



# 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	Clare	Barry
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	

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **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

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

### 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>To be held at Yass until further notice</i>		10:15 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/Warlington

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:** Saint Benedict

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and the day that the Australian Bishops and our National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have invited us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 150,000 and are growing strongly.

Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, making His presence known through a continuous loving culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home. (Sunday Resources)

This week the Archbishop asked to see me to discuss my future. It has been decided that I move from Yass/Gunning parishes at the beginning of 2021. The Archbishop told me that a younger priest with more energy has expressed an interest to come here and there may be others. I won't be retiring as such but look forward to a new adventure in ministry which I will tell you about in the not too distant future.

Due to new taxation rules, there won't be a tax deductibility for planned giving in this coming year. The parish had contributed 5 percent towards the School Building Fund, reduced from 15 percent when I arrived. Parishioners were only able to claim a very small amount and if this is of concern, reduce contributions by this amount. Statements for this past year are available today. I do apologize but we need to act within the law. St. Augustine's Finance Committee will meet this week, if you have any concerns or suggestions, please speak with a member before Tuesday.

Yours fraternally,  
Mick Burke.

## Lesson Learned

A troubled boy was brought into a childcare centre, and from the time he hit the front door of his new dorm he disrupted everything. He was loud and abusive, and he refused any help and defied all instructions. He was given new clothes but flung them on the floor. He was shown his new bed, and he kicked it and pulled the blankets and sheets off it.

Though he calmed down a little as days progressed, his defiance and his attitude remained unchanged. He felt everyone was against him, and he took every sign of kindness as an attack.

The dorm's head counsellor had a secret strategy, however: enormous patience. She kept offering him a safe, respectful environment, and when he reacted negatively she was firm but never responded negatively herself. She said, "He resisted all my instructions, but what he really was resisting was his own goodness. He didn't realise that if he could give in and do what he knew he ought to do, he'd finally find peace in himself and in the world".

(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)

## All This Stuff!

Consider the last time you struggled with a too-heavy suitcase, or had to pack up all your possessions and move to another address. Compare that with the yoke of Christ: the burden of love we carry in our hearts. Which experience is better, more life-giving, more real?

The yoke of Christ is the mandate to love, even when it means sacrifice, even if it involves suffering. It's not the silly, romantic love that shows up in all the movies, but the day-to-day love of parents for children, the plodding fidelity of spouses, the single-hearted devotion of artists for their craft, the constancy of friends who support us when the news is bad.

It's a mirror of the love God has for us, and when we're faithful in love, we open a window to that greater love for those around us to experience.

Love is a burden; but it's a lovely one to bear. Anyone who has loved, in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer, knows that some burdens are a privilege to carry. If our love is tied up in the things of this world, we'll be dragging that overstuffed suitcase around and wondering why we ache so. If our hearts are free to love others, Christ will carry that love to places we haven't dreamed of.

## How do you spend your love, on people or things? Are the burdens you carry difficult, or easy?

Make a decision to simplify. Be drastic! Give away on-third of what owns you: books, clothes, money, or some other item that's collected around you. Contemplate what the new space in your life means, and what it's for.

GPBS eNews

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He learned that lesson finally and today is busy teaching his own children how to find that inner peace. In this week's gospel, Jesus not only offers peace to those who are burdened but also a way that we can find that rest for ourselves. The first step is to stop resisting what's good for us - including our own goodness.

GPBS eNews

The ultimately responsible question is not how I extricate myself heroically from a situation but how a coming generation is to go on living. Only from such a historically responsible question will fruitful solutions arise, however humiliating they may be for the moment. In short, it is much easier to see a situation through on the basis of principle than in concrete responsibility.

Bonhoeffer  
Letters and Papers from Prison



Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Stevie-Grace Marie

child of Brooke

**SACRIFICIAL PLANNED GIVING**

Tax receipts are available at the back of the church.

Thankyou

**WANTED**

Old Mount Carmel School photos to compile a history of the school and Hartigan Centre precinct:

- \* the school playground before 1980's and when 2 tennis courts were in the area of the trees and seating.
\* Also when a tennis court was next to the wall of the admin block.
\* The old aboriginal school, later priest's garage, it was where the technics block is now.
\* The old weather sheds where the cream brick school rooms are now.
\* The area beside the hall before 1952 when the area from the rock wall near the grotto and the entrance gate. The area was tiered in 3 levels.
\* Any photos of the front of the Hartigan Centre before 1950's.

Photos will be returned after copies are made with the owners permission.

Contact: Bob Nash 0418 691 423 or email bob\_nash@live.com.au



**NATSICC LOGO**

The NATSICC Logo depicts a willy willy, the wind force in the centre a symbol of God's Spirit. The round concentric circles at the top symbolise God and Life, the base depicts men and women receiving the Holy Spirit. The logo was designed by Mrs. Olive Boddington, from Western Australia.

**"WEDDING PLANS UNDER CONTROL?"**

- 1st to 2nd AUGUST

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**SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2020**

**RECONCILIATION**

Registration

Completed

Commitment Mass

Completed

Church Liturgy

Thursday 27th August 7:00pm at St. Augustine's

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 2nd September 6:00pm at St. Augustine's

**FIRST EUCHARIST**

Registration

Completed

Commitment Mass

Saturday 5th or 12th September 6:00pm at St. Augustine's and Sunday 6th or 13th September 10:15am at St. Augustine's

Church Liturgy

Thursday 12th November 7:00pm at St. Augustine's

Preparation Day

Friday 20th November 9:00am-3:10pm at the Hartigan Centre and St. Augustine's

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd November 10:00am at St. Augustine's

**CONFIRMATION**

Postponed to 2021

Rest and peace: Doctor: Your husband needs rest and peace. Here are some sleeping pills. Wife: When must I give them to him? Doctor: They are for you...

The pills for mental rest, which make you restless: George came home from the psychiatrist looking very worried. "What's the problem?" his wife asked. "The doctor told me I could have no worry and perfect peace of mind if I take a pill every day for the rest of my life," he explained. "So what? Lots of people have to take a pill every day their whole lives," she replied. "I know," said George, "but the doctor gave me only four pills!"

In search of rest: A man had been driving all night and by morning was still far from his destination. He decided to stop at the next city he came to and park somewhere quiet so he could get an hour or two of sleep. As luck would have it, the quiet place he chose happened to be on one of the city's major jogging routes. No sooner had he settled back to snooze when there came a knocking on his window. He looked out and saw a jogger running in place. "Excuse me, sir," the jogger said, "do you have the time?" The man looked at the car clock and answered, "8:15". The jogger said thanks and left. The man settled back again, and was just dozing off when there was another knock on the window and another jogger. "Excuse me, sir, do you have the time?" "8:25!" The jogger said thanks and left. Now the man could see other joggers passing by and he knew it was only a matter of time before another one disturbed him. To avoid the problem, he got out a pen and paper and put a sign in his window saying, "I do not know the time!" Once again, he settled back to sleep. He was just dozing off when there was another knock on the window. "Sir, sir? It's 8:45!"

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

Father our Creator  
 You created all things, seen and unseen,  
 Listen to my silent prayer as I stand here before you.  
 As my weary eyes look back over distant horizons,  
 Back to those days where my people walked.  
 The footprints of my grandfathers are imprinted on the earth  
 and their images become real to me.  
 I see my Grandfathers standing tall and strong, warriors of  
 long ago.  
 I hear them singing, I see them dancing, and my spirit  
 moves within me.  
 They told me of the emus fighting; picking the scent of our  
 hunters.  
 The images fade away as I feel the hurt of my people.  
 I can hear the cries of my Grandmothers as they cry for  
 their children.  
 Grandfather, You can see me as I stand here and feel this  
 hurt.  
 Father Creator, is this the purpose of my being here?  
 Or is it your plan to reshape my people to be once again  
 the proud race it once was?  
 Let me walk with you and my Grandfathers towards the  
 dawning  
 of a proud and new nation.  
 I thank you for my Sacred Being.  
 Amen.

NATSICC Leadership Gathering November 1995

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently deceased

Marie Liddle, Mary Woodgate, Fr. John O'Keefe,  
 Robert Bateman

### Prayers for

Sr. Maureen Hummerston RSM, Paul Shim

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

Gerald Longley (3/7), Roy Gibbs (2/7), Brigid Faulkner (5/7),  
 Herman Poecher (5/7), Reginald (Dal) Hanrahan (5/7),  
 Dennis Faulkner (6/7), Leslie Cox (6/7), Lee Irwin (8/7),  
 Joanne Kelly (8/7), Ben Van den Bulk (9/7),  
 Kevin Dawes (9/7), Cliff Hoey (9/7), John O'Connor (9/7),  
 Bernard Howard (9/7), Harry Wales (10/7),  
 Judith Ticehurst (10/7), Frans Broers (13/7),  
 Dulcie Finn (14/7), Thomas Wales (14/7),  
 Helen Bunting (14/7), Justin Hayward (16/7),  
 Joan Bray (17/7), Adrian Cooke (17/7), Brett Irwin (18/7),  
 Gerald Doyle (18/7), Ron Merriman (18/7),  
 Henry Burgess (18/7), Len Longley (19/7), Stan Irwin (21/7),  
 Robyn Cox (21/7), James McGinley (22/7),  
 Catherine Wallace (22/7), Patricia Dobbin (22/7),  
 Teri Bates (23/7), Terez Bates (23/7), Maureen Yates (23/7),  
 Marie Grace (24/7), Angela Waters (24/7), Eric Hobday (26/7),  
 Joyce Ryan (26/7), Nita Hogan (27/7), Ronald Howard (27/7),  
 Gordon Todkill (30/7) and Glenice Doyle (30/7).

**Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered**

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

**First Reading** *Is 55:10-11*  
 The Lord's word refreshes and stimulates.

**Second Reading** *Rom 8:18-23*  
 Our suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory.

**Gospel** *Mt 13:1-23*  
 Parable of the sower.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

1 = Readings/Resp.	Psalm/Gospel Acc.	2 = Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Offertory		4 = Acolyte
<b>4 Jul</b>	Russell Hill 1 Kay Perceval 3	Rod Perceval 2 Vince Coffey 4
<b>11 Jul</b>	Peter Cleary 1 McManus Family 3	Gaye McManus 2 Russell Hill 4

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

<b>4 Jul</b>	Kay Perceval Peter Cleary Coral Carroll
<b>11 Jul</b>	Peter Walker Steve Scroope Elizabeth Liew

#### VISITS

<b>5 Jul</b>	Kay Perceval Peter Cleary Coral Carroll
<b>12 Jul</b>	Peter Walker Steve Scroope Elizabeth Liew

#### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>4 Jul</b>	Clare & Ella Broers
<b>11 Jul</b>	Molly & Grace McPherson

#### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

<b>4 Jul</b>	Peter Cleary
<b>11 Jul</b>	Dianne Carey

#### HOSPITALITY

<b>4 Jul</b>	Frank & Kath Grace
<b>11 Jul</b>	Peter & Cathy Cleary

#### CARE GROUP

<b>6 Jul</b>	Sr Aileen (Group 3)	Marie Polyak Irene Carr (Group 4)
<b>13 Jul</b>	Helen Van Wanrooy Suzanne Hawkes (Group 5)	Kath Turner Shirley Williamson (Group 6)

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>11 Jul</b>	Helen Murphy
<b>18 Jul</b>	Coral Carroll

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