



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

Bowning, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gunning, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

Meehan Street, PO Box 24, YASS NSW 2582

Tel: (02) 6226 1086 Fax: (02) 6226 2220 Mob: 0448 414 541

E-mail: yass@cg.org.au Website: www.staug-yass.org.au

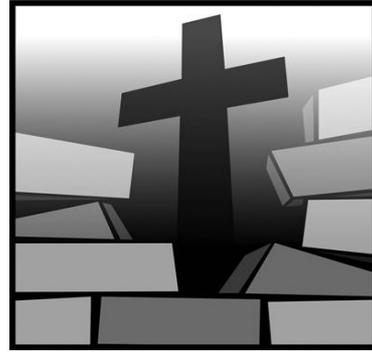
ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

16th & 17th November 2019



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.

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

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the 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/Warmington

4 th Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
--------------------------------	------	----------

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

Thu: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri: Saint Cecilia

I will be on retreat at Galong this week, returning Friday morning. As I will pray for you, please pray for me.

The funeral of Michael Abbey on Friday will be a Requiem Mass at 2pm, so there will be no 12noon Mass.

St. Augustine's Finance meeting will be held Wednesday 27th at 6pm. The main topic for discussion is a maintenance schedule for the next few years, a comprehensive report written by Bob Nash, which highlights the problems involved in maintaining our properties.

St. Francis Xavier's Finance Committee will meet Thursday 28th at 6pm. Ongoing issues with the presbytery and the purchase of a new organ will be discussed.

It's About Perseverance, Not Perfection

Progress, not perfection. That phrase is critical to recovering alcoholics. Many cling to it because they are tempted to give up on sobriety when they make a mistake and drink. Don't give up, they remind one another. Perfection is impossible. But God can help you progress, one step at a time, toward a healthy life.

Christians can learn a lot from recovering alcoholics. We'll never be perfect disciples. We're human and face tough temptations. Wear these clothes – you'll fit in. Drink this – you'll have friends. Cheat – you need the grade. Laugh at them – don't be a loser.

We're going to trip up.

The early Christians faced tough choices too. Luke included this Gospel passage to warn his community about people who claimed that Jesus had returned and "the end was near". This Gospel story also reminds people that Christ stands with us through temptation, persecution, and even failure.

It's tough out there. But remember, Jesus says we secure our lives through perseverance as Christians. That means we need to keep trying. Over time we'll see progress in our Christian living, and we'll worry less about perfection.

GPBS eNews

'Endurance'

We are reading the final chapters of Luke's Gospel for Year C. Jesus is in Jerusalem and the passages we hear are talking about end times. The people gathered are obviously excited, having seen how magnificent the Temple is, but the time for excitement might not be just yet. Jesus reminds them, and us, that these things are short-lived and we should not be too bothered about 'fine stonework' and 'votive offerings.' These things do not last. At some point, we have all seen and heard someone shouting on the street or on the internet about the end of the world. You'd be forgiven for thinking that today's Gospel is trying to achieve the same thing.

Jesus tries to comfort the people regarding various crisis that will happen; the call is to take perspective, to look at the bigger picture. Endurance is the message of today's gospel. The people of Jerusalem will witness the destruction of the Temple, the disciples will face persecution, people of faith will have tough times ahead. Whatever crisis may come, Jesus is asking people to keep going, to stay focused and not be afraid.

'Lord, when we are young we think that we become great through our achievements. Life has taught us the truth of Jesus' words: it is by endurance that we win our lives.'

Michel de Verteuil

Printed with permission of Intercom – a pastoral and Lirturgical resource of the Irish Bishops Conference

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>)		

The theatre is on fire:

The Danish philosopher, Søren Kierkegaard, tells the parable of a theatre where a variety show is proceeding. Each act is more fantastic than the last, and each is applauded by the audience. Suddenly the manager appears on the stage, apologizing for the interruption. He announces at the top of his voice that the theatre is on fire, and begs his patrons to leave the theatre immediately, without causing a commotion. The spectators think that it is the most amusing turn of the evening, and cheer thunderously. The manager again feverishly implores them to leave the burning building, and he is again applauded vigorously. At last he can do no more. The fire races through the whole building engulfing the fun-loving audience with it. "And so," concludes Kierkegaard, "will our age, I sometimes think, go down in fiery destruction to the applause of a crowded house of cheering spectators" (*Resource*, July/August). Today's readings warn us about a similar fate if we are not well prepared when the "Day of the Lord" dawns quite unexpectedly, marking the end of the world.

Be patient and be faithful in waiting for Christ's Second Coming.

Remember Albert Einstein's words after the Second World War: "As a lover of freedom, when the revolution came in Germany, I looked to the universities to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but no, the universities were immediately silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers, whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the universities were silenced in a few short weeks. Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth. I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration for it, because the Church alone has had the courage to stand for intellectual truth and moral freedom. I am forced to confess that what I once despised, now I praise unreservedly." The Church had the moral courage to resist a dictator, and it saved the lives of so many Jews because it believed in the assurance given by Jesus in today's Gospel.

Fulfilment of Jesus' prediction:

To the proud people of Jerusalem, Jesus' prediction of the destruction of the Temple was a great shock, almost blasphemy in fact, because those words sounded like massive distrust of God and an insult to God. Yahweh would not allow it! It is not surprising that these words of Jesus were used against him at his trial before the High Priest. Yet within forty years, the prediction of Jesus was largely fulfilled. The Temple, originally built by Solomon (960 BC), demolished by the Babylonians (586 BC), rebuilt by Zerubbabel and the returning exiles (536-516 BC), and enlarged and rebuilt by Herod the Great (20 BC– AD 64), was destroyed in AD 70 by the Romans. At the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman army, 1.1 million people perished, 97,000 were carried away into captivity, the Temple was demolished by fire, and the priests were murdered.

BOOK FAIR WRAP-UP

The Book Fair is over for another year. Our takings were approximately the same as last year, which will provide much needed funds towards the maintenance of buildings.

Words cannot express my gratitude to all of those people who helped in any way. If you donated books or other goods, got them down from the spire, unpacked them, sorted them, sold them, packed them away or took them away; if you made scones and manned the Devonshire teas; if you put up furniture, cleaned the chapel, told a friend the fair was on, made signs, fed the workers or made me a cup of tea: **THANK YOU!!!!!!** It was a real team effort. I feel so blessed to be part of a community which works together to achieve results for the common good.

The Book Fair will be back again in 2020. If anyone has ideas for how we can improve next year's book fair, please let me know (deb.valencic@gmail.com or 0427 674 246).

 Baptisms

Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Mila Helen Frances child of Samuel & Emma

CALVARY HOSPITAL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STALL – 27th & 28th 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.

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.

CALL TO CONNECT – 26th NOVEMBER

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

TAIZÉ SERVICE – SUNDAY 1st 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.

COMMUNITY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP BRIEFING – 27th NOVEMBER

People are invited to join Prof Jennifer Bond to learn more about community sponsorship of refugees. Jennifer is a leading global authority on community sponsorship and Chair of the Global Refugee Sponsorship Initiative, a joint initiative of the Government of Canada, UNHCR, the University of Ottawa, Open Society Foundations and the Giustra Foundation.

Jennifer will address a group of MPs and civil society leaders on global developments in relation to the practice of community sponsorship.

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Where: Parliament House, Canberra Queen's Terrace Café.

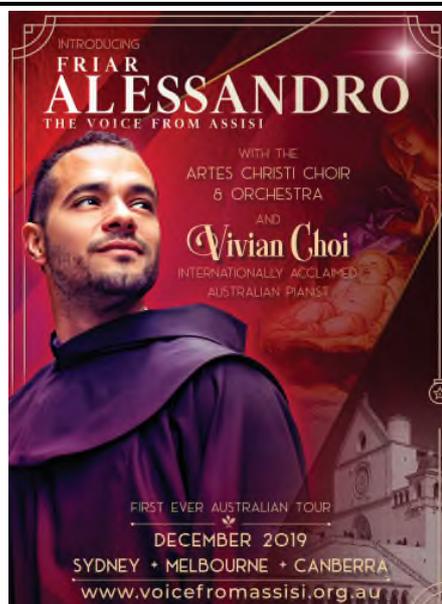
RSVP: info@crsi.org.au by 20th November 2019.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS: BUILDING BLOCK OF THE FUTURE CHURCH – 28th NOVEMBER

Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn will hold a public forum at Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton ACT from 7.30pm.

Francis Sullivan, former director of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council will speak on "Pastoral Councils: New Wine New Wine Skins".

Enquiries: Kevin Vassarotti: 0406 376 616.



COMMUNION REFLECTION

A NAME IN THE SAND

Alone, I walked the ocean strand;
A pearly shell was in my hand:
I stooped and wrote upon the sand
My name - the year - the day.
As onward from the spot I passed,
One lingering look behind I cast;
A wave came rolling high and fast,
And washed my lines away.

And so, methought, 'twill shortly be
With every mark on earth from me:
A wave of dark oblivion's sea
Will sweep across the place
Where I have trod the sandy shore
Of time, and been, to be no more,
Of me - my day - the name I bore,
To leave nor track nor trace.

And yet, with Him who counts the sands
And holds the waters in his hands,
I know a lasting record stands
Inscribed against my name,
Of all this mortal part has wrought,
Of all this thinking soul has thought,
And from these fleeting moments caught
For glory or for shame.

Hannah Flagg Gould

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Michael Abbey, William Burton, Denis Leicester
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

SAVE THE DATE YASS COMMUNITY CAROLS

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019
VICTORIA PARK YASS

ACTIVITIES START 4:30PM
CAROLS START 6PM



For more information and the latest updates visit
[Facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols](https://www.facebook.com/yasscommunitycarols)

PATRICK'S BUTCHERY

QUALITY

Beef, Lamb & Pork
Catering for Hotels,
Functions etc



**FREE HOME
DELIVERY**

Prop: Terry Patrick
49 Comur Street, Yass
Ph: 6226 1368

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

16 Nov	Kate Walker	1	Gaye McManus	2
	McManus Family	3	Peter Walker	4
23 Nov	Tom Considine	1	Steve Scroope	2
	Morton Family	3	Russell Hill	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

16 Nov	Frank Grace	Noel Quinn	Kay Perceval
23 Nov	Peter Walker	Steve Scroope	Joe Morrissey

VISITS

17 Nov	Frank Grace	Noel Quinn	Kay Perceval
24 Nov	Peter Walker	Steve Scroope	Joe Morrissey

ALTAR SERVERS

16 Nov	Tallara Howard	Clare Broers
23 Nov	Charlotte McPherson	Fergus Green

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

16 Nov	Peter Gibbs	23 Nov	Dianne Carey
---------------	-------------	---------------	--------------

HOSPITALITY

16 Nov	Trish Gibbs	Lourdes O'Keefe
23 Nov	Coral Carroll	Kath Luchetti

CARE GROUP

18 Nov	Helen Van Wanrooy	Suzanne Hawkes	(Group 5)
	Kath Turner	Shirley Williamson	(Group 6)
25 Nov	Helen Murphy	Maureen Collins	(Group 7)
	Lourdes O'Keefe	Edith Buhagiar	(Group 8)

ALTAR CLEANERS

16 Nov	Pat Coleborne	23 Nov	Geraldine Doyle
---------------	---------------	---------------	-----------------

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C

First Reading 2 Sm 5:1-3

David is anointed King of Israel.

Second Reading Col 1: 12-20

We are reconciled in the blood of the cross.

Gospel Lk 23:35-43

The Crucifixion.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

Our Parish Bulletin is made possible each week by our generous sponsors, please support them.

Patrick's Butchery, Yass Earthmovers, Yass Newsagency, B & V Engineering, Priceline Pharmacy Yass,

Woolaroo Merino Stud, Miller's Pharmacy, Bowring Antique Centre, Designing Windows,

Old Linton Medical Practice and Ray White Rural Canberra/Yass.