



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

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

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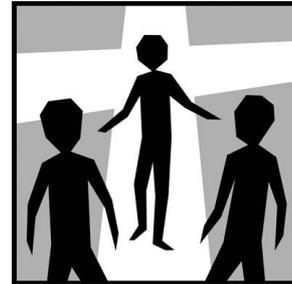
ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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
	<i>Monday and Wednesday</i>	
	<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

5th & 6th September 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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

Tue: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Wednesday evening about twenty young parishioners celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance for the first time. Over the next two weekends they will make a commitment to be involved in the program of preparation for Holy Communion. Parents are the primary educators of their children, supported by our magnificent Sacramental Team. Parents, please use this time with your children to ignite your own faith and parishioners please pray for the candidates and parents.
- St. Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council will meet this week and agenda items should be given to members. The PPC has almost finalized the charter and it has been suggested members include a brief summary of their area of responsibility.
- Yass/Gunning Belun has sent \$3,500 to Timor Leste this past week to pay for engineering works for the building for the blind and also for the Usi Tasae clinic. The number presenting with leprosy at our clinic seems to be on the increase, adding to the workload of Sr. Eva and our nurses.



Fraulein, will you forgive me?

Corrie ten Boom often thought back over the horrors of the Ravensbruck concentration camp. How could she ever forgive the former Nazis who had been her jailers? Where was love, acceptance, and forgiveness in a horror camp where more than 95,000 women died? How could she ever forget the horrible cruelty of the guards and the smoke constantly coming from the chimney of the crematorium? Then in 1947 Corrie was speaking in a Church in Munich, and when the meeting was over, she saw one of the cruelest male guards of Ravensbruck coming forward to speak to her. He had his hand outstretched. "I have become a Christian," he explained. "I know that God has forgiven me for the cruel things I did, but I would like to hear it from your lips as well. Fraulein, will you forgive me?" A conflict raged in Corrie's heart. The Spirit of God urged her to forgive. The spirit of bitterness and coldness urged her to turn away. "Jesus, help me," she prayed. Then she knew what she must do. "I can lift my hand," she thought to herself. "I can do that much." As their hands met it was as if warmth and healing broke forth with tears and joy. "I

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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)

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forgive you, brother, with all my heart," she said. Later Corrie testified, "it was the power of the Holy Spirit" Who had poured the love of God into her heart that day. (Garrie F. Williams, "Welcome, Holy Spirit." Copyright (c) 1994) — I don't know any other way true forgiveness can take place. We turn our hurt over to God. We ask God for the ability to forgive.

Our common home

Today we mark the first Sunday of the Season of Creation 2020, which runs from 1 September to 4 October. This special season in the church calendar celebrates the joy of creation, while encouraging awareness of initiatives to protect the natural environment.

We are reminded during this time of our duty to care for what Pope Francis calls 'our common home'. When we hear the word 'home', we tend to think of the immediate place where we live and the people we share it with – our house or living space and our immediate family, neighbours and community. Each of us lives within a particular web of relationships that we call home. But we must be conscious too that we live in a wider relationship with the earth and with all of creation. We all live in a common home, and we all must care for it, and for each other.

Our gospel today sees Jesus offer some advice about living in community. He first acknowledges that communities are far from perfect. We all struggle with our relationships and duties. But he makes one thing clear: in a community, we all have a responsibility to each other and to work to build harmony.

This responsibility extends beyond our immediate environment to our world. In this Season of Creation, we remember in particular those across the world who are suffering as a result of environmental damage. The way we live on this earth has consequences for the world and its people, and indeed for future generations. Over the next few weeks, let us consider how we might make some changes that reflect our care for others and for our common home.

'We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family.'

(Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*)

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Next week we welcome into
our Church community:

Eve & Luca

children of

Matthew & Katie

WANTED

Information wanted about the harpsicord organ from St. Columbas' Catholic Church, Bowning (which has been in storage for some time).

If you have any information on who donated it, who played it, etc, please contact Bob on 0418 691 423.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – 5th – 6th SEPTEMBER

Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church and donors will be issued with a tax deductible receipt.

Donations can also be made at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate

SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND – 13th 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.

THE WAY FORWARD – 19th 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.

"I must forgive": Sister Helen Prejean, in her book *Dead Man Walking*, tells the real story of Lloyd LeBlanc, a Roman Catholic layman, whose son was murdered. When he arrived in the cane field with the sheriff's deputies to identify his son David's body, LeBlanc immediately knelt by his boy's body and prayed the Lord's Prayer. When he came to the words: *"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,"* he realized the depth of the commitment he was making. "Whoever did this, I must forgive them, I resolved," he later told Sr. Prejean. LeBlanc confessed that it had been difficult not to be overcome by the bitterness and feelings of revenge that welled up from time to time, especially on David's birthday. But for the rest of his life, forgiveness was prayed for and struggled for and won. He went to the execution of the culprit Patrick Sonnier, not for revenge but hoping for an apology. Before sitting in the electric chair Patrick Sonnier, the murderer said, "Mr. Le Blanc, I want to ask your forgiveness for what I did," and Lloyd LeBlanc nodded his head, signaling forgiveness he had already given. Today's Gospel reminds us and challenges us to continue on the path to forgiveness and reconciliation.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided the Holy See's observations on 12 recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse to the Australian Government.

The Royal Commission proposed that the Bishops Conference engage with the Holy See on those recommendations because they relate to universal Church law or practice. Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin confirmed that the recommendations, and the entire final report of the Royal Commission, were studied closely by several Vatican dicasteries.

The Holy See reiterated its commitment to child protection, and its desire to "spare no effort... in collaborating with civil authorities to pursue every avenue to end the scourge of sexual abuse".

"The Pope has sought to promote reform and vigilance at all levels within the Church and to encourage the efforts of local Churches in the same direction," the response said.

"That commitment has led to the adoption, both by the Holy See and by Dioceses, Episcopal Conferences and Religious Institutes, of a wide range of measures, designed to ensure a proper response to such cases, including at the canonical level, as well as encouraging cooperation with civil authorities, both domestic and international."

Many of the Royal Commission's recommendations have already been addressed by the Holy See, including some of the matters related to priestly formation and the appointment of bishops. Others, such as having local tribunals to manage disciplinary cases, are still under consideration because they are part of a broader revision of Church laws that will be applicable worldwide.

Concerning the seal of Confession, the Holy See affirms the inviolability of the sacrament, but observes that a priest hearing a confession "may, and indeed in certain cases should, encourage a victim to seek help outside the confessional". The priest can also encourage that person to report the abuse to the authorities.

Bishops Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge said the commitment to child safety that underpins the Holy See's observations is one the Church in Australia shares.

In a letter to the Attorney-General accompanying the Holy See's observations, Archbishop Coleridge expressed the hope that the observations and the local Church's commitment, in partnership with all levels of government in Australia, will help create and maintain genuinely safe environments.

"The Holy See's observations were addressed to the bishops rather than to the Federal Government, but it was obviously important that they be communicated to the Government for the sake of proper collaboration," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"The bishops are keen to support the ongoing public conversation about policies, practices and protocols which will ensure that children and other people at risk are safe in our communities. It's in this spirit that the observations have been published."

Archbishop Coleridge said the Australian bishops at their May meeting had expressed the hope that representatives would meet with the Attorney-General in person to present and discuss the Holy See's observations. Due to ongoing COVID-19 travel restrictions, the response was provided in writing rather than wait any longer.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND – 18th SEPTEMBER 18 AT 6:00pm – 20th SEPTEMBER AT 6:00pm

Ever asked yourself, "where is God calling me?" Join our Vocations Chaplains Fr Paul and Fr Trenton and Archbishop Christopher for a weekend of community, prayer and discernment.

Where: St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong NSW

Who? For any man over 18 years old

Contact + Application: Fr Paul Nulley 0422 038 565
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COMMUNION REFLECTION

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN FATHERS

Heavenly Father,
 you entrusted your Son Jesus,
 the child of Mary,
 to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
 Bless all fathers
 as they care for their families.
 Give them strength and wisdom,
 tenderness and patience;
 support them in the work they have to do,
 protecting those who look to them,
 as we look to you for love and salvation,
 through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
 Amen

Author Unknown

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading

Sir 27:30-28:7

Hate and anger lead to death; love and forgiveness to the kingdom.

Second Reading

Rom 14:7-9

Christ is Lord of the living and the dead.

Gospel

Mt 18:21-35

Parable of the official who, receiving mercy, does not show it to others.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently deceased

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

Prayers for

Ralph Wailes

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

Elizabeth Holmes (2/9), Maureen Carey (3/9),
 Cyril Wailes (4/9), David Hingston (4/9),
 Maurice Fitzgerald (6/9), Frances McGrath (6/9),
 Rebecca Hicks (9/9), Brenda Longley (10/9),
 Kenneth McCann (10/9), Gwen Richmond (13/9),
 Gladys Delbridge (14/9), Catharina Kuster (15/9),
 John Ockwell (16/9), Ruby Robinson (18/9), Col Perrot (18/9),
 Ethel MacQuillan (19/9), Kathleen Richmond (20/9),
 Kerrie Blyss (20/9), William Renehan (22/9),
 Donald Hoffmann (23/9), Denis Rowe (23/9),
 Bill Richmond (24/9), Joe Monteleone (24/9),
 Rodney Wales (24/9) and Bernard Williamson (29/9).

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

5/ 6 Sep	Steve Scroope	1	Peter Gibbs	2
	Bob Nash	3	Greg Minahan	4
12/13 Sep	Susan Morrissey	1	Joseph Morrissey	2
	Peter Cleary	3	Russell Hill	4

ALTER SERVERS

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12 Sep Wendy Morton Louis Green

ALTAR CLEANERS

12 Sep Geraldine Doyle **19 Sep** Kath Moore

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