



# Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

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

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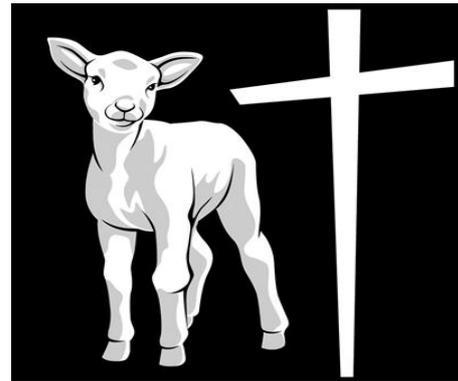
## ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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>	

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him

to become the children of God.

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 have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

### 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

**Tue:** Saint Agnes  
**Fri:** Saint Francis De Sales  
**Sat:** The Conversion of Saint Paul

Planning for the coming year is well advanced as you will see in this bulletin. Dianne Carey has the program for the sacraments beginning with the Sacrament of Reconciliation 1<sup>st</sup> April, through to the Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated on the 13<sup>th</sup> September. Paul O'Mara and Irene Carr have prepared a budget to be approved by our Finance Committee. Sarah Johnston has the dates for the meetings of the Parish Pastoral Council and with Annabelle O'Connell are looking for 'expressions of interest' for a youth worker. It will be a different year as my replacement will take up residence in August. We have extraordinary people in leadership roles within our communities and I am confident the ongoing mission is assured.

The Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany) will perform Vivaldi, Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Paganini at the Lovat Chapel, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm. Please let people know about this concert.

Thanks to Peter Cleary and his helpers who dismantled the crib and packed it up for the next eleven months.

## The Lamb of God

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to *look* at Jesus. He calls Jesus the '*lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*'. We say these words often at mass and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. What does it mean? In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. It was a ritual that invoked purity. Jesus will preach a love that is radical for many, in a world that was, and still is, broken. John refers to Jesus as the *lamb* as he knows that if one loves in such a way, they will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions.

When we look at the 'sins' of our world today – broken relationships, crisis, can we also see those who, like Jesus, 'take away' the sins of the world? Christ's love was not passive, he actively challenged systems that were oppressive and which prevented people from living life to the full. Whether it be the climate crisis or the homelessness crisis or any number of issues we face, '*look*' where Jesus walks and is actively working to ease this suffering. When we hear these words at mass, let us be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the sufferings of others. This is Christ, the '*lamb of God*' active in our world today.

*'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity ... all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them'*  
W.L. Wallace

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## Pastor joke:

My neighboring pastor put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church and after two weeks took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine but when he went in there, he saw a sign that read, "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

## 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 picture of the Lamb of God in His mercy:** In a cathedral in Copenhagen, Denmark there is a magnificent statue of Jesus by the noted sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen. When Thorvaldsen first completed the clay sculpture he gazed upon the finished product with great satisfaction. It was a sculpture of Christ with His face looking upward and arms extended upward. It was a statue of a majestic, conquering Christ. Later that night, however, after the sculptor had left his fine new work in clay to dry and harden, something unexpected occurred. Sea mist seeped into the studio in the night. The clay did not harden as quickly as anticipated. The upraised arms and head of the sculpture began to drop. The majestic Christ with arms lifted up and head thrown back was transformed into a Christ with head bent forward and arms stretched downward as if in a pose of gentle invitation. At first Thorvaldsen was bitterly disappointed. As he studied the transformed sculpture, however, he came to see a dimension of Christ that had not been real to him before. It was the Christ who is a gentle, merciful Savior. Thorvaldsen inscribed on the base of the completed statue, "Come Unto Me," and that picture of the Lamb of God in His mercy has inspired millions.



Jose da Costa, our main man in Timor Leste, graduating in Faculty of Social Science and Humanity, with his wife and three children



*This week we welcomed into  
our Church community:*

Ava Rose

child of Benjamin & Samantha

### **BAND OF BROTHERS, SISTERS AND FAMILIES – 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY**

#### **RURAL FIRE SERVICE FUND RAISING BREAKFAST**

*When:* Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020

*Time:* From 8:00am

*Where:* Yass Vine Church, 11472 Wee Jasper Road

The RFS & emergency services across our beautiful country have been the front line in the devastating fires and destruction for the last five months.

We think it is time to give back.

Band of Brothers puts on a regular FREE breakfasts here in Yass. Our next brekky is free too, but we want to raise as much money in donations as we can to assist our emergency services!!

We will start brekky at 8:00am, followed by a presentation from a senior RFS member.

Everyone is invited so come join us at Yass Vine Church for an outdoors (weather and smoke permitting) hot brekky and dig deep for our emergency services.

RSVP for catering purposes to Gary on 00409 771 712 or leave a message on (02) 6226 1444 or email [generaloffice@yassvinechurch.com.au](mailto:generaloffice@yassvinechurch.com.au).

### **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 [fouoc4@optusnet.com.au](mailto:fouoc4@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

### **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.

### **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.

Performing VIVALDI, MOZART, TCHAIKOVSKY and PAGANINI.

*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.

### **CHANGE THE HEART PRAYER SERVICE – 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY**

In January 2020, Aunty Jean Phillips, one of the most senior Aboriginal Christian Leaders, is calling all Australian Christians to come together in prayer in the lead up to the Change The Heart prayer services. This is the fifth year these prayer services have been run nationally.

The local service is at 6:00pm at The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, 15 Blackall Street, Barton. Join in and support Aboriginal Christian Leaders, Common Grace, and pray for our nation. More information about the service and Aboriginal Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> January) can be found here: [https://www.commongrace.org.au/jan26\\_2020](https://www.commongrace.org.au/jan26_2020)

### **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/>

### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER - 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

How prepared are you for marriage?

Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship.

For further information visit: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au).

Choose any of the coming Weekends: May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

The part of us which is most deeply damaged by sin is the heart. The heart is so beautiful, so innocent, but it can be betrayed, scorned and broken. A mother tells how her three year old son was struck down with paralysis of the legs which gradually spread over his whole body. He became blind too. One day, some months before he died, the mother was sitting weeping by his bedside, when he suddenly turned to her and said: 'Don't cry, Mummy, I still have a heart to love my Mummy.' That small boy had attained real maturity. But he had only been able to attain it through the love and support of his mother. Love redeems and saves everything. It is the only thing that can heal the wounds of the heart.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Barry Wales and Noel Reid.

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

Glen Snowden (1/1), Brian Rosser (1/1), Maureen Field (5/1), Noel Maher (5/1), Alfred Warner (7/1), Toby Abbey (8/1), Bruce Longley (11/1), Frank Carey (12/1), Patricia Brown (17/1), George Power (17/1), William Brassil (17/1), John Warren (18/1), Patrick Cleary (20/1), Robyn Rees (20/1), Margaret Horne (22/1), Jessica Patrick (23/1), Markus Gibson-Huck (24/1), Len Dawes (25/1), Tony Cooke (25/1), Rachel Gorst (25/1), Brian O'Mara (28/1), Edward Balnaves (28/1), Lily Delaney (28/1) and Michael Hickey (29/1).

### Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

## OLD LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Ray Burn, Dr Hanna Burn-Petersen  
Dr Shyama Gonakumbura  
Dr Ann Stephenson – Psychiatrist  
Ruth Sneesby – Foot Nurse

### Monday - Friday

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (by appointment)

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## ROSTERS

### LITURGY

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

18 Jan	Steve	Scroope	1	Tom	Considine	2
	Morton	Family	3	Greg	Minahan	4
25 Jan	Debbie	Valencic	1	Mark	Valencic	2
	Hill	Family	3	Allan	Hackett	4

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

18 Jan	Michael	Green	Steve	Scroope	Trish	Gibbs
25 Jan	Frank	Grace	Noel	Quinn	Kay	Perceval

### VISITS

19 Jan	Michael	Green	Steve	Scroope	Trish	Gibbs
26 Jan	Frank	Grace	Noel	Quinn	Kay	Perceval

### ALTAR SERVERS

18 Jan	Louis	Green	Clare	Broers
25 Jan	Ella	Broers	Fergus	Green

### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

18 Jan	Dianne	Carey
25 Jan	Russell	Hill

### HOSPITALITY

18 Jan	Trish	Gibbs	Lourdes	O'Keefe
25 Jan	Coral	Carroll	Kath	Luchetti

### CARE GROUP

20 Jan	Sr	Aileen	Sr	Macrina	(Group 3)
	Marie	Polyak	Irene	Carr	(Group 4)
27 Jan	Helen	Van Wanrooy	Suzanne	Hawkes	(Group 5)
	Kath	Turner	Shirley	Williamson	(Group 6)

### ALTAR CLEANERS

18 Jan	Geraldine	Doyle
25 Jan	Kay	Perceval

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

**First Reading** Is 8:23 – 9:3

The Lord brings light to the darkness.

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 1:10 – 13, 17

Paul begs for unity.

**Gospel** Mt 4: 12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry, calling the Apostles.

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

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