



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
	<i>Monday and Wednesday</i>	
	<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

2nd & 3rd November 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God..

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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 will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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/Warminsteron

4 th 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

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.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: Saint Charles Borromeo

Sat: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November is a special time to pray for the dead. The month begins with All Saints' Day when we remember those 'superheroes' who have lived the Gospel Beatitudes in an extraordinary way. We pray on All Souls' Day for those who await purification from any stain of sin in order to experience the perfection of Heaven. The Communion of Saints is a wonderful truth that the Catholic faith treasures. As the pilgrim people, we are in communion with those who have died.

Many people like to have Mass celebrated for those who have died. For the most part, Mass offerings I receive are sent to priests in Timor Leste who rely on the money for survival. Another option is to send Mass offerings to 'Aid of the Church in need'. Each year, over 40,000 priests – ten percent of the world's priests – are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. Forms can be found next to the bulletins.

As Debbie Valencic, the co-ordinator of the Book Fair, mentions in this bulletin, it has been extraordinary to see so many parishioners and members of YRAR involved in preparing for this year's Book Fair. Thanks and congratulations!

Sr. Adina, a Dominican from Timor Leste, will visit our communities next weekend.

I will be on retreat at St. Clement's, Galong, 18th – 22nd November.

Up A Tree

There's a column in a magazine that explores case studies of marriages in trouble. It asks the question, "Can this marriage be saved?" This week Luke tells us about a man who seems to have been a scoundrel and asks, "Can this man be saved?" Zacchaeus, the alleged low-life in question, was a small man who became a big shot exhorting money from his fellow Israelites and cosying up to the enemy, the Romans, who were occupying the land. Not only was he a tax collector, and undesirable occupation, but he was damned good at it and earned a pile of dough in the process. And yet when Jesus came to town, Zacchaeus paid attention. He even climbed a tree to get a better look. There must have been something about Jesus and his message that gave Zacchaeus something all his money and power couldn't supply. In spite of all he had, deep in his heart, Zacchaeus wanted what Jesus was offering. Which meant that he could of course be saved. Redemption is a matter of the heart. Zacchaeus' heart was in the right place. The Pharisees who objected to Jesus spending time with Zacchaeus never knew what was going on in their own hearts.

They worried about appearance, how they looked to others and how others weren't making the grade. And so rather than up a tree, they were really up a creek. GPBS eNews

Life is Worth Living. In the early 1950s, a TV program captured the attention of millions throughout the world, particularly the English-speaking segment. It was Ven. Bishop Fulton Sheen's program: *Life is Worth Living*. The opening, dramatic lines spoken by the Bishop as he introduced the program were, "Is life worth living, or is it dull and monotonous? Life is monotonous if it is meaningless; it is not monotonous if it has a purpose." Today's readings tell us that life is worth living, if we are ready to experience the mercy of a forgiving God who accepts us as we are.

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>)

Zacchaeus

In today's Gospel we hear the familiar story of Zacchaeus. It is a story that may remind us of our childhood, our first confession, or, as in my case, it might bring a school song to mind that you can't get out of your head! As with all familiar Gospel stories, we are invited to read again with fresh eyes and hear again as if for the first time. For this story is very rich and we risk losing the meaning due to our familiarity with it.

Like many people today, Zacchaeus was a 'seeker.' We read that he was anxious to see what Jesus was like. Clearly, he was drawn to Jesus in some way, was searching for something or someone. Zacchaeus was an outcast, a tax collector, considered a sinner by the community. Yet Jesus reaches out to him in a gesture of hospitality and friendship. In return, Zacchaeus offers the strictest requirement, as noted in the Jewish scriptures, for restitution: 'four times the amount' of money he had taken from people. But notice that Jesus reaches out in love before Zacchaeus offers compensation for his crimes.

The encounter with Jesus has led Zacchaeus to be a witness to restoration and solidarity. He wants to *restore* justice where he has acted unjustly. Whether it was the crowd, greed, politics or corruption that was preventing Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus, he has been welcomed back to the table. Jesus is waiting to be invited to his home *today*. Complaints and negativity continue in the background, but none of that matters. This man is a 'son of Abraham'. It was the affection of Christ, not the condemnation of the town, that reversed the situation.

Who do you need to reach out to today in a similar way?

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Laurin Chapin encountered Jesus as Zacchaeus did:

One of the most popular weekly programs in the early days of television was *Father Knows Best*. One of the stars of that show was little Laurin Chapin who played 11-year-old Kathy Anderson. Those familiar with this wholesome family program remember little Kathy in all of her innocence and charm. Unfortunately, Laurin Chapin's real life was nothing like Kathy Anderson's. We are told that Laurin's mother drank very heavily. When the *Father Knows Best* series ended, Laurin couldn't get another job in television. Alienated from her mother and from the world of make-believe that had given substance to her life, she began running wild. She turned to drugs, casual lovers and fast company. The next several years of her life were filled with eight miscarriages, welfare, a mental hospital and a host of times in and out of jails. At 38 years of age, Laurin Chapin encountered Jesus as Zacchaeus did in today's Gospel. "All my life I've wanted to be loved," she said. "God's love is the most complete love, and I think that's what I was looking for."

BOOK FAIR – 2nd & 3rd NOVEMBER (CLASSIC YASS WEEKEND)

If you're reading this message on Saturday evening and you haven't yet been to the Book Fair, please make time to pop in tomorrow and see if you can find your next favourite book, game or puzzle, CD, DVD or even a vinyl record. We have lots of fresh stock this year; you may find that little gem you've been looking for.

Devonshire tea will also be available, if you want to make a really serious visit!

I have been overwhelmed by the help I have received towards this venture (more detailed thanks next weekend), but I can still use some help on Monday from 9:00am to pack up leftover books and store them away. There is some heavy lifting involved, but only if you are up to it. There are plenty of other less strenuous jobs to do. If you can't work Monday, but might be able to do Tuesday, please ring or text (0427 674 246) or email me (deb.valencic@gmail.com) so I can let you know if we will still be working on that day.

Book Fair hours:

Saturday 2nd November 9am – 4pm, 7pm – 8:30pm;
Sunday 3rd November 9am – 4pm.

TAIZÉ INFORMATION EVENING – 3rd 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 3rd November

Time: 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Location: 4 Sylvia Street, Murrumbateman

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

CALL TO CONNECT – 5th NOVEMBER

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

MENALIVE BREAKFAST – 9th NOVEMBER

Where: Presbytery

Time: 8:00am

CIRCLE OF SISTERS – 16th NOVEMBER

Where: Yass Community Baptist Church, 50 Laidlaw Street

Time: 10:00am

Contact: Lynette Rampling 0406 375 412

HEALING SERVICE – 16th NOVEMBER

A Healing Service will be held in St Andrews Uniting Church, Yass, on Saturday 16th 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.



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Cameron Jeffrey and Chloe Louise
children of Hayden & Yolanda

Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Jaxon Bruce child of Nathan & Shannon

LEARNING OF OTHER FAITHS – 17th NOVEMBER

A series of talks on Sunday afternoons on themes of faith, belief and religious practice

Arranged by St. Augustine's Parish in conjunction with Yass Ministers

Dr Carmel Bendon

Julian of Norwich: Medieval Mystic for Today

Dr Carmel Bendon is an academic, presenter and author whose specialist works on Julian of Norwich include the book 'Mysticism and Space', and whose novel 'Grasping at Water' was recently published by Odyssey Books. Julian of Norwich is considered to be one of the greatest Christian mystics and authors. Many people today are familiar with her famous assurance that "All shall be well" but this is only a small part of the extraordinary insights that Julian shares in her written account of the sixteen divine revelations she received over three days in 1372. This talk looks at what is known of Julian's life and offers an introduction into her revelations, some of which have profound implications for today's world.

Time: 2:00pm for 2:30pm

Where: Lovat Chapel, Meehan St, Yass

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

CONVERSING WITH PEOPLE ON REFUGEE JUSTICE – 28th NOVEMBER

An occasion for people who are keen to help change hearts and minds about seeking asylum and build broad public support for positive policy change. Breakthrough Conversations allow us to approach others with an open mind, share and exchange our ideas and experiences, show empathy for the concerns of others, and create a space where a shift in attitudes is possible.

Where: Quaker Meeting House, corner Bent and Condamine Streets, Turner

Time: 6:00 – 9:00pm (light supper provided).

Facilitator: Liyan Gao, Community Organiser, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) Melbourne.

RSVP: cath.blunt@hotmail.com

MINISTRY TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

The Ministry to the Newly Married is a mentoring program for couples married in the Catholic Church, in the first five years of marriage. A newly-married couple, is matched with a different adoptive-couple each year. Couples meet together four times a year, and cover 20 topics over the five-year program.

Couples in their first year of marriage are invited to register now for the program in 2020.

More information 0490 686 857.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

It is only with the heart that we can repent rightly.
 Repentance must involve a change of heart.
 Anything less won't produce a new being.
 It will be like decapitating weeds
 while leaving their roots intact.
 But if we change our hearts,
 then we will change our lives too.
 After his encounter with Jesus,
 Zaccheus' heart burst into life
 like a desert landscape after a rainfall.
 Fear can't produce a change of heart;
 only an encounter with love can.
 Zaccheus' conversion was a conversion to goodness.
 All of us stand in daily need of such a conversion.
 We need to move from a closed heart to an open heart,
 from a heart of stone to a heart of flesh.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First Reading 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

Seven brothers and their mother are tortured, but remain faithful.

Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16-3:5

The Lord will strengthen you in faith.

Gospel Lk 20:27-38

The Sadducees try to put Jesus in conflict with Moses.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

VACANCY AT L'ARCHE:

L'Arche Genesaret in Canberra provides supported accommodation and a sense of belonging alongside adults with the experience of an intellectual disability through an intentional, faith-based community model.

L'Arche currently has a vacancy in one of our homes in Woden. In our discernment process, L'Arche gives priority to the urgency of an applicant's situation and the potential of a new member to flourish and contribute within the shared community life of L'Arche, in a spirit of mutuality.

If you or someone you know may be interested in this vacancy, please contact Annie Patterson on 6282 9066. For more information about L'Arche, please go to www.larchecanberra.org.au.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Jake Apps, Peter Stinson and William Grace.

Prayers for
Sam Turner.

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

Vernon Norris (1/11), Christopher Butt (1/11),
 Colin Cregan (2/11), Colin O'Mara (2/11), Rita Davis (3/11),
 Barry Cassidy (3/11), David Longley (3/11),
 Al Lustenberger (5/11), Fr Phil Buckley (5/11),
 Fr Bill Crahan (6/11), Melissa Merritt (7/11),
 Eunice Turner (9/11), Thora Hoey (12/11),
 John Brennan (13/11), Lachlan Betts (13/11),
 Una Corkhill (13/11), Ronald Waters (15/11),
 Bernard Finn (18/11), Anne Benson (22/11),
 Gregory Barton (24/11), Bruce Merritt (24/11),
 Mary Richmond (25/11), Keith Blundell (26/11),
 Ellen Agnew (27/11), Bruce Wales (28/11), John Best (28/11)
 Garry Cooke (29/11) and Patric Corcoran (29/11)

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

2 Nov	Lourdes O'Keefe	1	Tom	Considine	2
	Coral Carroll	3	Allan	Hackett	4
9 Nov	Joe Morrissey	1	Bob	Nash	2
	Bob Nash	3	Vince	Coffey	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

2 Nov	Michael Green	Kath Luchetti	Coral	Carroll
9 Nov	Dianne Carey	Michael Van Wanrooy	Trish	Gibbs

VISITS

3 Nov	Michael Green	Kath Luchetti	Coral	Carroll
10 Nov	Dianne Carey	Michael Van Wanrooy	Trish	Gibbs

ALTAR SERVERS

2 Nov	Grace & Charlie Miller	9 Nov	Molly & Grace McPherson
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POWER POINT PRESENTERS

2 Nov	Russell Hill	9 Nov	Peter Cleary
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HOSPITALITY

2 Nov	Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy	9 Nov	Kay Perceval
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CARE GROUP

4 Nov	Margaret Wilson			(Group 1)
	Pat Longley	Pauline	Abbey	(Group 2)
11 Nov	Sr Aileen	Sr	Macrina	(Group 3)
	Marie Polyak	Irene	Carr	(Group 4)

ALTAR CLEANERS

2 Nov	Coral	Carroll	9 Nov	Kay	Perceval
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