



# Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

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

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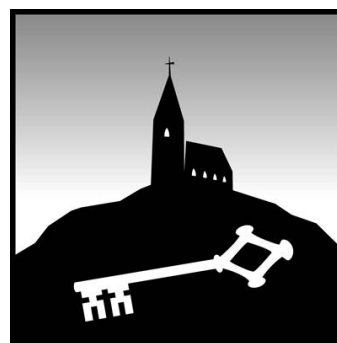
## ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

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 earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

### SUNDAY MASSES:

Yass:	St Augustine	
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm
Gunning:	St Francis Xavier	
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
Murrumbateman:		
To be held at Yass until further notice		10:15 am
Wee Jasper:	Our Lady of the Rosary	
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

#### Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)

2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
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#### Horton/Warmincton

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

Yass	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

**Mon:** Saint Bartholomew  
**Thu:** Saint Monica  
**Fri:** Saint Augustine  
**Sat:** The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

At the funeral of our young Aboriginal brother this past week, I was reminded of the suffering experienced by the families of those gathered, too many premature deaths. It's extremely difficult to maintain social distancing on occasions such as this, mindful of the need to comfort the sorrowing. I spoke with Auntie Glenda Merritt, a beautiful friend, of the desire of our community to own past hurts caused by occupying their sacred site on which St. Augustine's was built. She assured me the Aboriginal community of Yass would come together to see how our communities can heal past hurts. There is great admiration for the support given by the priests, especially Fr. Lovat, and the Mercy Sisters to the Aboriginal community over nearly two centuries. As you are aware, this issue was discussed at the last meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council as expressed by the Chair of the PPC, reprinted on this bulletin. Those interested in being involved in this process, please speak with Sarah Johnston.

About a month ago I shared how the clergy car pool operates with contributions from both Yass and Gunning parishes and myself. We don't own the vehicles we use but the car pool benefits from fleet discounts. At the end of my tenure here, I will buy the new Rav4 I picked up this week.

The Yass Minister's Fraternal will meet in the Hartigan Centre this coming week.

## WALKING TOGETHER: THE JOURNEY TO HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

In his recent Welcome to Country on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, Michael Bell stirred the hearts and minds of many of our parishioners with his eloquent description of the historically good relationship between the Ngunnawal people of Yass, Father Lovat, the parishioners of St Augustine's parish and the Sisters of Mercy. However, it also became evident that there were elements of our shared history that were not so positive particularly the establishment of the original St Augustine's Church on the site of an Aboriginal Bora Ring. Michael Bell met this week with Father Mick and members of the Parish Pastoral Council to discuss the best approach to a healing journey. Michael explained that if we can use this history to now bring the community together we can start healing process. The journey begins with thorough research and telling the story of the history of the incident and public acknowledgment of the significance of the location. There can then be a joint ceremony/commemoration and/or establishment of a public art work which builds a pathway for both communities. As well as building strong and respectful relationships within our church and community, "The ultimate goal," said Michael, "is to tell the true story of Yass through the Aboriginal and parish history and in doing so put this church on the map". Who wouldn't want to be a part of that creative, healing journey?!

Please start thinking about whether you have particular gifts and skills that you would like to put to the service of the St Augustine's Parish Reconciliation Action Plan.

Watch this space for further developments!

## 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)

## A Rock Solid Foundation

One day soon, Peter will deny he ever knew Jesus. But at this moment, he's chosen to be the foundation upon which the future church will rest. Peter, in a sure spot? He was a nail driven into spackle! Is Jesus being ironic when he calls him a rock? In just a few more verses, Jesus will call Peter the devil.

Jesus is Lord - but also a realist. Human nature is soft, like the flesh that contains it, and there truly is no better choice among the Twelve than Peter. From this impulsive, unschooled, self-preserving fisherman, God will raise up the rafters of a church that will see twenty centuries and more. Not because Peter is great, but because God is. Not much can be built on flesh, as frail and uncertain as human beings are. But through the Spirit which gives the church its breath, the reign of God keeps on coming, on earth as it is in heaven.

**What part of your Christian commitment is like rock?  
What part is flesh?**

Spend time with God the Mystery. Without words, prayer aids, or the usual props, sit in silence and let God's 'unknowability' find you. Seek to be known, and not to know.

**"And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock".**

(GPBS eNews)

In a convent in Ireland, the 98-year-old Mother Superior lay dying. The nuns gathered around her bed trying to make her last journey comfortable. They tried giving her warm milk to drink but she refused it. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen.

Then, remembering a bottle of Irish Whiskey that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk.

Back at Mother Superior's bed, they held the glass to her lips. The frail nun drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop. As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader.

"Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us."

She raised herself up in bed on one elbow, looked at them and said:

"DON'T SELL THAT COW!"

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Church Liturgy

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 7:00pm at St. Augustine's

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 6:00pm at St. Augustine's

### FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

The annual collection for retired priests: 30 priests of our Archdiocese come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to this Appeal and all gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have in the past.

Donations can also be made at [www.cgatholic.org.au/donate](http://www.cgatholic.org.au/donate)

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> September. At this stage of what has been an extraordinary year, arrangements for Mass celebrations will vary across Parishes. Details to follow.

### CONCERNED CATHOLICS CANBERRA GOULBURN

– 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

PUBLIC FORUM via ZOOM

Plenary Council Update

*The writing and discernment papers: Where to from here?*

*Chair:* Andrea Dean (Chair, WATAC (Women and the Australian Church))

*Speakers:* Terry Fewtrell (Lead author of CCCG submission to the Plenary Council), *Andrew Phelan* (Contributing author of CCCG submission to the Plenary Council)

*Respondent:* Beth Doherty (Author of *All the Beautiful Things: Finding Truth, Beauty and Goodness in a Fractured Church.*)

*Time:* 5:00pm-6:30pm

*Further details:* [www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org](http://www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org)

*Contact:* Mark Metherell 0417 603 697

### WOMEN'S REFLECTION AFTERNOON – 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bit.ly/WomensReflectionAfternoon)

Enquiries email [catholic.women@cg.org.au](mailto:catholic.women@cg.org.au) or ring/text Lara on 0429 192 869.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY – 30<sup>th</sup> 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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."*

### THE WAY FORWARD – 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

A free online pro-life panel from 2:00pm-4:30pm. What practical steps, however small, can we take towards creating a more life-affirming culture? Pro-Life Professionals (Canberra) are hosting a panel of speakers involved in medicine, law and policy, and the social media sphere, who are finding innovative ways to reach out in support of pregnant women and their unborn children. Join us for an afternoon of online presentations and Q&A, and learn how you too can help to build a culture of life.

Register at [bit.ly/way-forward-canberra](http://bit.ly/way-forward-canberra).

### FINANCIAL SERVICES SUPPORT OFFICER

We are looking for an enthusiastic, systems minded candidate who has had some two years' experience with bookkeeping, payroll, BAS/GST and financial reporting, preferably using the accounting software MYOB.

Applications close on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

Please send your application to [Matthew.Kelly@cg.org.au](mailto:Matthew.Kelly@cg.org.au)

Position Description:

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/position-vacant-financial-services-support-officer/>

The Holy Spirit to Isaiah came,  
And unto him were wond'rous words revealed  
A Virgin shall conceive, you will proclaim  
This truth 'til now from all has been concealed  
To see her Lord, the prophetess aspired  
For holy Anna prayed by night and day  
To hold Christ Child just Simeon desired  
And then to God his Nunc dimittis pray  
O Word made Flesh, by Whom the stars were flung!  
You chose Your Mother through all ages planned  
Whilst in her womb, Magnificat was sung  
As Mary shared her blood with God's Right Hand  
Still yet to come, the cross and sorrow's sword  
Then joy! All Glory to Our Risen Lord

John Meston

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

**You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.**

'He must be joking,' the others thought when Jesus said, 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church'.

They knew him well, a rather mediocre fisherman, a hot-tempered husband and father, the centre of everything going on, but could you rely on him?

They wouldn't be surprised later that he would deny that he knew Jesus, or that he would run away when the going was tough.

What they didn't think of was that they would all run away as well!

Jesus saw into Peter's heart, recognised his generosity, his enthusiasm for a cause, his love for family and friends, and named him 'Rock'.

Maybe he recognised also that Peter knew his faults and failings and weaknesses; and isn't that a great security in life - to know yourself well; and that's what makes good leaders.

On the rock of Peter, Jesus built his Church, and his church is little different from Peter: strong at times or weak, enthusiastic and courageous, sinful and unreliable, for his Church is you and I, our parish community, the community of God's people, confessing with joy that Jesus is the Christ of God.

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently deceased

Marjorie Shields, John Garrety, Justin Bell

### Prayers for

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

<b>22 Aug</b>	Rod	Perceval	1	Bob	Nash	2
	N/A		3	Russell	Hill	4
<b>29 Aug</b>	Kate	Walker	1	Russell	Hill	2
	N/A		3	Peter	Walker	4

### POWER POINT PRESENTERS

<b>22 Aug</b>	Russell	Hill	<b>29 Aug</b>	Peter	Cleary
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### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>29 Aug</b>	Coral	Carroll	<b>5 Sep</b>	Kay	Perceval
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## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

**First Reading** Jer 20:7-9

Despite discouragement, God's word burns in Jeremiah's heart.

**Second Reading** Rom 12:1-2

Offer yourself as a living sacrifice.

**Gospel** Mt 16:21-27

Jesus reveals his future death, rebukes Peter.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

## OLD LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Ray Burn, Dr Hanna Burn-Petersen

Dr Shyama Gonakumbura

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