



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

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

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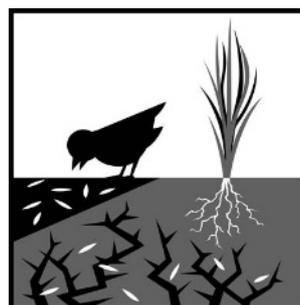
ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

11th & 12th July 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R**

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R**

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

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

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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

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: Saint Bonaventure

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Augustine's parish has a comprehensive maintenance schedule for the next five years. Since the last finance meeting we have spent just under \$10,000 on urgent repairs. On the list of things needed to be done is the painting of the Lovat Chapel and the wall facing Meehan Street. It is thirty-two years since the Lovat Chapel has been painted and sections of the eaves will need to be replaced due to rot. The finance committee discussed the possibility of applying for a loan but as the Archbishop instructed me not to embark on any other major projects, we will now use all our reserves to complete this work, beginning next week.

The book entitled 'Shepherd of Shepherds', the story of Fr. Charles Lovat is available at the office, during office hours, reduced to half price at \$10, proceeds going towards the painting of the Lovat Chapel.

Yours fraternally,
Mick Burke.

Celebrating Sea Sunday

Apostleship of the Sea Australia

This Sunday (12th July) is Sea Sunday, an opportunity to recognise the important work being done by seafarers across the world. The theme for this year is "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11: 28)

We only have to look around us, in our homes and in our work, to recognise the many commodities that are brought to our shores by cargo ships. In fact, over 95% of global trade is carried by ships. As an island nation, we in Australia are heavily reliant on ships and the commodities they bring to us for our survival.

The Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) ministry has recognised this reality and concerns itself totally with the welfare and pastoral care of seafarers who crew these ships. In almost every country bound by sea, there exists a community of people who care for seafarers, fishers and their families. The Stella Maris Apostolate has, for the past 100 years, responded to seafarers' needs and has advocated on their behalf regardless of their colour or creed.

By anyone's standards, seafarers are burdened more than most other workers. They are in need, especially at this time of the pandemic, of the rest that Jesus promises in this year's Gospel theme. They are burdened by isolation, loneliness, exploitation, wage theft, climatic hardship, abuse (physical, sexual and verbal), fear of piracy and insecure employment.

During this COVID-19 period, all these burdens have been exacerbated leading to extreme stress on seafarers working on cargo and cruise ships globally. Much has been reported in the media about the Ruby Princess cruise ship and the plight of seafarers on that vessel.

Likewise, seafarers are stranded on both cargo and cruise vessels all over the world at this time. Thousands of the

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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>)

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seafarers have already been onboard working for 14 months straight, way beyond the end of their contract due to closed borders and COVID-19 restrictions. We have heard of a frightening increase in suicides onboard ships.

In June, Pope Francis sent a message of support to maritime personnel and seafarers, acknowledging their important contributions to the movement of essential goods during this time of the pandemic.

'Know that you are not alone and that you are not forgotten,' Pope Francis said. 'Your work at sea often keeps you apart from others, but you are close to me in my thoughts and prayers, and in those of your chaplains and the volunteers of Stella Maris.'

These sentiments were echoed by Bishop Bosco Puthur, the Bishop Promoter of Apostleship of the Sea Australia, who has also sent a special message to seafarers in the lead up to Sea Sunday. 'This virus respects no country's borders... I pray that you will receive good guidance and support to keep you safe and well in these uncertain times.'

During this time of the pandemic, Stella Maris chaplains, managers and volunteers have doubled their efforts around the Australian ports to serve these vulnerable confined seafarers when ships dock. In addition to the advocacy work of Stella Maris on behalf of seafarers with the maritime industry, we also seek to support seafarers through the provision of chaplaincy services, care packs of essential hygiene products, phone cards/Wi-Fi, warm clothing, telephone counselling and provision of live stream Masses for Catholic seafarers.

Roslyn Rajasingam, National Director of Apostleship of the Sea Australia, says the seafarers are grateful for the ongoing support of Stella Maris. 'Since the March lockdown, seafarers were not allowed on shore leave so they would contact our centre managers and chaplains if they needed spiritual support or if they needed SIM cards and goods to be bought from supermarkets or computer/digital stores.'

The seafarers were grateful for the care packs our centres provided for them at the height of the pandemic. Their friends and family also contact us on social media to report any problems the seafarers experienced on their ships. They know we are there to support them.'

The Stella Maris ministry is dependent on donations both financial and in kind. The annual Sea Sunday appeal encourages the Catholic community to acknowledge seafarers as the essential workers they are and to respond by giving back something to them in gratitude for all the sacrifices they endure to make our lives more comfortable.

More information on how to support this ministry can be found at the Apostleship of the Sea website or visit their Facebook page.

We continue to keep all seafarers and their families in our prayers especially during this time of the pandemic.

Mary, Star of the Sea. Pray for us.

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

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Yuma - my name is Michael Bell youngest son of Ken and Pam Bell, I descend from the Woollabalooa clan of the Ngunnawal Nation, the Woolabalooa are a northern Ngunnawal clan which has its traditional connection to Yaar, the area that is now known as Yass.

I am here today to welcome you to the traditional land of my people the Ngunnawal, on this very special National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Celebration.

As we the Ngunnawal people have always known, this has been our traditional land for as far back as the spoken word can carry. We also know it will continue to be the traditional land of my people into the future. In acknowledging that we gather on the traditional land of the Ngunnawal, St Augustine's is paying respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history of Australia.

Why have a Welcome?

Before colonisation and before the pioneers came to the Yaar Plains, it was the tradition of Aboriginal people that when strangers came into their particular country to hunt or to gather, or to just pass through on their way to other places, that the host Aboriginals' tribe would go out to welcome them. The visitor's presence was made know by the use of fire and a column of smoke, accordingly the reply was returned the same way. When the two groups met, there would be the formalities of the greeting, a smoking ceremony. Part of the ceremony of welcome would be the men sitting around and talking men's business whilst the host women would take the visiting women and children to a women's site to talk women's business. When this was completed, the two groups would join again and a feast and corroboree would take place.

During these ceremonies, the visiting tribe would be taken and shown the sites of significance and be told the stories of the spirit of the land they would be passing.

In this way, the hosts believed that by the end of formalities, when the strangers were ready to move on - they would not be considered strangers but friends who now had the spirit of the country in their hearts—they carried the Ngurna with them—just like the people who lived there. They believed that once the spirit of the land was in their hearts, then those people would never damage the land - they would love it and care for it like those whose home country it was.

With that history lesson in mind I would like to give you all another more recent insight to our history and take you back to the origins of St Augustine's."

Michael then provided a potted history of the establishment of the Catholic Parish of St Augustine's in Yass and made the connection between the welcome he was extending to parishioners in Ngunnawal Country on Sunday 5th July 2020 and the welcome that was given to the Sisters of Mercy upon their arrival in Yass in December 1875. On that occasion, following a speech made by Bishop Lanigan, an Aboriginal elder stepped out of the crowd and welcomed the "Sacred Ladies" on behalf of her Ngunnawal people. Michael also identified the earlier relationships developed between Fr Charles Lovat and the Aboriginal people of Yass as being positive and contributing to a successful Catholic parish in Yass.

Following Michael's wonderful welcome, Fr Mick Burke also spoke of the positive relationship between the Aboriginal people of Yass and the pioneering Catholic priests and nuns. However, Fr Mick further acknowledged that historically there had been areas of tension that had not always been successfully resolved. He identified embracing the theme of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, "Together in the Spirit" as being the way forward to achieving Reconciliation, healing and an authentic Australian Catholic Church.

St Augustine's Parish would like to thank Sally Fitzgerald, Archdiocesan representative at the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Catholic Council (NATSICC), for her advice and beautiful fabrics that were used in the Sanctuary for Sunday's Mass.

SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2020

RECONCILIATION

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

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



On Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday-5th July-Ngunnawal man, Michael Bell, began Mass by welcoming the St Augustine's Parish Community to his country. Some excerpts from his speech are included below.

"I would like to acknowledge my Ngunnawal Elders any other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders, I would also like to acknowledge the ancestries and descendants of all the people represented here today that make up our Dioceses and St Augustine's community.

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COMMUNION REFLECTION

The seed fell on rich soil.

In the rich soil of care,
the word of God takes root.

In the fruitful soil of birth,
the word of God becomes flesh.

In the thorny soil of suffering,
the word of God consoles.

In the flowering soil of friendship,
the word of God makes sense.

In the deep soil of faith,
the word of God comes to life.

And in the times
we till our lives
with care, compassion,
with courage and endurance,
with joy and with love,
the word of God is sown by Jesus,
and bears its rich fruit,
and is given to us
in the Bread of Life.

The seed fell on rich soil.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading Wis 12:13. 16-19

God is mighty and gentle.

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit overcomes our weaknesses.

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

Parables of the weeds in the field and the mustard seed.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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Functions etc



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Prop: Aaron Kurt Nettheim
49 Comur Street, Yass
Ph: 6226 1368



*This week we welcomed into
our Church community:*

Stevie-Grace Marie

child of Brooke

SACRIFICIAL PLANNED GIVING

Tax receipts are available at the back of the church.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently deceased

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

Prayers for

Kevin Dawes, Gerald Longley,
Sr. Maureen Hummerston RSM

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 Dobbins (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

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Readings/Resp. Psalm/Gospel Acc.	2 = Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Offertory	4 = Acolyte
11 Jul Peter Cleary 1	Gaye McManus 2
McManus Family 3	Russell Hill 4
18 Jul Tom Considine 1	Bob Nash 2
Morton Family 3	Peter Walker 4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

11 Jul Peter Walker Steve Scroope Elizabeth Liew
18 Jul Michael Green Noel Quinn Joe Morrissey

VISITS

12 Jul Peter Walker Steve Scroope Elizabeth Liew
19 Jul Michael Green Noel Quinn Joe Morrissey

ALTAR SERVERS

11 Jul Molly & Grace McPherson
18 Jul Grace & Charlie Miller

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

11 Jul Dianne Carey
18 Jul Peter Gibbs

HOSPITALITY

11 Jul Peter & Cathy Cleary
18 Jul Bert & Cath Moore

CARE GROUP

13 Jul Helen Van Wanrooy Suzanne Hawkes (Group 5)
Kath Turner Shirley Williamson (Group 6)
20 Jul Helen Murphy Maureen Collins (Group 7)
Lourdes O'Keefe Geraldine Doyle (Group 8)

ALTAR CLEANERS

18 Jul Coral Carroll
25 Jul Kay Perceval

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