



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	

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

8th & 9th August 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
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

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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

Mon: Saint Lawrence
Tue: Saint Clare
Fri: Saint Maximillian Mary Kolbe
Sat: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Augustine's Finance Committee will meet this coming week to discuss ongoing maintenance. At our last meeting, due to health issues, Bill Luchetti offered his resignation. Bill has been an extraordinary contributor to our parish community, serving on committees and commitment to St. Vincent de Paul, and in the broader community as a member of the local council. He is also Chair of Yass/Gunning Belun. I am indebted to Bill as a mentor in my time in Yass. It's time for him to take a rest in the knowledge that he has served well in many areas.

Due to the generosity and commitment of our parishioners, I was amazed that our balance sheet from January to August was in a healthy position. I thought that by now we would be in deficit because of the coronavirus. Many parishioners contribute electronically and those who prefer to use envelopes have continued to ensure we receive their donations to sacrificial planned giving. At this stage it would seem we won't need to take out a loan to complete the painting of the Lovat Chapel and wall on Meehan Street.

Gunning parish is in a sound financial position.

I attended Mount Carmel Community Council this week and congratulate Michael Green and the executive on a successful registration for the next five years. Covid-19 has been a challenge to teachers, staff and students at Mount Carmel but they have risen to the challenge.

A Walk on the Wild Side

Peter was a fisherman. He was long accustomed to the sea and its moods, and surely this was not the first stormy night he had spent on the water. Peter knew how to compensate for wind and waves in choppy weather. He also knew there was a point beyond which negotiation with a tempest was impossible. But Peter had no experience at all with a ghost, or a man, walking on the waves. Like the others in the boat, he was afraid. But unlike the others, he was willing to negotiate with this new situation. Peter decided to take a walk on the wild side.

A fisherman who stays with his boat knows how to ride a wave. But with wind at his back and water under his feet, all Peter had for support was the solid view of Jesus. As his consciousness of the peril grew, his confidence in the Lord shrank. Many of us too have lost our faith in time of crisis. Our trust in God is steady within the boat, and up for grabs when life is less predictable. Peter scores points for risking a walk on the wild side, which the rest of the disciples were unwilling to do. An untested faith is worse than the 'little faith' Peter showed. God can always plant a mustard seed.

**When has your faith been tested by stormy events?
How did your faith endure?**

Walk in faith, even if it means getting out of the safe boat you have been sailing lately. Take a risk: give charitably beyond what is comfortable. Tell the truth even if it costs you. Pray through your doubts.

"Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid".

(GPBS eNews)

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Father	Mick Burke	Stan	Waldren
David	Garland	Mark	Valencic
Paul	O'Mara	Trish	Gibbs
Irene	Carr		

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)

Henri Nouwen's Little River story

Once upon a time there was a little river that said, "I can become a big river." It worked hard to get big, but in the process, encountered a huge rock. "I won't let this rock stop me," the river said. And the little river pushed and pushed until it finally made its way around the rock. Next the river encountered a mountain. "I won't let this mountain stop me," the river said. And the little river pushed and pushed until it finally carved a canyon through the mountain. The river, now large and powerful, finally arrived at the edge of a vast desert. "I won't let this desert stop me," the river said. But as the river pushed and pushed its way across the desert, the hot sand began soaking up its water until only a few puddles remained. The river was quiet. Then the river heard a voice from above. "My child, stop pushing. It's time to surrender. Let me lift you up. Let me take over." The river said, "Here I am." The sun then lifted the river up and turned it into a huge cloud. And the wind carried the river across the desert and let it rain down on the hills and valleys of the faraway fields, making them fruitful and rich. If we stay focused on Christ, having more Faith in Him than in ourselves, obeying His will even when it's hard, no obstacle will be too much for us, and he will make our lives more fruitful than we could ever imagine.

(E-Priest)



Yass/Gunning Belun operates two vehicles in Timor Leste. The Toyota Troopie, donated by a parishioner, is able to reach the remotest parts of Oecusse. Rust is an issue, as it travels through many tidal rivers and rugged terrain.



Next week we welcome into
our Church community:

Jordan & Alyssa

children of

Jesse & Shannon

BOOK FAIR 2020

As previously advised, a decision was made due to the current circumstances to cancel this year's Book Fair. A number of people have asked if they might be able to bring donations for the next fair now. While it would be great to take these wonderful donations off your hands in anticipation of 2021, we simply don't have the space to store them safely until such time as they can be used.

I have investigated the Life Line Book Fair. Unfortunately they are not taking donations at the moment either.

I really hope that by this time next year, this virus might be behind us and I will be imploring you to bring in your books so that we can make the 2021 Book Fair a huge success. Until then, maybe read your books again. There's nothing quite like a good book! (And not just The Good Book.)

Deb Valencic

NATIONAL MEN'S GATHERING – 15th AUGUST

"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.

Cost: FREE

Registration: Available from Monday 29th June

Event Program: Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020

Go to: bit.ly/cm2020event

The Lovat Chapel will be a 'hub' for this National Men's Gathering for 2020. Enquiries to Steve Scroope.

LAUDATO SI DIALOGUE

Commencing August/September an ecumenical group of participants will look together each fortnight at *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' letter "On Care for Our Common Home".

You can register interest in obtaining further information in taking part at BelconnenSouth@cg.org.au or on 0428 625 110.

WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY – 22nd AUGUST

The retreat is based on St Catherine of Siena's words "Be who you are meant to be and you will set the world on fire". This event is both an in-person event and available online commencing at 9:00am and concluding with dinner.

For more information please contact mglisisters@gmail.com.

Location: St Thomas the Apostle, 37 Boddington Cres, Kambah, ACT 2902.

SACRIFICIAL PLANNED GIVING

Tax receipts are available at the back of the church.

WOMEN'S REFLECTION AFTERNOON – 29th AUGUST

The "Afternoon" will be livestreamed to all corners of the Archdiocese from 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

Gather with friends at home or in the parish and connect with women from Lake Cargelligo to Pambula to hear inspiring talks and participate in short guided prayer experiences. Hosted by the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce.

Register at www.bit.ly/WomensReflectionAfternoon

Enquiries email catholic.women@cg.org.au or ring/text Lara on 0429 192 869.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 30th AUGUST

The 2020–2021 Statement, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, encourages faith communities, governments and each one of us to make mental health a priority. It is a timely message in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic is affecting many members of our parishes, schools and communities.

Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Statement encourages us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community.

NATIONAL PRAYER CRUSADE FOR VOCATIONS – 6th SEPTEMBER

The Knights of the Southern Cross will launch their 14th National Prayer Crusade for Vocations. The aim is to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life with the hope that this will lead to an increase in Catholic Chaplains for the Australian Defence Force (both in Australia and overseas) where there is an ongoing need.

The Crusade runs until Saturday, 28th November 2020 and all Catholic organisations/schools and colleges, parishes and individual Catholics throughout Australia are being invited to participate.

Each participant is asked to choose one week during the Crusade period and pray the following Crusade Prayer each day:

"Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Military Services. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen."

OZANAM SUNDAY APPEAL – SEPTEMBER 2020

Archbishop Prowse has approved the St Vincent de Paul Society conducting its annual Ozanam Sunday appeal for our Twinned Conferences in September in each parish in the Archdiocese. Twinning is the program by which the Society supports fellow Vincentians in developing countries. Normally this appeal is held as a retiring collection after the Masses on the weekend nearest the feast of St Vincent de Paul which this year is Sunday 27th September. At this stage of what has been an extraordinary year, arrangements for Mass celebrations will vary across Parishes. Details to follow.

MY VOICE - YOUTH

My Voice seeks to realise the Archdiocesan three-year vision for youth: belong, believe and become. It involves children in articulating their rights and responsibilities within the Church. The project is designed for students in Years 4-7.

If you would like to participate in the survey, go to: cgyouth.org.au/myvoice or email youth@cg.org.au for more information.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Courage, it is !! Do not be afraid.

When you fear for the future of your children,
and wonder will they make it safely through life,
Do not be afraid.

When you fear that love may not last
and your commitments will run dry,
Do not be afraid.

When you fear in teenage years that you'll not find friends
and you will be left alone,
Do not be afraid.

When death is close
and you feel so confused and anxious,
Do not be afraid.

When God seems distant
and you can't find consolation,
Do not be afraid.

When faults and sin take over
and you wonder can God really love you,
Do not be afraid.

In all the moments of life
when it seems like walking on water,
in our fears and anxieties, our despair and our
hopelessness,
in mourning and sadness,
and also in joy and hope, love and peace,
when the water is calm and life seems to support us,
we hear the word of God:

Courage, it is !! Do not be afraid.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently deceased

Mary James, Shayne Phillips

Prayers for

Sr. Kathleen Cudmore, William Grace

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

Frances Todkill (1/8), Catherine Wallace (1/8),
Frances Cassidy (1/8), Eric Runnacles (5/8),
Thomas Heaney (5/8), Robert Field (6/8),
Beverley Beeten (7/8), Tilly Ward (7/8), Dennis Hoey (11/8),
Paul Ryan (13/8), Val McDonald (7/8), Josef Kuszko (13/8),
Helen Hird (15/8), Robert Wade (15/8), Irene Diver (15/8),
Samantha Darmody (15/8), Margaret Neumann (16/8),
Brendan McPhillips (16/8), Emma Bainbridge (18/8),
Gweneth Besgrove (19/8), Thomas Hilly (21/8),
Florence Davis (21/8), Brian Hepple (22/8),
Kevin McKenzie (23/8), Peggy Kennedy (25/8),
Bernard Robinson (27/8), Catherine Walmsley (27/8),
Valda Connors (28/8) and Joan Perrot (31/8).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Readings/Resp. Psalm/Gospel Acc. 2 = Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Offertory 4 = Acolyte

8 Aug	Debbie	Valencic	1	Mark	Valencic	2
	N/A		3	Greg	Minahan	4
15 Aug	Joe	Morrissey	1	Susan	Morrissey	2
	N/A		3	Vince	Coffey	4

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

8 Aug Dianne Carey
15 Aug Peter Gibbs

ALTAR CLEANERS

15 Aug Jane Hingston
22 Aug Helen Murphy

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