



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
	Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm	

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

22nd & 23rd February 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love 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

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wed: Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday this week begins the season of Lent. Masses will be at 7:30am and 5:30pm, St. Augustine's, Yass and 9am at St. Francis Xavier's, Gunning. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole church prepares for Easter with those who are baptised and for all others to renew their baptismal commitment. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (no meat). The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

Project Compassion is a wonderful way to express our care for the poor and boxes and envelopes are available today.

On the 14th March I will be in Bega for a wedding and I have asked Fr. Greg Beath to celebrate the Vigil Mass.

As I have baptisms on the 15th March, I will be back for Sunday at Gunning and Murrumbateman. The Saturday morning Mass at 9am will be a liturgy with Holy Communion.

After Easter I will be taking my annual holidays and will be in Timor Leste from the 20th April.

The power of forgiveness 'I bear no ill will. I bear no grudge. Dirty sort of talk is not going to bring her back to life. She's in heaven and we shall meet again. I will pray for these men tonight and every night.' These words of Gordon Wilson echoed across the world in 1987, just hours after his 20-year-old daughter Marie was killed in an IRA bomb in Enniskillen. Very few words in the history of the Northern Ireland conflict had such a powerful impact. His extraordinary capacity to forgive the people who had caused him so much pain helped to move along the slow process.'

Gordon Wilson was the personification of the words of Jesus: 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' It is one of the most difficult and challenging passages in the Gospels; one commentator calls it 'Jesus' most unreasonable command.' Living under oppressive Roman rule, with torture and murder not uncommon, the disciples knew what it was to hate their enemies. As we read and listen to the news today, the cruelty of people continues to astound and upset us. But Jesus reminds us that everyone is human. All are children of God, who 'causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good.' While we clearly don't accept or excuse the terror and evil in the world, we cannot dehumanise those who carry out despicable actions. It is much easier said than done, but we must strive to meet hatred with love. With God, there is always forgiveness; there is always hope.

'Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.'

Martin Luther King Jr

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Parish Finance Committee Members:

Bill	Luchetti	Father	Mick Burke
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Trish	Gibbs	Irene	Carr (<i>Minutes</i>)

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Annabelle O'Connell (<i>Youth</i>)	Peter	Cleary (<i>Liturgy</i>)
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Bob Nash (<i>Maintenance</i>)	Michael	Van Wanrooy (<i>Welfare</i>)
Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke		Sarah Johnston (<i>Social Justice</i>)

The Key to Peace

A truck driver, in a hurry, pulled into a parking spot without much care, jumped out of his car, and ran into a shop. A moment later another driver came out of the shop, and when she got to her car, she saw that she couldn't open the driver door because the truck had parked too close to her car. Furious at the inconsiderateness of the truck driver, the woman climbed into her car from the passenger side, and when she got behind the wheel, she opened her window and ran her key along the truck's door and created a deep, foot-long scratch. Satisfied with her revenge, she started her car and drove away. Serves the truck driver right, some might say. He should have been more considerate. Drivers are just so darned selfish these days.

Yes, drivers can be selfish. Some may have good reasons for being distracted and rushed, but others may be just plain rude. But the question for Christians is: *Is that for us to judge?* "I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you". That is Jesus' advice to us in matters like this.

The woman who sought revenge may have felt a moment's satisfaction that somehow her act set things right, but she will soon find that she made her world smaller and more hostile. Those who choose revenge over mercy will never be at peace. Blessed are the peacemakers. *GPBS eNews*

Lent as a Time to Pause

Pause a little, leave behind the unrest and commotion that fill the soul with bitter feelings which never get us anywhere. Pause from this compulsion to a fast-paced life that scatters, divides and ultimately destroys time with family, with friends, with children, with grandparents, and time as a gift... time with God.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the need to show off and be seen by all, to continually appear on the 'noticeboard' that makes us forget the value of intimacy and recollection.

Pause for a little while, refrain from haughty looks, from fleeting and pejorative comments that arise from forgetting tenderness, compassion and reverence for the encounter with others, particularly those who are vulnerable, hurt and even immersed in sin and error.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the urge to want to control everything, know everything, destroy everything; this comes from overlooking gratitude for the gift of life and all the good we receive.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the deafening noise that weakens and confuses our hearing, that makes us forget the fruitful and creative power of silence.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the attitude which promotes sterile and unproductive thoughts that arise from isolation and self-pity, and that cause us to forget going out to encounter others to share their burdens and suffering.

Pause for a little while, refrain from the emptiness of everything that is instantaneous, momentary and fleeting, that deprives us of our roots, our ties, of the value of continuity and the awareness of our ongoing journey.

Pause in order to look and contemplate!

Pope Francis, Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2018

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.



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 organized for each area.



Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Teal McKenna
Samuel Peter Terrant

child of Clay & Ashleigh
child of John & Charlotte

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.

YASS LENTEN PROGRAMME

When: Thursday 27th 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: 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.

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.



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The St Vincent de Paul Conference Yass would like to thank parishioners for the generous donation of a fridge and freezer.

CALL TO CONNECT – 25th FEBRUARY

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

COMMUNION REFLECTION

We need to love our neighbors and our enemies too

Love of neighbor is incompatible with hatred of enemies (CCC #1933, #2303). The Greek word used for loving enemies is not *storge* (natural love towards family members), or *philia* (love of close friends), or *eros* (passionate love between a young man and woman), but *agápe*, which is the invincible benevolence or good will for another's highest good. Since *agápe* is not natural, practicing it is possible only with God's help. *Agápe* love is a choice more than a feeling. We choose to love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them. We have in the *Acts of the Apostles* the example of St. Stephen, the first martyr, who prayed for those who were putting him to death.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

First Reading

The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.

Second Reading

Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin.

Gospel

Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

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

Prayers for

William Grace

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

22 Feb	Dianne	Carey	1	Peter	Cleary	2
	Coral	Carroll	3	Frank	Grace	4
29 Feb	Steve	Scroope	1	Debbie	Valencic	2
	Kay	Perceval	3	Chris	Gold	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

22 Feb	Dianne	Carey	Steve	Scroope	Coral	Carroll
29 Feb	Kay	Perceval	Noel	Quinn	Trish	Gibbs

VISITS

23 Feb	Dianne	Carey	Steve	Scroope	Coral	Carroll
1 Mar	Kay	Perceval	Noel	Quinn	Trish	Gibbs

ALTAR SERVERS

22 Feb	Wendy	Morton	Clare	Broers
29 Feb	Ella	Broers	Louis	Green

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

22 Feb	Russell	Hill	29 Feb	Peter	Cleary
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HOSPITALITY

22 Feb	Michael & Helen	Van Wanrooy		
29 Feb	Kay	Perceval	Margaret	Wilson

CARE GROUP

24 Feb	Margaret	Wilson			(Group 1)
	Pat	Longley	Pauline	Abbey	(Group 2)
2 Mar	Sr	Aileen	Sr	Macrina	(Group 3)
	Marie	Polyak	Irene	Carr	(Group 4)

ALTAR CLEANERS

22 Feb	Edith	Buhagair	29 Feb	Kay	Perceval
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