



# 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>	

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. 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

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

### 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

**Sat:** The Chair of Saint Peter

The concert by the Chamber Philharmonia Cologne this past Monday was outstanding. A special thanks to those who prepared the Lovat Chapel for this event and to the many people who made slices, cakes and sandwiches for the supper at interval. Thanks to those wonderful people who with Lourdes O'Keefe, served the supper and to Coral, Bob, Keith and Paul who cleaned and set up the chapel. The musicians enjoyed their time in Yass and said they will return in three years on their next tour.

At the finance meeting Tuesday, it was decided to start the maintenance program as outlined by Bob Nash. The approved items given top priority can be viewed on the noticeboard.

Your PPC presented reports in the areas of responsibility and continue to plan for the future.

As you would be aware, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the 26<sup>th</sup> February. There will be Mass at St. Augustine's at 7:30am and 5:30pm, Gunning will be at 9am.

Graeme Hocking, an agricultural scientist who works at no cost for Yass/Gunning Belun, has just returned after three weeks in Oecusse. One of the projects, connecting two villages to water in the Sifin region, was to be funded by Epping Rotary. The locals said it would cost in excess of \$30,000 American and our people knew it could be done for less than \$7,000 American. This is an ongoing problem with corrupt individuals all on the take. Graeme wrote to Rotary, "As mentioned in an earlier email, I am only interested in being involved with Epping Rotary if Yass/Gunning Belun are involved as without their in-country team I would be wasting my time".

## The bare minimum

There are times when we try to get by with the bare minimum. Maybe we have scraped through an exam with the minimum of effort, or done a last-minute rush job to complete a work project. Plenty of us know what it's like to do just enough around the house to keep it from descending into total chaos!

Perhaps unconsciously, we sometimes take the same approach to our relationships – only phoning a parent once in a blue moon to 'check in,' or visiting a friend only when we are reminded. It can be easy to slip into a pattern of acting out of a sense of duty rather than love.

Of course, our faith can go the same way. Are there times when we approach the Eucharist with a niggling feeling that something is not quite right? If so, Jesus has some strong words for us in today's Gospel. If we believe that all we are expected to do is 'follow the rules,' we have missed something important. Jesus does not want us to merely follow the letter of the law. Where is the joy or the challenge in that? He tells us that our virtue must go deeper than simply doing the bare minimum. Not only must we not kill, we must not be angry with others. Not only must we not break a promise, we must be honest in all our dealings and in our speech. If we approach the altar without being on good terms with others, we are not in true communion with God.

(Con't)

## Parish Finance Committee Members:

Bill	Luchetti	Father	Mick Burke
Stan	Waldren	David	Garland
Mark	Valencic	Paul	O'Mara
Trish	Gibbs	Irene	Carr (Minutes)

## Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Annabelle O'Connell (Youth)	Peter	Cleary (Liturgy)
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)

## We Are Given What We Choose

For 2000 years we've been living in the final chapter of an amazing story. Before it ends, Jesus wants us to get positioned for what's next even as we live in the undeniable context of what's now.

For instance, we're tempted to feel pretty good if we don't kill or commit adultery. Not bad, eh Lord? The religious folk of Jesus' time said the same thing because they led morally correct lives according to the law. Don't kid yourself, Jesus advises. Claiming righteousness now puts us in a bad position for the dawning kingdom. The truth is we're ALL sinners in need of forgiveness. "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick?" Jesus asks later in Matthew, "I'm after mercy, not religion" (9:12-13).

In light of this, it's better to settle our differences than to maintain conflicts. Reconciliation is key: that's why it's a sacrament! It's a visible sign of the inward reality of the kingdom. But to claim it, we have to practice it. Only by living forgiveness do we experience it.

***In what ways do you tend to see yourself as a pretty good person? How does "self-righteousness" teach you about the deeper reality of sin we all live with?***

Make conscious choices this week. See the difference between what's passing and what's important. In the light of the forgiveness given to you, choose to be forgiving.

*"I'm not here to demolish but to complete. I am going to put it all together, put it all together in a vast panorama".*

GPBS eNews

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Obeying the rules is the bare minimum. The Gospel is calling us to a more radical way of living.

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**Passion and Reason:** The Greek philosopher, Plato, four hundred years before Christ, wrote of two horses in the human heart, Passion and Reason. Passion is the wild untamed horse with boundless strength and energy, but very hard to control and direct. Reason is the tamed horse, accustomed to the reins, disciplined in stride and responding to directions. A chariot hitched to a pair of Passions might go anywhere but would surely crash or overturn before long. However, a charioteer who selects a pair of Reasons will be too cautious and fearful to go anywhere worthwhile. But if Passion and Reason can be paired, then the powerful energy is harnessed, and the journey of life can be enjoyed. – The teaching of Jesus strongly affirms the need of rules, but rules are to be understood as a means to the end, which is a life of spiritual strength and commitment.

(*Sylvester O'Flynn in The Good News of Mathew's Year.*)

## 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.



## MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

### WORKING BEE

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 organized for each area.

## 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.

## CALL TO CONNECT – 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

The prayer gathering 'Call to Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm.

## CIRCLE OF SISTERS – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:* 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## YASS LENTEN PROGRAMME

*When:* Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February and following Thursdays

*Time:* 10:00am

*Where:* 7/37 Dutton Street, Yass.

*Cost:* Books \$9.95

*Enquiries:* Genevieve Colbert 0451 111 769

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – PRAYER FOR ZIMBABWE

*"Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk"*

*When:* 6<sup>th</sup> March

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

*Time:* 10:00am

*Website:* [worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://worlddayofprayeraustralia.org)

Everyone is welcome to attend.

## VALUES AND VOICES IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

– 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Christians for an Ethical Society are holding their first Forum for 2020 commencing at 7:30pm in the Chapel at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blakall 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. Check website [ces.org.au](http://ces.org.au) for more information.



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## A Blessing of the Sick for use by a Lay Person

*A lay person traces the sign of the cross on the forehead of the sick person and says the following prayer of blessing:*

Lord and Father, almighty and eternal God,  
by your blessing you give us strength and support in our frailty:  
turn with kindness toward this your servant N.

Free him/her from all illness and restore him/her to health,  
so that in the sure knowledge of your goodness  
he/she will gratefully bless your holy name.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The Veritas Book of Blessings for All Occasions*

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

'Curiously enough, it is a fear of how grace will change and improve them that keeps many souls away from God. They want God to take them as they are and let them stay that way. They want Him to take away their love of riches, but not their riches – to purge them of the disgust of sin, but not of the pleasure of sin. Some of them equate goodness with indifference to evil and think that God is good if He is broad-minded or tolerant about evil.'

'Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache.'

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

##### First Reading

Love your neighbour as yourself.

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

##### Second Reading

What is wise with the world, is absurd with God.

1 Cor 3:16-23

##### Gospel

Turn the other cheek.

Mt 5:38-48

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*



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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Fay Mavis Kaveney, Vince Brown and Phillip Anable.

**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

<b>15 Feb</b>	Kate Walker	1	Bob Nash	2
	Bob Nash	3	Peter Walker	4
<b>22 Feb</b>	Dianne Carey	1	Peter Cleary	2
	Coral Carroll	3	Frank Grace	4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>15 Feb</b>	Michael Green	Peter Cleary	Sue Hill
<b>22 Feb</b>	Dianne Carey	Steve Scroope	Coral Carroll

#### VISITS

<b>16 Feb</b>	Michael Green	Peter Cleary	Susan Morrissey
<b>23 Feb</b>	Dianne Carey	Steve Scroope	Coral Carroll

#### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>15 Feb</b>	Charlotte McPherson	Charlotte Alexander
<b>22 Feb</b>	Wendy Morton	Clare Broers

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

<b>15 Feb</b>	Dianne Carey	<b>22 Feb</b>	Russell Hill
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#### HOSPITALITY

<b>15 Feb</b>	Bert & Kath Moore
<b>22 Feb</b>	Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy

#### CARE GROUP

<b>17 Feb</b>	Kath Luchetti	Julie Faulkner	(Group 11)
	Jane Hingston	Sandra Davis	(Group 12)
<b>24 Feb</b>	Margaret Wilson	Pauline Abbey	(Group 1)
	Pat Longley		(Group 2)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>15 Feb</b>	Helen Murphy	<b>22 Feb</b>	Edith Buhagair
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