



# 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. **R**

I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R**

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

### 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

**Yass** 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 Martin of Tours  
**Tue:** Saint Josaphat

I am extremely proud of those involved with the Book Fair last weekend. There were 36 parishioners and 8 from YRAR who spent hours setting up and packing up. It was a mammoth exercise, coordinated by Debbie Valencic. What are the benefits? A great community builder, people meeting and getting to know each other, involving the broader community as an important fundraiser. Proceeds were divided between YRAR and our community for ongoing maintenance, \$1,900 each. YRAR (Yass Rural Advocates for Refugees), are people truly committed to social justice, and I am grateful to Evol and Peter for their leadership. Thanks to Lourdes O'Keefe and her team, who experimented with the Devonshire tea which wasn't successful. You are wonderful for trying something new to raise funds.

Please don't forget the talk by Carmel Bendon next weekend. See bulletin for information.

We welcome Sr. Adina to our communities this weekend. Whilst she is teaching in Dili at present, she spent ten years at the amazing Dominican orphanage in Pante Makassa, Oecusse.

There will be a Mount Carmel Community Council meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Gunning Finance Committee needs to meet in the next couple of weeks to discuss the purchase of a new organ for the church.

## Don't Close Your Mind to God

I wrote a regular newspaper column at university. I usually knew *for sure* I was right about an issue and attacked opposing arguments by making fun of them. My mind was closed, just like the Sadducees' in this week's Gospel.

The Sadducees were members of a religious group whose beliefs differed from Jesus' teachings. For example, they didn't believe in the Resurrection or in angels. But in this week's Gospel, they didn't listen to him and rethink their positions; instead, they made an argument that mocked his beliefs.

That's too common in our society. People don't listen to one another; instead, they attack or belittle one another. It's an easy style to adopt. You don't have to think if you can shout down or mock your opponent.

But that's how you miss God's wisdom. This week's Gospel reminds us that sometimes God challenges our positions on things like religion, school, and family. That challenge will likely come through friends, pastors, teachers, work colleagues, and family members. The Spirit calls us to keep our minds open, especially to people with whom we disagree.

Here are some tips:

When you disagree with someone, avoid the temptation to close your mind or respond with sarcasm or personal attacks. Think. Ask God to help you consider opposing opinions closely.

Don't let pride get in the way. God calls us to full life, but we miss out – like the Sadducees did – when we're not open to the spiritual and intellectual changes that life brings.

*What makes it tough for you to keep your mind open when you disagree with someone?*

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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)

## 'Children of the Resurrection'

In today's Gospel, the Sadducees are trying to trap Jesus, using a slightly exaggerated and absurd case about whose wife someone will be in heaven if they have married many times. They have no faith in the resurrection and therefore do not grasp that in a place of peace, justice and freedom, people cannot be 'owned' or 'given.' Questions like the one posed by the Sadducees ignore the radical freshness of the Kingdom of God. All we really can be sure of is that that place will be radically different to anything we know, a new creation.

We are all 'children of this world' who are called to be 'children of the resurrection.' You might recall today someone who has passed away, who is some sense, because of their influence on people, 'lives on' in the lives of those they touched. But they are 'children of the resurrection' not because of their own goodness, but because of the power of Christ to raise us from the dead.

Let us use this week to notice the moments of resurrection all around us. God's Kingdom is also here and now, if we allow ourselves to be present and aware to this ongoing 'new creation'.  
*'You were born a child of light's wonderful secret – you return to the beauty you have always been.'*  
Aberjhani

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A very successful meeting was held with Arsenio Bano (next to Jose) and as a consequence the Timor Leste Government have agreed to supply all drugs and employ additional staff at our clinics.

**Sign of the cross by Brezhnev's wife:** As Vice-President, George H. W. Bush represented the U.S. at the 1982 funeral of former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev who had been the president of the USSR for 18 years. Bush was deeply moved by a silent protest carried out by Brezhnev's widow, Mrs. Natalia. She stood motionless by the coffin until seconds before it was closed. Then, just as the soldiers touched the lid, Brezhnev's wife performed an act of great courage and hope, a gesture that must surely rank as one of the most profound acts of civil disobedience ever committed: she reached down and made the sign of the cross on her husband's chest. There in the citadel of secular, atheistic power, the wife of the man who had run it all hoped that her husband was wrong. She hoped that there was another life, that that life was best represented by Jesus who died on the cross, and that the same Jesus might yet have mercy on her husband.



Cakes, slices and sandwiches are required for an organ recital this Sunday.

Please deliver to Lovat Chapel Sunday at 1:00pm.

HELPERS NEEDED! If you can help it would be appreciated.



*This week we welcomed into our Church community:*

Jaxon Bruce child of Nathan & Shannon

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Jeffrey Collins and Bert Moore for fixing the floor in the church.

### 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.

### LEARNING OF OTHER FAITHS – 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CALL TO CONNECT – 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

The prayer gathering 'Call To Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30pm.

### TAIZÉ SERVICE – SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

To mark the start of the Advent season you are cordially invited to a service of Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé.

This ecumenical service consists of prayer through psalms, a short bible reading, intercessions, a period of silent reflection and of course the beautiful Taizé chants. Join us for contemplative prayer in the peaceful and intimate setting of the Murrumbateman Uniting Church.

*Time:* 5:00pm to 6:00pm (Singing practice from 4:00pm)

*Location:* Murrumbateman Uniting Church (30 East Street)

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

### 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.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE JEWISH TRADITION – 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

All are warmly invited to the next Regional Gathering for the Canberra Marist Association 5:00pm to 6:45pm at the Marist College Canberra Mission Centre, Pearce. We hope that you will join us for a moment to be still, enjoy friendly conversation and dialogue with the Jewish faith.

Our special guest speaker is Rabbi Shimon Eddi who will break open the topic of Social Justice in the Jewish Tradition. Refreshments will be served from 5:00-5:30pm.

Please RSVP by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November to [nathanahearne@mcc.act.edu.au](mailto:nathanahearne@mcc.act.edu.au).

### CALVARY HOSPITAL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STALL – 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding its annual Christmas Stall from 8:00am – 4:00pm in the Lewisham Building Foyer, Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.

A huge range of homemade goodies, craft items such as children's clothes and knitted toys, and quality gifts will be available for purchase. As this is the last fundraising event for the year the Auxiliary would like to thank the Canberra/Queanbeyan community for its wonderful support during 2019. Over \$51,000 is now being donated by the Auxiliary for the purchase of much needed equipment including medication trolleys, phototherapy unit, defibrillator monitors and paediatric resuscitation trolleys.

The Auxiliary looks forward to continuing community support for its events in 2020.

New members are welcome.

For further information contact Pat Graham, Secretary, on 0403 797 192.

### CONVERSING WITH PEOPLE ON REFUGEE JUSTICE – 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cath.blunt@hotmail.com)

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

We are born in exile and die there too.  
As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life,  
we begin our return.  
When we die,  
we do not so much go to God as return to him.  
Like homesick cranes that fly night and day  
back to their mountain nests,  
so let all our lives take their journey to you, O Lord.  
For you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts will never rest, until they rest in you.  
Only those who have flown home to you have flown at all.

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

William Burton, Denis Lester and Jake Apps.

### 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

9 Nov	Joe	Morrissey	1	Bob	Nash	2
	Bob	Nash	3	Vince	Coffey	4
16 Nov	Kate	Walker	1	Gaye	McManus	2
	McManus	Family	3	Peter	Walker	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

9 Nov	Dianne	Carey	Michael	Van Wanrooy	Trish	Gibbs
16 Nov	Frank	Grace	Noel	Quinn	Kay	Perceval

#### VISITS

10 Nov	Dianne	Carey	Michael	Van Wanrooy	Trish	Gibbs
17 Nov	Frank	Grace	Noel	Quinn	Kay	Perceval

#### ALTAR SERVERS

9 Nov	Molly & Grace	McPherson			
16 Nov	Tallara	Howard	Clare	Broers	

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

9 Nov	Peter	Cleary
16 Nov	Peter	Gibbs

#### HOSPITALITY

9 Nov	Kay	Perceval		
16 Nov	Trish	Gibbs	Lourdes	O'Keefe

#### CARE GROUP

11 Nov	Sr	Aileen	Sr	Macrina	(Group 3)
	Marie	Polyak	Irene	Carr	(Group 4)
18 Nov	Helen	Van Wanrooy	Suzanne	Hawkes	(Group 5)
	Kath	Turner	Shirley	Williamson	(Group 6)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

9 Nov	Kay	Perceval
16 Nov	Pat	Coleborne

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

**First Reading** *Mal 3:19-20*

Evildoers will be destroyed; those who fear God will be saved.

**Second Reading** *2 Thes 3:7-12*

Work hard and earn your keep.

**Gospel** *Lk 21:5-19*

Patiently endure the trials you are sure to face for Jesus.

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

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