



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 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

29th February & 1st March 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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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

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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/Warmincton

4 th 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 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



During the rite of baptism, parents and godparents are reminded of their responsibility to the child for the ongoing nurturing of faith. After baptism, the next step for the child is to engage in preparation for their first Holy Communion. Registrations took place this past week and nineteen were presented to continue the faith journey. We no longer spend hours chasing up the parents of those children who are eligible, as experience has taught, it is a fruitless exercise. Let us pray for those who make a commitment this weekend, that the parents and children may grow in their love of God and all people.

It was wonderful to see many parishioners begin Lent by attending Mass on Ash Wednesday. May this time bring many blessings to families and our parish communities, as we pray, fast and reach out to the poorest of the poor.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2020

“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity.

1. *The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion*

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This *kerygma* sums up the mystery of a love “so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue” (*Christus Vivit*, 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. *Jn* 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the “father of lies” (*Jn* 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness.

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*: “Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew” (No. 123). Jesus’ Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

2. *The urgency of conversion*

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God’s mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a “face to face” relationship with the crucified and risen Lord “who loved me and gave himself for me” (*Gal* 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God’s love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God’s eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

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In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. *Hos* 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse’s voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

3. *God’s passionate will to dialogue with his children*

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God’s unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. *2 Cor* 5:21), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, “turning of God against himself” (*Deus Caritas Est*, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. *Mt* 5:43-48).

The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who “spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new” (*Acts* 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

4. *A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself*

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth’s goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church’s magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, *Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students*, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God’s call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. *Mt* 5:13-14).

Francis
Rome, at Saint John Lateran, 7 October 2019
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK WORKING BEE

Saturday 14th March from 8:00am

The working bee is to clean out all rubbish throughout the Hartigan Centre left over from the building works.

We will require a ute or 2 trailers, shovels, rakes and yard brooms, as well as some strong buckets to lower the bricks and debris from the upstairs front verandah.

If we can get 12 people it shouldn't take too long.

Please contact Bob Nash on 0418 691 423 so groups can be organised for each area.



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Teal McKenna	child of	Clay & Ashleigh
Samuel Peter Terrant	child of	John & Charlotte

Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Grace Elizabeth	child of	Jason & Claire
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PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ – SUNDAY 1st MARCH

You are cordially invited to a service of Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé to mark the commencement of Lent. This ecumenical service consists of prayer through a psalm, short bible reading, prayer of intercessions, a period of silent reflection and features 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 4:30pm)

Location: Murrumbateman Uniting Church (30 East Street)

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

WANTED

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS FOR EASTER LITURGIES

St Augustine's welcomes singers and musicians who would be prepared to assist the parish celebrate the Easter liturgies.

If you are interested please come to our first rehearsal which will be held in St Augustine's Church at 1:00pm on Saturday 7th March.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – PRAYER FOR ZIMBABWE

"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"

When: 6th March

Where: St. Clements Anglican Church, 18 Church St, Yass

Time: 10:00am

Website: worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

Everyone is welcome to attend.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 6th MARCH

All are welcome to attend the Ecumenical Service to be held at the Presbyterian Church of St Andrews, Forrest at 11:00am.

The guest speaker will be Her Excellency Mrs Linda Huxley.

A light luncheon to follow in the Church Hall.

Cost: \$5.00.

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Bill Luchetti	Father Mick Burke
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Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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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)

YASS LENTEN PROGRAMME

When: Every Thursday

Time: 10:00am

Where: 7/37 Dutton Street, Yass.

Cost: Books \$9.95

Enquiries: Genevieve Colbert 0451 111 769.

AUTUMN PLANT STALL – 12th MARCH

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will be holding its autumn plant stall from 7:30am – 4:00pm, near the main foyer, Calvary Hospital, Bruce.

There will be an excellent variety of indoor and outdoor plants for sale, including succulents, natives, exotics, roses, geraniums, lilies, iris and more.

All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

Contact: Jan 0437 790 980.

JOURNEY WITH THE MARTYRS – LENTEN CALENDAR

During the season of Lent *Aid to the Church in Need* would like to invite you to "Journey with the Martyrs" through an online Lent calendar. The Lent calendar features 47 true stories of modern martyrs, witnesses of love, who heroically offered their lives for God and their communities.

Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lent2020



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TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on (02) 6239 9813 or email tribunal@cg.org.au

COMMUNION REFLECTION

The Spirit of God

The Spirit of God tells us that we should fast,
Because it will awaken us to our own poverty
And to the many millions of people
Who do not have enough to eat.

The Spirit of God calls us in the season of Lent
to renew our baptismal promise
to live a Christian life of faith, hope and love.

The Spirit of God reminds us
that we are responsible for everyone, everywhere,
until the end of time.

The Spirit of God challenges us
To live a life of forgiveness,
For this is the only way to be set free
From the overwhelming power of sin.

The Spirit of God whispers in our hearts
That wealth and appearance,
background and prestige are not important –
everyone is worthwhile, loveable
and to be cherished simply because they are alive.

The Spirit of God embraces the sick and the handicapped,
for people who are deeply aware of their limitations
are often the people who are most alive.

The Spirit of God believes that the great spirit of life
is not quenched in death,
but is transformed into a new and deeper life.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Leon Garry, Mary-Anne McGrath, Rodney Frazer,
and Fay Mavis Kaveney.

Prayers for

William Grace

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

Leslie James (1/3), Bernard Cleary (2/3), Patricia Smith (6/3),
Sam Dyball (6/3), Peter Grieves (7/3), Ruby O'Brien (8/3),
Stan Walmsley (8/3), Bridget Cooke (8/3),
Jarrod Sheather (9/3), Garry Delbridge (9/3),
Ronald Connors (9/3), Betty Schutz (9/3),
Phyllis Walmsley (12/3), Kathleen (Kay) Winter (13/3),
Irene Wailes (14/3), Donald Bell (16/3), Daphne Irwin (19/3),
Robyn O'Mara (19/3), Justin Moller (20/3),
Adam Darmody (22/3), Bill Patrick (22/3), Joe Rigby (23/3),
Robin Woods (24/3), Elsie McGregor (24/3),
Barbara Merriman (27/3), Roderick Connors (27/3),
Dixie Byrne (27/3), Michael Freebody (28/3)
and Harry Cooke (28/3).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Readings/Resp. Psalm/Gospel Acc.	2 = Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Offertory	4 = Acolyte
29 Feb Steve Scroope 1	Debbie Valencic 2
Kay Perceval 3	Chris Gold 4
7 Mar Gaye McManus 1	Peter Gibbs 2
McManus Family 3	Greg Minahan 4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

29 Feb Kay Perceval Noel Quinn Trish Gibbs
7 Mar Frank Grace Susan Morrissey Kay Perceval

VISITS

1 Mar Kay Perceval Noel Quinn Trish Gibbs
8 Mar Frank Grace Susan Morrissey Kay Perceval

ALTAR SERVERS

29 Feb Ella Broers Louis Green
7 Mar Molly & Grace McPherson

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

29 Feb Peter Cleary
7 Mar Peter Gibbs

HOSPITALITY

29 Feb Kay Perceval Margaret Wilson
7 Mar Trish Gibbs Lourdes O'Keefe

CARE GROUP

2 Mar Sr Aileen Sr Macrina (Group 3)
Marie Polyak Irene Carr (Group 4)
9 Mar Helen Van Wanrooy Suzanne Hawkes (Group 5)
Kath Turner Shirley Williamson (Group 6)

ALTAR CLEANERS

29 Feb Kay Perceval
7 Mar Kath Moore

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

First Reading Gen 12:1-4

Abram leaves home receiving promises from the Lord.

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

Following the Gospel entails some hardship.

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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