



# 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
	Monday and Wednesday	9:00am – 3:00pm
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	Friday	9:30am – 3:30pm

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – YEAR A

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R**

Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

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

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

### 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.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Wed:** Saint Agatha

**Thu:** Saint Paul Miki and Companions

Visiting farmers in our community it becomes obvious the toll the drought is having and how tired people are, feeding their animals and anxious where to source feed. An added pressure is the lack of water. Please pray and support each other in these very difficult times and express our dependence on God in our prayer for rain.

The first meeting for the year of the Ministers Fraternal will be held at the presbytery this coming Thursday. We need to celebrate what we hold in common and demonstrate a united front in bringing the Gospel to the broader community.

Mount Carmel School will hold the Opening Mass for the year, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 9:45am. This will replace the normal 7:30 Mass on this day.

I am grateful for a donation of \$1,000 towards our mission in Timor Leste. As you are aware, our team is working to bring water to two more villages at present.

## Unexpected moments:

It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the newborn Messiah. Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child – that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.

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**The encounter with Simeon and Anna:** By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the old, pious and Spirit-filled Simeon and Anna had been waiting in the Temple for the revelation of God's salvation. The Greek Church celebrates the *Hypapante* or *Feast of the Encounter* commemorating the encounter of the New Testament represented by Jesus with the Old Testament represented by Simeon and Anna. Simeon, who is described as a righteous and devout man, obedient to God's will,

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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 ( <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> )		

## Reflecting on God's Promises

As Christians, we are a Resurrection people. We live each day in the joy of Christ's victory over death. We know that life and love always win, but sometimes it is easy for this to move from the forefront of our minds. Our world is filled with systems of oppression and injustice. Poverty is prevalent and violence seems unending. Kindness often falls to selfishness, and trust fades to disbelief. But this is not the end.

Today's Gospel reminds us that we wait for something more. Like Simeon and Anna, we long to see the fullness of the reign of God here on earth. We ache for the peace that God alone can bring. We yearn for the Light that will vanish all darkness. We wait, trusting God's promise to be with us always. Will we try to live as Christ now, we wait for the day when we will live in the joy of the Resurrection, because the Kingdom is both here and not yet. We wait for the day when we, like Simeon and Anna, will know the salvation of God that has been promised to us.

Simeon's words in today's Gospel, known as the Cantic of Simeon, are typically prayed at the end of each day. This evening, pray Simeon's words before you go to sleep. Ask God to let you sleep in peace, knowing God's promise to be with you. Rest confident and assured that Christ is the light that destroys all darkness.

*What are some of the other promises God makes to God's people? How do these promises impact you?*

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addresses himself to our Lord as a vassal or loyal servant who, having kept watch all his life in expectation of the coming of his Lord, sees that this moment has "now" come, the moment that explains his whole life. When he takes the Child in his arms, he learns, not through any reasoning process but through a special grace from God, that this Child is the promised Messiah, the Consolation of Israel, the Light of the nations. Simeon recognizes Jesus as the Lord's anointed one, and in his prayer of blessing he prophesies that Jesus is meant to be the glory of Israel and the light of revelation to the Gentiles. Pope Francis: "Simeon took him in his arms and thanked God that he had finally "seen" salvation. Anna, despite her advanced age, found new vigor and began to speak to everyone about the Baby. It is a beautiful image: two young parents and two elderly people, brought together by Jesus. He is the one who brings together and unites generations! He is the inexhaustible font of that love which overcomes every occasion of self-absorption, solitude, and sadness. In your journey as a family, you share so many beautiful moments: meals, rest, housework, leisure, prayer, trips and pilgrimages, and times of mutual support... Nevertheless, if there is no love then there is no joy, and authentic love comes to us from Jesus. He offers us his word, which illuminates our path; he gives us the Bread of life which sustains us on our journey."

*Fr. Anthony Kadavil*



Next week we welcome into  
our Church community:

Lilja Solveig Adona child of Alexander & Emma (*Wee Jasper*)

## SACRAMENTS 2020



**First Reconciliation** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April (6:00pm)

### First Reconciliation Registration

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 5:00-6:00pm at the Presbytery  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 5:00-6:00pm at the Presbytery

**First Eucharist:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June (10:00am)

**Confirmation:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September (10:00am)

## SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST 2020

The Catholic Parish of St Augustine's, Yass, invites children baptised in the Catholic tradition, Year 3 or older, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for their First Holy Communion. If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please enrol your child at St Augustine's Presbytery on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February or Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February between 5:00-6:00pm. For further details and to print an enrolment form please visit the parish website [www.staug-yass.org.au/wp/sacraments](http://www.staug-yass.org.au/wp/sacraments) or contact Dianne Carey 0419 276 889 Sacramental Team Leader.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE POSITION OF ST AUGUSTINE'S YASS YOUTH MINISTER

### Purpose of the Role

The core role of the Youth Minister is to assist in the animating of spirituality and faith development of youth and promote attitudes based on Gospel values. The Youth Minister is to co-ordinate opportunities for youth to gather in a faith setting.

The Youth Minister will develop links between the youth and the parish and provide pathways for youth to connect into the Church.

We hope for the Youth Minister to begin working early in NSW School Term 1.

Submissions accepted until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

For Selection Criteria and other information please call Annabelle O'Connell 0412 919 856 or email [fouroc4@optusnet.com.au](mailto:fouroc4@optusnet.com.au).

## PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ – SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY

You are cordially invited to a service of Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé, the first of our monthly services for 2020. This ecumenical service consists of prayer through a psalm, short bible reading, prayer of intercessions, a period of silent reflection and featuring 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](mailto:paultrezise@bigpond.com) (02) 6227 5882

## CHAMBER (GERMANY)

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After several successful European tours in 2018 and 2019 the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany) is coming back to Australia in summer 2020 with a powerful and lovely new programme.

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**When:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Lovat Chapel

**Time:** 8:00pm

Tickets available one hour prior to the concert (from 7:00pm). Cash sales only.

Adult: \$40

Concession: \$35

Student/Child: \$30



## HELP NEEDED

For the concert on the 10<sup>th</sup> February, slices, cakes, etc. for supper at interval.

Please contact Lourdes O'Keefe on 0413 096 413.

## CALL TO CONNECT – 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

The prayer gathering 'Call to Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 2:30pm.

## PEOPLE'S CLIMATE ASSEMBLY – 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY to 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

A number of groups, including the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC), are organising "People's Climate Assembly" and encourage a wide range of people to attend.

ARRCC is a coalition of faith groups

<http://www.climatechange protests.net.au/event/the-peoples-climate-assembly-federal-parliament-canberra>

For details of the Assembly, google "People's Climate Assembly 2-6 February"

## CALVARY PUBLIC HOSPITAL AUXILIARY – 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will hold its first meeting for 2020 at Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. The guest speaker will be award winning, internationally best selling Australian author Ms Karen Viggers. Ms Viggers will speak about her latest book, *The Orchardist's Daughter*, her work as a veterinarian and her work and travels in outback Australia.

Meeting will commence at 12:30 with Ms Viggers from approximately 1:00pm. New members and visitors most welcome.

## A PILGRIMS' WALKING RETREAT – 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

From 6:00pm to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Enjoy a two-day retreat following the way of the Pilgrim walking the Shalom Labyrinth and around the beautiful Carcoar Valley.

This retreat is about reconnecting with your spirituality and your God through the Pilgrim's Camino and the Christian labyrinth. You can do as much or as little as you want as we explore the designs, paths, patterns and our life's journey through meditative walking and contemplative prayer exercises.

**Cost:** \$200 (Includes all meals and accommodation)

**Phone:** (02) 6367 3058

**Email:** [shalomcarcoar@gmail.com](mailto:shalomcarcoar@gmail.com)

**Website:** <http://shalomcarcoar.com/events/>

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

Lord Jesus, as an infant You were brought to the temple by Your parents out of religious duty. Help all parents to take their duties to God seriously, to inculcate their faith in the next generation by their words and by their actions, so that the faith will be handed on where the faith is first learned—in the family and in the home.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

##### First Reading

Is 58:7-10

Share with those in need and you will be rewarded.

##### Second Reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

Faith is a gift from God.

##### Gospel

Mt 5:13-16

Salt of the earth, light of the world.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Vince Brown, Phillip Anable, Barry Wales and Noel Reid.

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

Barbara McKeown (1/2), Roger Vanden Bulk (1/2),  
Helaine Hallahan (1/2), Nola Cooke (5/2),  
Kingswell Brown (6/2), Eileen Power (7/2),  
Erzsike Devrieze (10/2), Catherine Ryan (13/2),  
Bill McManus (15/2), Jakob Oakey (19/2), Bill Patrick (20/2),  
Denis Maher (20/2), Betty Carey (20/2), Isabella Polyak (22/2),  
Sydenham Dobbin (22/2), Bruce Simpson (23/2),  
Muriel Hobday (23/2), Robert Ryan (23/2), Mary Morris (24/2),  
Olive Dyball (25/2), Allan Field (25/2) Harry Cooke (25/2),  
Reginald Bainbridge (26/2), John Murphy (28/2)  
Thomas Barber (28/2) and Marija Ivanisevic (28/2).

**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>1 Feb</b>	Susan Morrissey	1	Joseph Morrissey	2
	Gibbs Family	3	Russell Hill	4
<b>8 Feb</b>	Rod Perceval	1	Dianne Carey	2
	Geraldine Doyle	3	Vince Coffey	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>1 Feb</b>	Kay Perceval	Susan Morrissey	Joseph Morrissey
<b>8 Feb</b>	Peter Walker	Maryanne Samperi	Elizabeth Liew

#### VISITS

<b>2 Feb</b>	Kay Perceval	Susan Morrissey	Joseph Morrissey
<b>9 Feb</b>	Peter Walker	Maryanne Samperi	Elizabeth Liew

#### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>1 Feb</b>	Tallara Howard	Ella Cassidy
<b>8 Feb</b>	Grace & Charlie Miller	

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

<b>1 Feb</b>	Peter Cleary
<b>8 Feb</b>	Peter Gibbs

#### HOSPITALITY

<b>1 Feb</b>	Frank & Kath Grace
<b>8 Feb</b>	The Cleary Family

#### CARE GROUP

<b>3 Feb</b>	Helen Murphy	Maureen Collins	(Group 7)
	Lourdes O'Keefe	Geraldine Doyle	(Group 8)
<b>10 Feb</b>	Jeanette Patmore	Maureen Grieves	(Group 9)
	Kay Perceval	Coral Carroll	(Group 10)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>1 Feb</b>	Coral Carroll
<b>8 Feb</b>	Jane Hingston

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## VALUES AND VOICES IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

– 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Commencing at 7:30pm in the Chapel, at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton ACT.

The Hon. Dr Ken Crispin QC will speak to this issue. Ken is a leading jurist, Supreme Court Judge, President of the Court of Appeal and Commissioner for Standards for the Legislative Assembly. Website ces.org.au for more information.

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