



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.

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| 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> | |

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR A

6th & 7th June 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *Glory and praise for ever!*

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Blest your glorious holy name.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

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

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

SUNDAY MASSES:

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| 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

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| Wednesday | Yass | 5:30 pm |
| Thursday | Yass | 7:30 am |
| Friday | Yass | 12:00 noon |
| Saturday | Yass | 9:00 am |

Nursing Home/Hostel

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| Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton) | | |
| 2 nd Tues (monthly) | Yass | 11:00 am |

Horton/Warmincton

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| 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

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| 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

Thu: Saint Barnabas
Sat: Saint Anthony of Padua

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I thank God for our wonderful country and the leaders who have worked tirelessly to protect its citizens during this Covid-19 pandemic. I thank God for our communion of communities and especially for you who have been prepared to make extraordinary sacrifices for the benefit of all. Whilst we still have a long way to go and I pray we don't have a second wave of the disease, nevertheless, what at first appeared to be months in lockdown is now seemingly almost a return to the new normal.

At the Community Council last evening, the generosity of parents and even those without children at Mount Carmel, has been expressed in food, coffee and wine with countless expressions of gratitude via emails to our teachers. The Mercy Sisters and myself have had meals delivered and many phone calls from parishioners. I'm also extremely grateful to those who have continued to contribute financially, a few dropping envelopes with money at the presbytery obviously concerned for my welfare. Many thanks!

Before and after Mass this weekend we need a couple of volunteers to sanitize the places touched by worshippers and this will be our practice for a few months. We are now attending to a backlog of baptisms and myself and Di Carey will access at the end of June whether we can proceed with sacramental preparation.

Yesterday I attended a deanery meeting in Queanbeyan, listening to the response of other parishes to this time of lockdown. I think ours has been a standout due to a large extent by the contribution of Paul Trezise.

Last Sunday about thirty parishioners gathered to say farewell to Sister Macrena. A special thanks to those who prepared food and to Bob and Paul for setting up the barbeque and tables.

Unfortunately it has taken a week to deliver food to the desperate people in the mountains of Oesusse.

Yours fraternally,
Mick Burke

Parish Finance Committee Members:

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| 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:

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| 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>) | |

"But that is impossible, my dear child:" There is a very old and much-repeated story about St. Augustine, one of the intellectual giants of the Church. He was walking by the seashore one day, attempting to conceive of an intelligible explanation for the mystery of the Trinity. As he walked along, he saw a small boy on the beach, pouring seawater from a shell into a small hole in the sand. "What are you doing, my child?" asked Augustine. "I am emptying the sea into this hole," the boy answered with an innocent smile. "But that is impossible, my dear child," said Augustine. The boy stood up, looked straight into the eyes of Augustine and replied, "What you are trying to do – comprehend the immensity of God with your small head – is even more impossible." Then he vanished. The child was an angel sent by God to teach Augustine a lesson. Later, Augustine wrote: "You see the Trinity, if you see love." According to him, the Father is the lover, the Son is the loved one and the Holy Spirit is the personification of the very act of loving. This means that we can understand something of the Mystery of the Holy Trinity more readily with the heart than with our feeble mind. Evagrius of Pontus, a Greek monk of the 4th century who came from what is now Turkey in Asia and later lived out his vocation in Egypt, said: "God cannot be grasped by the mind. If God could be grasped, God would not be God."

Fr. Anthony Kadavil



Icon of the Trinity by Andrew Rublev:

In 1425 C.E., Andrew Rublev, a Russian monk painted an icon of the Trinity in which three angelic figures are seated around a small table, engaged in intimate conversation. On the table is a chalice, in the background is a tree. The trio of figures and the tree are reminiscent of the visit which

angelic messengers paid to Sarah and Abraham at the Oak of Mamre. As they enjoyed the generous welcome of Sarah and Abraham, the messengers announced the unexpected birth of Isaac (Genesis 18) whom Abraham would later be willing to sacrifice if God willed it (Genesis 22). From his knowledge of iconography, Henri Nouwen has suggested that Rublev intended this angelic appearance to prefigure the Divine visitation by which God sends the unexpected gift of His Son, who sacrifices himself for sin and gives new life through the Spirit. Rublev wished that his icon would offer his fellow monks a way to keep their hearts centered on God, Father, Son and Spirit, despite the chaotic world of political unrest in which they lived.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Prayers for
Michael Abbey

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

Doreen (Pat) McKenna (1/6), Mary (Mollie) O'Brien (1/6), Aileen Wales (10/6), Guiseppe (John) DeMartin (10/6), James MacQuillan (13/6), Nance O'Connor (14/6), Damien Broderick (15/6), Gordon Butt (17/6), Don Bayley (17/6), Eileen Jackson (18/6), Francis 'Noel' Agnew (20/6), Gerald Honner (26/6), Audrey Pearce (27/6), Susan O'Connor (27/6), Peter Doyle (27/6), Raymond Bayley (28/6), Maria Doemling (28/6), Cliff Doust (29/6) and Margaret Morrissey (30/6).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered