



# 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	

## 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/Warminington

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

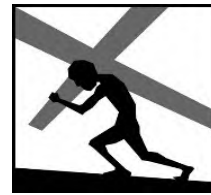
By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

## School Enrolments

Mt Carmel Central School: Kindergarten to Yr 6. Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

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

29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Thu:** Saint Gregory the Great

This coming Wednesday at 6pm many young parishioners will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation for the first time. Delayed by four months, due to the pandemic, please pray for them and their parents at this important moment of their journey in faith. May all of us know our sins and turn to God who is infinitely merciful.

Archbishop Prowse has requested to visit parishes and gather with interested parishioners to pray in these difficult times. His secretary has set the time of 10am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November for a visit to Yass. He has asked for about half an hour in prayer, followed by a cuppa, before he heads to Goulburn at 11:30am. Please keep this date in mind and obviously it is open to Gunning parishioners also.

At the meeting of Yass Ministers, held in the Hartigan Centre, it was decided to cancel 'Community Carols' this year and livestream 'Carol at home'. Rev. Ken Rampling and his wife Lynette have moved to the Anglican Parish of Ginninderra, ACT, and Rev. David Stuart and his wife Gillian will move to the Uniting Church Parish of Kieraview in January. Both have contributed in a wonderful way to God's kingdom in the Yass Valley.

The painting of the Lovat Chapel and wall on Meehan Street is progressing slowly. Poor weather has hampered Julian and the enormity of the task has also been a factor.

Please note, Requiem Mass for Peter O'Brien will be celebrated next week. As there will be about 40 family members attending, there will be only 60 places for friends and all must be registered by Thursday. If you would like to attend, you will need to telephone 6226 1086, Monday or Wednesday 9am – 3pm.

NUMBERS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO 100.

## First Reconciliation

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Please pray for . . .



Emma Barker	Gypsy Barker
Zevida Barker	Wyatt Brassil
Pia de Nanteuil	Emily Foran
Joseph Goodall	Mila Kelly
Emily Laughton	Mackenna Leahy
Sidney Luckie	Imogen Maher
Marc Mosca	Annabella Nagle
Jed Newman	Elijah Porfirio
Gabrielle Samperi	Amelia Shannon
Domenic Trinca Talalin	Hayden Vu
George Watson	

## Parish Finance Committee Members:

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

## Duped by God

Peter must have felt duped by God when Jesus rebuked him. What did he say that was so bad? When Jesus foretold of his future suffering and death, Peter took what he considered an appropriate defensive stand. Not you, Lord! Never!

Only moments earlier, he had called Jesus the Messiah, Peter's understanding of that term meant conquering hero, not suffering servant of God's will. Peter liked to imagine victory achieved without a scratch. Victory gained at the cost of ultimate sacrifice was no victory in his mind. If Peter was duped, it was his own preconceptions about God and religion that betrayed him. Gaining the world at the price of the soul was no bargain. But losing everything for the sake of God's victory is the one purchase we all want to consider.

**For what are you willing to suffer (i.e., love, money, justice, peace, the truth)?**

**How much are you willing to suffer for these things?**

Avoid being deceived by worldly values. Spend a week refusing to read noticeboards and magazine advertisements, watching commercials, even noting brand labels. Turn your back on the consumer message and exercise your freedom.

(GPBS eNews)

## "Quo vadis Domine?"

There is an ancient legend about Peter, which became the basis for a famous novel and motion picture. At the time of the great persecution under Nero, the Christians of Rome told Peter to leave. "You're too valuable," they said. "Get out of town! Find your safety! Go to another place and preach the Gospel." Peter hastily hurried out of town as fast as he could. But as he hurried along the Appian Way, away from the Eternal City, he was met by Christ, going toward the city. Peter said to him in Latin, "Quo vadis, Domine?" "Where are you going, Lord?" To which Jesus replied, "Back to Rome, to be crucified with my people. Where are you going, Peter?" Peter's eyes filled with tears of remorse, as he turned and walked back to Rome, where, according to tradition, he was crucified head downward, feeling that he was not worthy to die in the same manner as had his Lord. Jesus' question to Peter comes to us also. "Where are you going?" Are we going with Christ, or away from him and from his cross? That's the really important question. It doesn't matter how far we have traveled. What does matter is the direction in which we are going.

## 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)

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## 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.

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## MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA: BISHOPS RELEASE 2020-21 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2020-21, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, has been released ahead of the Church's Social Justice Sunday, celebrated on August 30 this year. Given the challenges our country and world are facing due to COVID-19, the issue of mental health is very much front and centre for many people.

The Statement challenges everyone – individuals, schools, parishes, communities, policy-makers, governments – to take an interest in the issue of mental ill-health.

'Our society tends to push away or draw away from those who confront us with our frailties and limitations. This is not the way of Jesus,' writes Bishop Terry Brady, the Bishop Delegate for Social Justice.

'This is a timely message in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic is affecting many members of our parishes, schools and communities,' Bishop Brady said.

'The personal feelings of anxiety and despair we all share at this time provide an opportunity to become more aware and active in fostering the mental health of all. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who most need our support.'

The Statement encourages parishes and local communities to be places of welcome and inclusion, overcoming the barriers and stigma often faced by people experiencing mental ill-health. It demands the commitment of governments and policy-makers to prevent so many people falling through the cracks of the mental health system.

It also calls for the nation's commitment to addressing those policies that exacerbate the already precarious circumstances of First Australians and refugees and asylum-seekers.

The 2020-2021 Social Justice Statement, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today* can be downloaded from the Office for Social Justice website. In addition to the Statement, an audio recording of the Statement has been created, as well as a prayer card. Other material to support the celebration of Social Justice Sunday on 30 August, including liturgical resources and homily notes, are also available. We encourage you to read (or listen to) the Statement, and to join with us in praying for those impacted by mental illness, and for those who provide much-needed support and care to those impacted by mental illness.

## 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."*

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## SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND – 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world the date for the collection has been moved.

The collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land and keep them in your prayers.

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## 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).

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## FINANCIAL SERVICES SUPPORT OFFICER

The Chancery is 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/>

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new; late have I loved you! For behold you were within me, and I outside; and I sought you outside and in my ugliness fell upon those lovely things that you have made. You were with me and I was not with you. I was kept from you by those things, yet had they not been in you, they would not have been at all. You called and cried to me and broke open my deafness: and you sent forth your beams and shone upon me and chased away my blindness: you breathed fragrance upon me, and I drew in my breath and do now pant for you: I tasted you, and now hunger and thirst for you: you touched me, and I have burned for your peace.

*A reading from the Confessions of St. Augustine*

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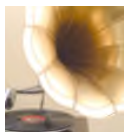
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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently deceased

*Lois Marion, Peter O'Brien, Adam Fitzpatrick,  
Marjorie Shields, John Garrety, Justin Bell*

### Prayers for

*Ralph Wailes, 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.  
3 = Acolyte

2 = Prayers of the Faithful  
4 = Sunday Acolyte

<b>29 Aug</b>	Kate Walker	1	Russell Hill	2
	Peter Walker	3		
<b>5/6 Sep</b>	Steve Scroope	1	Peter Gibbs	2
	Bob Nash	3	Greg Minahan	4

### ALTER SERVERS

**29 Aug** Charlotte Alexander Tallara Howard  
**5 Sep** Grace & Charlie Miller

### ALTAR CLEANERS

**5 Sep** Kay Perceval **12 Sep** Geraldine Doyle

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

**First Reading** *Ez 33:7-9*

Ezekiel is to be the watchman for Israel.

**Second Reading** *Rom 13:8-10*

Love your neighbour.

**Gospel** *Mt 18:15-20*

Find ways to win others over; prayer shall be answered.

**Please reflect on these readings over the coming week**

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