



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>	

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

8th & 9th February 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

the man who follows me

will have the light of life.

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

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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/Warminsteron

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



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: Saint Scholastica
Fri: Saints Cyril and Methodius

This Monday we host the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne in the Lovat Chapel, an extraordinary opportunity to hear classical works performed by world renowned musicians. Lourdes O'Keefe needs people to help with supper to be served at the interval of the performance.

St. Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council will meet this coming Wednesday, 12th February, 7:30pm at the presbytery. As you are aware, each member of the PPC has an area of mission or maintenance they oversee in the parish. If you have any concerns, please speak with the member responsible for your issue.

Tuesday 11th February, the Parish Finance Committee will gather at 5:30pm, to be informed of the urgent matters of maintenance, as outlined by Bob Nash in a report for the next five years, the meeting to follow at 6pm. If you have issues you would like discussed, speak with a member before Tuesday.

Mount Carmel School will celebrate Mass at 9:45am Thursday, giving thanks to God and seeking blessings on the coming year. This replaces the usual 7:30am Mass.

This little light of mine ...

I'm gonna let it shine! Perhaps you are familiar with this popular hymn. It is often used in children's liturgies, and was in fact written as a gospel song for children in the 1920s. It later became something of an anthem for the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, associated in particular with civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer. The song was seen as a way of expressing unity, as people fought for equal rights and freedom.

'This Little Light of Mine' is based on the words of Matthew's Gospel that we hear today: 'No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub... your light must shine in the sight of men.' Without the light of those who were part of the civil rights movement, our world would be a very different place. There are good people everywhere who continue to fight for justice and freedom, who use their 'light' to help others and make sure people are treated fairly and with dignity – both those who campaign and speak out about injustice, and the people on the ground who support the sick, the homeless, refugees and others experiencing difficulties. Witnessing so much suffering, it might be tempting for these 'people of light' to become disheartened, but they carry on, using their compassion and skills to bring about change, shining their light in the darkness. As followers of Christ, we are called to light up the world. Take some time this week to think about how you can let your light shine.

'A community of Jesus which seeks to hide itself has ceased to follow him.'

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Your Faith rests not on the wisdom of men: During the Nazi era in Germany, one of the strongest Catholic leaders in the German Reich was Cardinal Michael von Faulhaber (1869-1952). An able Bible professor, he long taught courses on the Old Testament in the University of Strassburg. Then in 1911 he was named bishop of Speyer, and in 1917, Archbishop of Munich. Pope Benedict XV raised him to the rank of Cardinal in 1921. A few years after Faulhaber received the "red hat," Adolf Hitler began to rise into power. The Cardinal held Hitler

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

A Light in the Darkness

Salt is no great mystery. Salt is salt, as basic as it is common. I'll bet there's a shaker close at hand right now. Salt does one thing: it adds flavour. Taste almost any food and you know right away: it needs more, has too much, or is just right.

The job of Christians is to be salt for the world. Our lives should make a difference. The Church's witness is our commitment to living according to kingdom values and not worldly ones. The time, money, and talent in our control should be used to maintain a simple lifestyle, so the surplus can be used to care for those in need. Sprinkled into the world, this kingdom witness flavours the generations. The worst we can do is to besprinkled into the world and change nothing. If no one around you would guess you're a Christian, this is a problem.

The light of goodness comes into this world in the same way. The world at times can be a rather dark place. How often we point it out and complain about it (and how the media celebrates it!) Our energy would be better spent generating light through acts of mercy and forgiveness. The light of Christ has come into the world, but it's up to us to be the lamps of witness.

What are some of the best ways to utilise your time, your talents and your money for the sake of the kingdom?

Practice being a lamp today. When you see darkness and poverty and despair, bring the light of hope through the right use of your resources. Where there is the darkness of sin and personal offense, be a light of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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in little esteem. As a nobleman, he disdained this Austrian upstart; as a churchman he disapproved of his ideology. In the early 1930's when Hitler's Nazis began to peddle their deadly philosophy, the Cardinal boldly condemned racism, neopaganism and totalitarianism from his cathedral pulpit, basing his sermons on the scriptures with which he was so familiar. Particularly notable was his Advent sermons of 1933, in which he emphasized that Christianity had its roots in Judaism. As an intellectual, Cardinal Faulhaber was also not at all uncomfortable in conversing, and even sparring, with other savants. There is a famous story of his chat with the great Nobel physicist – Jewish but agnostic – Albert Einstein (1879-1955). Einstein and the Cardinal met on one occasion, and during their conversation the scientist said: "I respect religion, but I believe in mathematics. Probably it is the other way around with your Eminence, isn't it?" "No," Faulhaber quietly replied, "to me both are merely different expressions of the same Divine truth." But Einstein responded, "If mathematical science should prove one day that some of its findings are in direct conflict with religious beliefs what would you say then?" "Oh," said the Cardinal with a smile, "I share the highest regard for mathematicians, and I am certain that in such a case you people would never rest until you found out where your mistake was!" St. Paul says much the same to us in today's second reading. "Your Faith rests not on the wisdom of men but on the power of God."

Fr. Robert F. McNamara



*This week we welcome into
our Church community:*

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

SACRAMENTS 2020

First Reconciliation Wednesday 1st April (6:00pm)

First Reconciliation Registration

Wednesday 26th February 5:00-6:00pm at the Presbytery
Thursday 27th February 5:00-6:00pm at the Presbytery

First Eucharist: Sunday 14th June (10:00am)

Confirmation: Sunday 13th 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 26th February or Thursday 27th 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 or contact Dianne Carey 0419 276 889 Sacramental Team Leader.

On behalf of the poorest of the poor in Timor Leste we are grateful for a donation of \$2,000.

WANTED – FRIDGE

St Vincent de Paul Conference Yass is seeking the donation of a fridge in good working order to support a young homeless couple now moving into rental accommodation.

If you can help please contact Paul on 0412 256 014.

YRAR EVENT – 9th FEBRUARY

Yass Rural Australians for Refugees cordially invites you an event.

Lesley Cioccarelli who is the Education Advisor for Migrants and Refugees/Cultural Diversity Coordinator at the Canberra Institute of Technology is coming to talk to us about her role at CIT and what the money donated by YRAR to the Canberra Refugee Support Scholarships has meant for some of their students. It will be wonderful to hear about how the Scholarships have been used to support and empower students from refugee backgrounds.

Where: Trader and Co, 92 Meehan St, Yass

When: Sunday 9th February

Time: 3:00pm

We hope you can come to enjoy this social and informative event and we look forward to catching up with you on the day.

YASS LENTEN PROGRAMME

The Lenten programme for Yass will commence on Thursday 27th March and continue every Thursday until Easter.

Where: 7/37 Dutton Street, Yass.

CHAMBER (GERMANY)

PHILHARMONIA

COLOGNE

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 10th 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 10th February, slices, cakes, sandwiches, etc. for supper at interval.

Helpers also needed on the night.

Please contact Lourdes O'Keefe on 0413 096 413.

CIRCLE OF SISTERS – 22nd FEBRUARY

Yass Christian Circle of Sisters invite all women to a brunch.

Take some time out for yourself to fellowship with local women of faith.

When: 22nd February

Where: Uniting Church Hall, 2 Cliff St, Yass

Time: 10:00 – 11:30am

Bring a plate to share.

Tea, coffee and juice supplied.

Contact: Lynette Rampling 0406 375 412.

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.

A PILGRIMS' WALKING RETREAT – 14th FEBRUARY

From 6:00pm to Sunday 16th 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

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

VALUES AND VOICES IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

– 19th 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.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

You are the light of the world.

When you share your bread with the hungry,

You are the light of the world.

When you do your best to find shelter and homes for the poor,

You are the light of the world.

When you clothe those who are cold and educate those in ignorance, or support those who help others,

You are the light of the world.

In the darkness of loneliness and isolation, the light of God will shine

only because you have chosen

to be a helper,

to be a carer,

to be a friend.

In the darkness and gloom of confusion and dread the light of God will shine

only because you have chosen

to be a helper,

a listener,

a friend.

Let our word, Lord,

be words which bring light;

let our touch

bring consolation and light,

and let us believe,

strongly and in the heart,

that each of us is the light of God.

You are the light of the world.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading

We may choose life or death.

Sir 15:15-20

Second Reading

God reveals his wisdom through the Spirit.

1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel

Jesus comes to fulfil the law.

Mt 5:17-37

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Vince Brown, Phillip Anable and Barry Wales.

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.
3 = Offertory

2 = Prayers of the Faithful
4 = Acolyte

8 Feb	Rod	Perceval	1	Dianne	Carey	2
	Geraldine	Doyle	3	Vince	Coffey	4
15 Feb	Kate	Walker	1	Bob	Nash	2
	Bob	Nash	3	Peter	Walker	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

8 Feb	Peter	Walker	Maryanne	Samperi	Elizabeth	Liew
15 Feb	Michael	Green	Peter	Cleary	Sue	Hill

VISITS

9 Feb	Peter	Walker	Maryanne	Samperi	Elizabeth	Liew
16 Feb	Michael	Green	Peter	Cleary	Susan	Morrissey

ALTAR SERVERS

8 Feb	Grace &	Charlie	Miller			
15 Feb	Charlotte	McPherson		Charlotte	Alexander	

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

8 Feb	Peter	Gibbs	15 Feb	Dianne	Carey
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HOSPITALITY

8 Feb	The Cleary Family	15 Feb	Bert & Kath Moore
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CARE GROUP

10 Feb	Jeanette	Patmore	Maureen	Grieves	(Group 9)
	Kay	Perceval	Coral	Carroll	(Group 10)
17 Feb	Kath	Luchetti	Julie	Faulkner	(Group 11)
	Jane	Hingston	Sandra	Davis	(Group 12)

ALTAR CLEANERS

8 Feb	Jane	Hingston	15 Feb	Helen	Murphy
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