



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

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

Meehan Street, PO Box 24, YASS NSW 2582

Tel: (02) 6226 1086 Fax: (02) 6226 2220 Mob: 0448 414 541

E-mail: yass@cg.org.au Website: www.staugustine.org.au

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	

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

14th & 15th March 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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)

2nd Tues (monthly) Yass 11:00 am

Horton/Warlington

4th Tues (monthly) Yass 11:00 am

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
3rd & 4th 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

Tue: Saint Patrick
Thu: Saint Joseph

At the Vigil Mass next Saturday we will give thanks for the gentle ministry of Sr. Macrina, who after fifteen years in Yass will move to Young. After Mass there will be a 'pot luck' meal in the Hartigan Centre.

The coronavirus has caused upheaval around the world and the future is uncertain. Fear is overcome by love and as people of faith we must trust God. Seek the intercession of St. Roch, born in Montpellier 1350, a miracle-worker who was venerated and associated with the arrest of the plague.

During my annual holiday after Easter, I had booked and paid for a flight to Dili on the 20th April. As a poor country, Timor Leste has no means of testing for coronavirus and travel insurance won't cover me. I will probably have to cancel the trip and remain in Australia for the three weeks. Due to our low exchange rates, we are having a problem in paying for supplies to our clinics. If you are prepared to help, Yass/Gunning Belun bank details are as follows:

BSB: 062 786
Account: 000028521
Account Name: Timor Leste
Reference: TL donation

On the feast of St. Patrick this coming Tuesday, there will be Mass at 5:30pm.

Mt Carmel Community Council will meet this Thursday at 6:30pm.

'Give me a drink!'

In today's Gospel, we hear the wonderful account of the woman at the well. We hear of physical thirst but also of a much deeper thirst, for connection and conversion.

Water scarcity worldwide is being accelerated by the climate crisis. Scientists tell us that rain-fed agriculture will drop by 50% world-wide by 2030, due to global warming.

When we think of how we might help, we give, and that is good. But we must also be aware of a deeper conversion that is needed. Change is possible, solutions are there, and as faith communities we are invited into this journey of change. The woman in the Gospel today is so deeply affected by her encounter with Christ that she runs to tell the others. May we also be enthused and open to a real thirst for climate justice, aware that we are called to 'an ecological conversion whereby the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.' (*Laudato Si*, 217)

A challenge: How much water do you use? Where water is concerned how can you serve God more fully? For water tips, see www.taptips.ie.

Printed with permission of Intercom – a pastoral and Liturgical resource of the Irish Bishops Conference

O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams.

St. Augustine

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

This Well Is Deep

Still waters run deep! The well in Samaria may have been dug down to a level of 200 feet below the grade of the town, but it was not as deep as the water of which Jesus speaks to the woman that day. Jesus is a wellspring of living water, leaping up to eternal life. Now *that's* deep.

Water talk in the Bible is always significant, because the Middle East is one large desert with a few important rivers running through it. Water determined everything biblical: where cities were built, if the people prospered or languished, who would win a battle, whether life could go on. The best way for the enemy to defeat you was to destroy your well or cut off your access to it. Then victory was only days away.

Jesus and the woman both know, better than we do in a land where water is on tap, that water means life. We know that the woman drinks deeply of the message Jesus gives her when she leaves her water jar behind at the well. She experienced exactly what he told her: that if she listened to him, she would never be thirsty again.

"If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water".

What does water mean to you? What does your experience of water teach you about the life that Jesus offers?

Get involved in the interfaith movement! The Church is talking with the synagogue, and so should we. Join or organise a local effort. Invite a local rabbi to speak at your school about the faith of God's first people. *GPBS eNews*

A Samaritan woman evangelist: There is a Greek monastery at Mount Athos in which nothing female is allowed. Today, it is home to 20 Eastern Orthodox monasteries, and 2,000 monks from Greece and other Eastern Orthodox countries, including Bulgaria, Serbia and Russia. These monks live an ascetic life, isolated from the rest of the world. The Mount – actually a 335 sq km (130 sq mile) peninsula – may be the largest area in the world from which women, and female animals, are banned. Men can enter but not women, roosters but not hens, horses but not mares, bulls but not cows. Armed guards patrol the border to ensure that nothing feminine passes the gates. It has been this way for more than 700 years. [Arnold Prater, *The Presence*, (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1993).] Separate and definitely not equal: that has been the attitude toward women of many Churches through the ages. So, it's really remarkable that this particular Samaritan evangelist happens to be a woman. She would be as surprised about it as anybody. When she first met Jesus, she was surprised that even he talked to her in a culture which did not allow a Jewish rabbi to talk to his wife in a public place. Once converted, she became an evangelist, enthusiastically introducing Jesus to her fellow villagers.

Fr. Anthony Kadavil



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Lincoln Brendon child of Aaron & Candice

Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Yasmine Haze child of Matthew & Rebecca

LOVAT CHAPEL ORGAN RECITAL – 29th MARCH

Performance by Linus Lee

Time: 2:30pm (doors open 2:00pm)

Cost: \$20 adult
\$15 concession

Refreshments available at interval. Cost \$5.00.



HELP NEEDED

For the recital on the 29th March, slices, cakes, sandwiches, etc. for supper at interval.

Helpers also needed on the night.

Please contact Lourdes O'Keefe on 0413 096 413.

CALL TO CONNECT – 17th MARCH

The prayer gathering 'Call to Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th March at 2:30pm.

EASTER CARDS

Easter Cards are now available for purchase from *Aid to the Church in Need*. Each packet contains 12 Easter cards and envelopes.

The Easter cards feature the religious paintings of Swiss artist, Bradi Barth and include a bible verse inside.

Cost: First packet \$23 (includes postage). Extra packets \$15 each.

Proceeds raised go toward ACN projects that support the Church where she is unable to support herself.

Order over the phone: 1800 101 201 or online: www.aidtochurch.org.

PILGRIMAGE OF THE RELICS OF SAINTS THERESE, LOUIS & ZELIE – 25th to 31st MARCH

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the relics of St Therese of Lisieux, one of the most popular Saints of modern times, will visit our Archdiocese on a six-day pilgrimage along with the major relics of her parents, Saints Louis and Zelie Martin.

To access the itinerary and veneration times go to www.cgatholic.org.au

"WHERE TO FROM NOW" – 29th MARCH

Chief Executive Officer NSW Right to Life Association- Dr Rachel Carling, will address a meeting at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Strangways St., Curtin, on Sunday 29th March, from 2:00- 4:30pm

Afternoon Tea will be served.

Topic: "Where to from Now?" re Abortion, Euthanasia in ACT and NSW, plus an update on the situation in all other Australian States. Dr. Carling will look at how we can advance the pro-life movement across Australia by drawing on the success of the movement in the US.

Enquiries: (02) 6281 2365, 0418 718 713

LEARNINGS FOR AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS & THE AUSTRALIAN PLENARY COUNCIL – 2nd APRIL

7:30pm at the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. The forum is to inform on the processes and outcomes, including the Pope's response, of the Amazon Synod. A Background Paper is available on the CCCG website.

Speakers include Br Mark O'Connor FMS Vicar for Communications, Parramatta diocese, official observer at the Amazon Synod. Paul Nicoll, Canberra Catholic with experience and insight into the Brazilian/Amazon church. Agnes Dodds, Melbourne Catholic and member of Women's Wisdom in the Church (WWITCH) and Terry Fewtrell, post Amazon Synod considerations for the church reform agenda leading into the October sessions in Adelaide and following stages of the Plenary Council.

WOMAN'S WEEKEND RETREAT – 3rd to 5th APRIL

Water, Wind, Earth & Fire is a retreat for women to refresh, enliven, nourish and reignite their Christian spiritual life. In this retreat we will take time to listen, experience contemplative meditation and learn to pray with the elements of water, wind, earth and first as our spiritual guides.

Get ready a wonderful weekend in the beautiful surrounds of historic Carcoar with scrumptious food and good company as you reconnect with your spiritual life from 6:00pm to 3:00pm.

Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar

Cost: Suggested Donation of \$200 (includes all meals and accommodation)

Register: Ph: (02) 6367 3058 or email: shalomcarcoar@gmail.com

INSTAGRACE FOR YEAR 8 TO 12 – 14th TO 17th APRIL

Instagrace is four day catholic residential program organised by Jesus Youth Canberra for Years 8 to Year 12. This program is designed to help teenagers explore themselves and develop a personal relationship with Jesus through inspiring talks, music and life testimonies.

Where: St John Paul II College, 211 Goyder St, Narrabundah.

Time: 9:00am to 11:00am

Registration: www.instagrace.com.au to register.

Fee: \$200.

Close: 31st March 2020.

Enquiries: Roby 0433 828 266;

Jobin 0470 415 847;

Leeba 0403 893 115

Email: jesusyouthcanberra@gmail.com



ENCOUNTER TIMOR LESTE WITH PALMS 13th to 25th SEPTEMBER 2020

On this 13-day tour you will experience the diversity of our close neighbour, from bustling Dili to its remoter communities, where dedicated organisations and Palms personnel are building self-reliance and sustainability together. Gain a deeper understanding through new sights, smells, sounds, tastes, textures and experiences, challenging old ideas. It might even inspire you to join Palms and work overseas yourself.

We are also offering an Encounter on the Thai-Myanmar in November.

For more information call Robert at Palms on (02) 9560 5333 or email robert@palms.org.au

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Anyone who drinks the water that I will give will never be thirsty again.

So much in life we want, desire, need: food and drink, friendship and love, sex and acceptance;

Jesus, what have you to offer? What does it mean that

anyone who drinks the water that I will give will never be thirsty again?

Human wants and desires are confused; we want happiness and look in the wrong places; we're like the woman at the well, looking for happiness in a place we can't find it, and open to the love Jesus offers:

anyone who drinks the water that I will give will never be thirsty again.

I thank you, Lord, for faith, for the roots of my life which nobody else can give; I thank you for a meaning in life which makes me strong from birth to death; I thank you for the Eucharist which nourishes all life's moments; I thank you for forgiveness, which means I need never stay stuck in faults.

Thank you for this living water:

anyone who drinks the water that I will give will never be thirsty again.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

First Reading 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Samuel anoints David king.

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

Live in the light.

Gospel Jn 9:1-41

On the Sabbath, Jesus cures a man who was blind from birth.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

Yass Earthmovers

Local business for 40 years

All types of earth moving and machinery

BULLDOZERS	BACKHOES	GRADERS
EXCAVATORS	TIPPERS	ROLLERS
MINI EXCAVATORS	FRONT END LOADERS	WATER TRUCKS
BOBCATS	SCRAPER	LOW LOADERS

NO JOB TOO BIG OR SMALL

Jim Field
0428 486 330



Andrew Field
0428 630 111

11 LAIDLAW STREET YASS NSW 2582
OFFICE: 6226 1466 FAX: 6226 3437
EMAIL: yassearthmovers@ozemail.com.au

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Leon Garry, Mary-Anne McGrath and Rodney Frazer.

Prayers for

Sam Turner and 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

14 Mar	Joseph Morrissey	1	Susan Morrissey	2
	Morton Family	3	Allan Hackett	4
21 Mar	Russell Hill	1	Steve Scroope	2
	Hill Family	3	Vince Coffey	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

14 Mar	Peter Walker	Maryanne Samperi	Joseph Morrissey
21 Mar	Michael Green	Peter Cleary	Elizabeth Liew

VISITS

15 Mar	Peter Walker	Maryanne Samperi	Joseph Morrissey
22 Mar	Michael Green	Peter Cleary	Elizabeth Liew

ALTAR SERVERS

14 Mar	Tallara Howard	Charlotte Alexander
21 Mar	Charlotte McPherson	Fergus Green

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

14 Mar	Dianne Carey	21 Mar	Russell Hill
--------	--------------	--------	--------------

HOSPITALITY

14 Mar	Coral Carroll	Kath Luchetti
21 Mar	Frank & Kath Grace	

CARE GROUP

16 Mar	Helen Murphy	Maureen Collins (Group 7)
	Lourdes O'Keefe	Geraldine Doyle (Group 8)
23 Mar	Maureen Hall	Maureen Grieves (Group 9)
	Kay Perceval	Coral Carroll (Group 10)

ALTAR CLEANERS

14 Mar	Pat Coleborne	21 Mar	Geraldine Doyle
--------	---------------	--------	-----------------

MEALS ON WHEELS

16 Mar	M. O'Brien	J. Barber	R. Perceval	K. Perceval
17 Mar	J. Hingston	S. Morrissey	R. Perceval	K. Perceval
18 Mar	D. Garland	M. Garland	L. Carroll	C. Carroll
19 Mar	H. Van Wanrooy	J. Turner	V. Brooker	K. Grace
20 Mar	C. Cleary	A. O'Connell	S. Williamson	K. Crowther

CLAIMING THE DATE

8TH TO 10TH MAY

2020 Hanging of the quilts

Our Parish Bulletin is made possible each week by our generous sponsors, please support them.

Yass Earthmovers, Yass Learners, B & V Engineering, Priceline Pharmacy Yass, Woolaroo Merino Stud, Miller's Pharmacy, Bowning Antique Centre, Designing Windows, Old Linton Medical Practice, Ray White Rural Canberra/Yass and Patrick's Butchery.