Come to brekky, bring some mates and lets have a great start to the day!!

**Where:** Zac's Place (behind the Anglican Church)

**Time:** 8:00am

**Speaker:** Keith Todd

Please spread the word.

*Please note there is no brekky in October*

It was Great to see a good turnout of men last brekky and I want to invite you all to come along again, have a hearty breakfast, some good conversations, mateship and listen to Keith Todd share some thoughts with us.

Gary (0409 771 712)

## **TAIZÉ INFORMATION EVENING – 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER**

Are you interested in contemplative prayer supported by beautiful music? If so you are invited to an information evening about the Taizé ecumenical community in eastern France. The community was established in the 1940s and each year welcomes thousands of pilgrims from around the world to join in the Taizé experience of prayer and community. There is a special focus on youth, and on prayer through music with the Taizé chants. At our evening we will experience some of the Taizé music and discuss this possibility of holding ecumenical Taizé services in the Yass Valley.

**Date:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**Time:** 5:30pm to 7:00pm

**Location:** 4 Sylvia Street, Murrumbateman

**RSVP:** Paul – paultrezise@bigpond.com (02) 6227 5882



*This week we welcomed into our Church community:*

Layla Rose child of Samuel & Amy

*Next week we welcome into our Church community:*

Cameron Jeffrey and Chloe Louise  
children of Hayden & Yolanda

The Members of St. Augustine's Conference, wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your outstanding generosity in support of the Society's Ozanam Appeal for 2019.

The Yass and Murrumbateman Appeal raised \$1,435.00. Yass Parishioners contributed \$1,132.00 and Murrumbateman Parishioners \$303.00.

May I again express my heartfelt thanks and commend you on your kindness and generosity.

*Judith Williams.*

*President of St .Augustine's Conference*

## **MENALIVE BREAKFAST – 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Where:** Presbytery

**Time:** 8:00am

## **CIRCLE OF SISTERS – 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**Where:** Yass Community Baptist Church, 50 Laidlaw Street

**Time:** 10:00am

**Contact:** Lynette Rampling 0406 375 412

## **HEALING SERVICE – 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

A Healing Service will be held in St Andrews Uniting Church , Yass, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 3:00pm.

This service will be conducted by Rev Geoffrey McAuliffe, and will be preceded at 2:00pm in the hall adjacent to the church, by a short teaching and explanation of what happens in a healing service.

Rev McAuliffe is the National Chaplain of the Order of St Luke. The Order of St Luke is a world-wide interdenominational body of Christians, both clerical and lay, who believe that the healing of the body and mind was a very real part of the total ministry of Jesus Christ, and that He commissioned His followers to continue the ministry according to the New Testament teaching.

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

Following on from Dr Robyn Cadwallader's wonderful recent talk on the life of the anchoress in the early English church, Dr Carmel Bendon, 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.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

We would like to invite any interested parishioners to join us on a Thursday afternoon in the church at 5:00pm to practice for our liturgies. Advent is nearly here and this will be an opportunity to learn some of the new songs we will be using. You don't have to be an opera singer and we won't expect you to join the choir (unless you would like to). Hope to see you there.

*Anne Eade*

## **NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR DROUGHT**

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national. Access resources and find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought).

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### PRAYER FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

God our Father,  
when your Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead,  
he commissioned his followers  
to 'go and make disciples of all nations'.

Through our Baptism you send us out  
to continue this mission among all peoples.

Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
to be courageous and enthusiastic  
in bearing witness to the Gospel,  
so that the mission entrusted to us,  
which is still far from completion,  
may bring life and light to the world.

May all peoples experience the saving love  
and generous mercy of Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

### CALL TO CONNECT – 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

The prayer gathering 'Call To Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm.

### THE BREAD OF LIFE RETREAT – 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER

Spend a great weekend from 6:00pm to 3:00pm at Shalom, 7 Carcoar Street, Carcoar and explore how making sourdough bread can be a very spiritual exercise. It's going to be a reflective time, but also a relaxing and fun time as you learn how to bake the best sourdough, learn some new Ignatian meditation and prayer techniques, go on some lovely walks and enjoy some scrumptious food.

This retreat is for everyone to enjoy and the best part is there is no need to have any technical baking skills or advanced training, or holiness, or to be church-ed to attend. You can just come as you are and do as much or as little as you want.

Suggested Donation of \$200 (includes all meals and accommodation).

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Peter Stinson and William Grace.

### Prayers for

Moya Koch, Mary Fitzpatrick, Jackie Longley  
and Corrina Medway.

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

Joan Bartlett (1/10), Coral Davis (1/10), Marie O'Mara (3/10),  
Theresa Epple (4/10), Charles Harris (8/10),  
Emily Skillin (10/10), Arthur Bush (12/10),  
Cheryl Harris (13/10), Jayne Kemp (17/10),  
Bryan Perryman (19/10), Reginald Cassidy (22/10),  
John Richmond (23/10), Harold Carey (27/10),  
Sylvia McCarthy (29/10), Allan Fitzpatrick (23/10),  
Terence McGann (24/10), Rita Slattery (26/10),  
Cecil MacQuillan (27/10), Grace McGann (30/10),  
Edward Cassidy (31/10) and Patricia Fagan (31/10).

### Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

## ROSTERS

### LITURGY

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

<b>26 Oct</b>	Steve	Scroope	1	Russell	Hill	2
	Kay	Perceval	3	Greg	Minahan	4
<b>2 Nov</b>	Lourdes	O'Keefe	1	Tom	Consideine	2
	Coral	Carroll	3	Allan	Hackett	4

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>26 Oct</b>	Kay	Perceval	Peter	Cleary	Elizabeth	Liew
<b>2 Nov</b>	Michael	Green	Kath	Luchetti	Coral	Carroll

### VISITS

<b>27 Oct</b>	Elizabeth	Liew	Peter	Cleary	Kay	Perceval
<b>3 Nov</b>	Michael	Green	Kath	Luchetti	Coral	Carroll

### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>26 Oct</b>	Wendy	Morton	Ella	Widdows
<b>2 Nov</b>	Grace & Charlie Miller			

### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

<b>26 Oct</b>	Dianne	Carey
<b>2 Nov</b>	Russell	Hill

### HOSPITALITY

<b>26 Oct</b>	Bert & Kath Moore
<b>2 Nov</b>	Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy

### CARE GROUP

<b>28 Oct</b>	Kath	Luchetti	Julie	Faulkner	(Group 11)
	Jane	Hingston	Sandra	Davis	(Group 12)
<b>4 Nov</b>	Margaret	Wilson			(Group 1)
	Pat	Longley	Pauline	Abbey	(Group 2)

### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>26 Oct</b>	Helen	Murphy
<b>2 Nov</b>	Coral	Carroll

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

#### First Reading

The Lord loves all creation.

Wis 11:22-12:2

#### Second Reading

The day of the Lord is not yet here.

2 Thes 1:11-2:2

#### Gospel

Jesus enters the house of Zacchaeus.

Lk 19:1-10

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

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