



# Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

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

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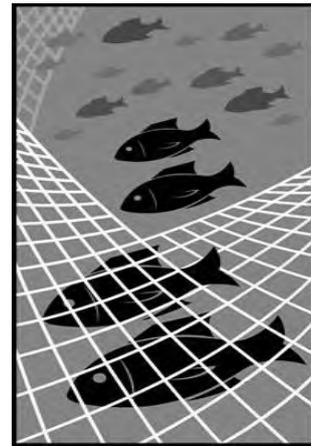
## ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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.

<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father	Mick Burke
<b>Youth Worker</b>	VACANT	
<b>Chair Finance Committee</b>	Paul	O'Mara
<b>Chair Parish Council</b>	Sarah	Johnston
<b>Principal of the School</b>	Michael	Green
<b>School Community Council</b>	Amber	Maher
<b>Sacramental Team Leader</b>	Dianne	Carey
<b>RCIA</b>	Sister	Aileen
<b>Parish Office</b>	Zuzy	Webster
	<i>Monday and Wednesday</i>	
	<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
<b>Parish Bulletin</b>	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

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

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

### 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

**Tue:** Saint Thomas Aquinas  
**Fri:** Saint John Bosco

On this Australia Day weekend, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is asking parishes across our country to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society with the Bushfire Appeal. The response of the ACBC is a long time after many of you have contributed by the 'tap and go' machine or given directly to Vinnies. All loose money on the second collections this weekend will add to the Bushfire Appeal. Canberra/Goulburn has introduced other ways for supporting parishes in affected areas but from my experience, Vinnies, as our agency, is the best way to distribute money to the most needy. The St. Vincent de Paul Society in Australia consists of 60,000 members and volunteers who operate on the ground through over 1,000 conferences located in individual parishes across the country. Donations can also be made by visiting the Vinnies website.

Graeme Hocking is in Oecusse, Timor Leste, for the next three weeks. He works for Yass/Gunning Belun, at no cost to us, as an expert in connecting water to villages. Our work has been acknowledged by the TL Government who are prepared to supply all materials to equip fifteen schools with guttering and tanks, if our people do the work.

I was speaking to a parishioner this past week, who was advised by a legal firm in Canberra, that a donation she wanted to set aside in her will, needed to go to the Archdiocese of Canberra/Goulburn. This is incorrect, as the lawyer should have known she was able to leave money specifically to St. Augustine's or St. Francis Xavier.



Graeme and Jose meeting with the new boss, Dr. Jose Luis Guterres, for development in Oecusse

## Teaching ministry

A pastor told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

## 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> )
Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke		Sarah Johnston ( <i>Social Justice</i> )

## Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus withdrew to Galilee and made his home in Capernaum by the lake. Anyone who has been to the Holy Land will have visited Capernaum and will know that it is a beautiful place. In Jesus' time this was a thriving fishing town.

To 'repent' literally means 'to turn around'. We are called to transformation, to turn away from what is not life giving and embrace a full life.

Its hard to imagine behaving in the same way as Simon Peter and Andrew, leaving everything behind them and following Jesus. There must have been something very attractive about Jesus. The account in Matthew is quite short but one wonders if they had heard him speak many times before this moment. It takes courage to drop everything and follow something new. Obviously, they were ready for it, it was the right moment and their hearts said 'Yes!'

These accounts are the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Today perhaps you can reflect on moments you were called to something new and even though it meant leaving something behind, you knew it was the right choice. You were at peace with your decision despite the challenges it might bring. This process never ends, we are constantly called to 'repent', renew, rediscover, seek out.

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**Lead kindly light...** In 1833, there was a young theologian and Anglican vicar, John Henry Newman (1801-90; he was converted to the Roman Catholic Church, ordained a priest, made a Cardinal. In 2019 he was canonized by Pope Francis). He was traveling in the Mediterranean when he was struck down by a fever that nearly killed him. "My servant thought I was dying and begged for my last directions," he recalled in his autobiography. "I gave them as he wished, but I said, 'I shall not die, for I have not sinned against light.'" Newman recovered slowly but felt desperately homesick. On the way back to England, he took an orange boat sailing from Palermo to Marseilles; the boat was becalmed in the Straits of Bonifacio. Thus stranded, in an exhausted and emotional state, Newman was impelled to write this verse as a meditative poem called "The Pillar of the Cloud," expressive of his longing for consoling Christian certainties in an age of mounting doubt (*The Telegraph*, 22 Sept, 2007). Newman probably had in mind the prophecy of Isaiah given in today's first reading "*The people who walked in the darkness have seen a great light.*" We too have our moments of darkness. The death of a lifelong spouse, an unexpected rejection by a loved one, a smashed dream of business success or the loss of good health can throw us into temporary darkness. But in these tragic moments true believers have in the past seen the light of Christ, a light that illumines the shadows of our hearts with the radiance of his splendor, guiding us to travel safely over the tempestuous sea of life.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE POSTION 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).

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## 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

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## 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.

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## 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).

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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.

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## 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.

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## 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/>

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## 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>.

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## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR BUSHFIRE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

Archbishop Christopher and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal. Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au). Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis. Prayers and other resources can be found at [www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires)

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

Follow me.

Lord, thanks for these words,  
I need to hear them.

Follow me.

Words which echo in my heart.

When I was younger  
and wondered about the consistent direction of my life,  
the words were there,  
gentle, persuasive, liberating –  
Follow me.

When I wonder what I'll do with my life,  
in the doubts of how to give my time and love  
when the options were many,  
and some seemed more appealing than others –  
Follow me.

When I wonder about the challenges of life,  
the needs of the poor in this unequal world,  
the abuse of the child and the vulnerable,  
the Church with its sinfulness and failings,  
the words still echo –  
Follow me and I will make you fishers of people.

In the small ways that love challenges –  
The times for listening, for caring,  
for giving time, for a helping hand,  
with the people I'm with all the time.

The words echo  
with their challenge and their comfort –  
Come, follow me.

Thanks, Lord, for these words.  
And I ask you that I will be open  
always to hear them.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Phillip Anable, 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**

## ROSTERS

### LITURGY

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

<b>25 Jan</b>	Debbie Hill	Valencic Family	1	3	Mark Allan	Valencic Hackett	2	4
<b>1 Feb</b>	Susan Gibbs	Morrissey Family	1	3	Joseph Russell	Morrissey Hill	2	4

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>25 Jan</b>	Frank Kay	Grace Perceval	Noel Susan	Quinn Morrissey	Kay Joseph	Perceval Morrissey
<b>1 Feb</b>	Kay	Perceval	Susan	Morrissey	Joseph	Morrissey

### VISITS

<b>26 Jan</b>	Frank Kay	Grace Perceval	Noel Susan	Quinn Morrissey	Kay Joseph	Perceval Morrissey
<b>2 Feb</b>	Kay	Perceval	Susan	Morrissey	Joseph	Morrissey

### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>25 Jan</b>	Ella Tallara	Broers Howard	Fergus Ella	Green Cassidy
<b>1 Feb</b>	Tallara	Howard	Ella	Cassidy

### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

<b>25 Jan</b>	Russell Hill	<b>1 Feb</b>	Peter Cleary
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### HOSPITALITY

<b>25 Jan</b>	Coral Frank & Kath	Carroll Grace	Kath Luchetti
<b>1 Feb</b>	Frank & Kath	Grace	

### CARE GROUP

<b>27 Jan</b>	Helen Kath	Van Wanrooy Turner	Suzanne Shirley	Hawkes Williamson	(Group 5)	(Group 6)
<b>3 Feb</b>	Helen Lourdes	Murphy O'Keefe	Maureen Geraldine	Collins Doyle	(Group 7)	(Group 8)

### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>25 Jan</b>	Kay Perceval	<b>1 Feb</b>	Coral Carroll
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### MEALS ON WHEELS

<b>27 Jan</b>	M. O'Brien	J. Barber	R. Perceval	K. Perceval
<b>28 Jan</b>	J. Hingston	S. Morrissey	R. Perceval	K. Perceval
<b>29 Jan</b>	D. Garland	M. Garland	L. Carroll	C. Carroll
<b>30 Jan</b>	H. Van Wanrooy	J. Turner	V. Brooker	K. Grace
<b>31 Jan</b>	C. Cleary	A. O'Connell	S. Williamson	K. Crowther

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

**First Reading** Mal 3:1-4  
The Lord will send his messenger.

**Second Reading** Heb 2:14-18  
Jesus was fully human.

**Gospel** Lk 2:22-32  
Jesus is brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph.

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



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