



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>	

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/Warmincton

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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

12th & 13th September 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

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 precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tue: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wed: Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian

At St. Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council, held this past week, the Charter for our PPC was endorsed. It was decided that a brief outline of each portfolio, the responsibility of each member, be attached to the charter. Maintenance has an enormous workload and it was decided to involve more people to help Bob Nash with this task. If anyone is prepared to go on a committee for this purpose, please let Bob know.

Season of Creation began last week and concludes on Sunday 4th October, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (see last weeks bulletin). It was decided to have an outdoor Mass on this Sunday, weather permitting, possibly in the grounds of the Uniting Church in Murrumbateman. This celebration also coincides with the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees is to be held on the 27th September.

The painting of the Meehan Street wall and Lovat Chapel has required an enormous amount of preparation and repair work. Julian is doing a brilliant job, with a commitment befitting these historic buildings.

Previously reported has been the involvement of Yass/Gunning Belun with the Japanese people to provide a training centre for the blind in Timor Leste. We bought land at Tibar for this purpose and this week paid for engineer drawings for the project. It has been a slow process, three years in the making, but it now appears to be underway.



Tough Compassion

If someone was locked in the embrace of sin, it's the servant in this parable about mercy. Though compassion is shown to him, he's incapable of returning it. Watch the way he treats his fellow servant! His unforgiveness imprisons him in the same way.

The spirit of unforgiveness lurks in Peter's question about 'how much' forgiveness is required. What he's really asking is: When can I reasonably refuse to forgive those

(Con't)

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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who offend me? Surely there's a limit to how much forgiveness is strictly necessary.

Jesus won't play this game. Jesus paints God as a king willing to forgive an outrageous sum owed to him, not because it's necessary - a king has no obligation to forgive anything - but for compassion's sake. Peter, in the guise of the first servant, sees his anger against his brother as actually justifiable. In the world of gospel parable, that attitude is destined for destruction. Holding others bound to their sin poisons our love. Our unforgiveness reveals how far short we fall of the mercy God shows to us. When I'm in opposition to a sister or brother, I know it's for my sake, as much as for theirs, that I find my way to forgiveness. To the extent that I choke my neighbour with my wrath, that's how far the embrace of sin has choked the love out of me.

(GPBS eNews)

Infinitely loved

The parable of the unforgiving servant highlights the generous love of God and sets a blueprint for our treatment of others. The master who cancels the servant's large debt does so out of compassion, and the servant is grateful - but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just a small amount. It seems he has learnt nothing; he has neither appreciated the gift he has been given, nor is he willing to pass it on to others.

We are each loved infinitely by God. He has provided us with every good thing, and we are expected to live accordingly. Because we have been loved, we must love. In this Season of Creation we focus in particular on our relationship with creation. We have been gifted with this wonderful world, with all its beauty and natural resources. Yet in so many ways, we have failed to appreciate this gift. We depend entirely on the earth's resources, yet instead of respecting them we have plundered them, causing great harm to the earth and its inhabitants. We have built comfortable and cheap lifestyles at the expense of the world's poorest people. If we carry on this way, there will be no gift to pass on to future generations. We are like the servant in the gospel - taking, but giving nothing in return.

Today, we are called to act as people who are loved infinitely by God. All of creation speaks of God's love for us. We are deeply connected with the earth and all of its people. We must live a life which is not centred exclusively on ourselves, but on the needs of others.

'Creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of the Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by the love which calls us together into universal communion.'

(Blessed Francis, Laudato Si')

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL OZANAM APPEAL - 26th AND 27th SEPTEMBER 2020.

On the weekend of 26th and 27th September 2020 the Society will be conducting its annual Ozanam Appeal. Many of you are aware that our Conference of St. Augustine's works to support members of our community in need, both locally and internationally. Some of the work we do is titled Twinning, which is where one Conference directly supports another somewhere in the developing world. Through Twinning, our Conference members seek to support our fellow members in developing countries spiritually, financially and through mutual encouragement.

St. Augustine's Conference supports two such Conferences : St. Anthony's Church, Kurusad, South Tamilnadu, India and St. Anthony's Conference, Amphur Muang, Chacherngsao, Thailand.

To fulfil our commitment we need to raise \$640, which is shared equally between the Conferences.

The Appeal will be conducted as a retiring collection.

Donations for The Ozanam Appeal will be accepted at the Vinnies Store or you can make an electronic contribution to the St Vincent de Paul Society via:

BSB : 062-786

Account No : 14760

Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society

Reference/Description: Ozanam Sunday St Augustine's Yass.

I thank you for your support of this Appeal through the years, and again humbly ask for your generous financial support for 2020.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Judith Williams on (02) 6226 4696 or 0490 150 938.

Judith Williams

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.

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY - 13th SEPTEMBER

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding

MARRIAGE WEEK - 13th TO 19th SEPTEMBER

DATE NIGHT - 19th SEPTEMBER

A fun Date Night where lockdown or curfew requirements can be kept!

We are partnering with our friends at Focus on the Family Australia online Date Night event. This is on Saturday the 19th September between 8 - 9pm AEST and will be hosted by Christian comedian, Ben Price. Brett and Kate Ryan of Focus on the Family Australia will talk on - "Looking back to help strengthen your future." Discussing how to grow your relationship when life throws you a curve ball ...or two!"

The cost is \$10 a couple who on registering will receive an email with content and ideas to make the evening relaxed, fun and special.

Registration through:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/virtual-date-night-2020-tickets-117714763025>

THE WAY FORWARD: FREE ONLINE PRO-LIFE PANEL - 19th SEPTEMBER

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.

2:00pm - 4:30pm online presentations and Q&A.

Register at bit.ly/way-forward-canberra

Enquiries contact Belle Joseph bjoseph87@yahoo.com.au 0412 689 976.

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 paul.nulley@cg.org.au

Last month the Archbishop announced the appointment of Christian Nobleza as the new Formation Coordinator for the Archdiocese. Since starting in this role, Christian has engaged in consultation with key leaders across a variety of contexts within the Archdiocese to identify and map the current context of young adult ministry; Catechists and Schools of Religion; and Sacramental initiation formation programs (including RCIA).

To assist him in this task, he has developed an online audit tool that explores the areas of formation that are currently in place in our parish communities.

Could you please complete the questionnaire by Friday 18th September 2020. Following this audit, a comprehensive report will be provided to further support the life and mission of the parish.

If you have any questions, please email christian.nobleza@cg.org.au

In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to

"Take fresh courage."

This year is the ten year anniversary of Mary's canonisation.

During the challenging times we all face, please pray and support Mary MacKillop Today, so that we can continue to transform lives through

our vital works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross.

For more information please call 02 8912 2777 or visit marymackilloptoday

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
 O good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me.
 Suffer me not to be separated from you.
 From the evil enemy defend me.
 In the hour of my death call me
 and bid me to come to you.
 That with your saints I may praise you
 for ever and ever.
 Amen

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading

Is 55:6-9

Seek the Lord.

Second Reading

Phil 1:20-24, 27

Both in life and death, Paul finds joy.

Gospel

Mt 20:1-16

Parable of the workers in the vineyard.

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

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

12/13 Sep	Susan	Morrissey	1	Joseph	Morrissey	2
	Peter	Cleary	3	Russell	Hill	4
19/20 Sep	Gaye	McManus	1	Rod	Perceval	2
	Frank	Grace	3	Peter	Walker	4

ALTER SERVERS

12 Sep	Wendy	Morton	Louis	Green
19 Sep	Charlotte	Alexander	Molly	McPherson

ALTAR CLEANERS

19 Sep	Kath	Moore
26 Sep	Jane	Hingston



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