



# 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.

<b>Parish Priest</b>	Father	Mick Burke
<b>Youth Worker</b>	Clare	Barry
<b>Chair Finance Committee</b>	Paul	O'Mara
<b>Chair Parish Council</b>	Sarah	Johnston
<b>Principal of the School</b>	Michael	Green
<b>School Community Council</b>	Amber	Maher
<b>Sacramental Team Leader</b>	Dianne	Carey
<b>RCIA</b>	Sister	Aileen
<b>Parish Office</b>	Zuzy	Webster
	<i>Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
<b>Parish Bulletin</b>	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

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

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### 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/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

<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.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Mon:** Saint Matthew  
**Wed:** Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

It's official, on the 31<sup>st</sup> December I will finish my term serving the parishes of Yass and Gunning. Having had a look at the possibility of retiring from active ministry, I have decided to apply for a smaller parish and will review this decision each twelve months. My replacement should be known in the next few days. As I will be leaving at Christmas, I would prefer to move without farewells etc., as I won't be going far away and will return in a box to be buried in the lawn cemetery.

This is a new and exciting new chapter in the life of our communities. To have a younger guy with a new vision and different style of ministry will greatly benefit our people. I look back over my time and rejoice in what we have been able to achieve together. Your acceptance of my rather quirky ways and your generosity will always be greatly appreciated by myself and those who benefit into the future.

Yass/Gunning Belun, reaching out to the poorest people in our region, will continue after I leave. How this is to happen will be discussed with the members of our committee. We have received two donations in the past week, \$500 and \$400, for our work in Timor Leste. I hope to visit our people in Timor Leste early next year, if Covid-19 allows.

Please keep in mind the outdoor Mass to be held in the grounds of the Uniting Church, Murrumbateman on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, weather permitting.

*Please pray for the children  
as they prepare for First Holy Communion*

Lord Jesus,  
Bless all the children preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time.  
May that day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.  
Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they will turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grows into full discipleship.  
May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.  
AMEN.

## Unequal opportunities

Jesus does not see things as we do. Time and time again in his parables, he turns our expectations upside down and helps us to see things in a different light.

Today, he tells the story of the landowner who pays the same wages to all his workers – those who were hired at the crack of dawn and those who only joined late in the day. Naturally, the 'early birds' are put out by this – they feel it is unjust, even though they received the wage they were promised.

Maybe we sympathise with the complainers. In our individualistic society, we can fall into the trap of thinking that

## 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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hard, who are law-abiding, who make the most of opportunities – they deserve a decent standard of living. Think of how often we hear people complaining about those who are struggling, saying they do not deserve assistance or 'handouts'? Such criticisms fail to take into account that not everyone has the same opportunities or privileges in life.

But in this parable of Jesus, the landowner treats everyone the same, regardless of their productivity. He recognises that not all of them had the same opportunity – some were just luckier than others, in the right place at the right time. God is just and generous, and he expects us to have the same respect for everyone, regardless of their position in life.

Sadly we do not live in an equal world where everyone's dignity is respected and everyone has equal opportunities. In this Season of Creation, we are mindful in particular of the world's poor who suffer most as a result of environmental destruction – damage that is often caused by the comfortable lifestyles of others.

*'Enlighten those who possess power and money  
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,  
and care for this world in which we live.  
The poor and the earth are crying out.'*

(Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*)

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## Heart for Hire

RCIA Catholics often report that they feel somehow inferior to cradle Catholics. Having come to the church as adults, they don't share the parochial-school history and enculturated Catholic memories that veteran members of the church have. In the same way, younger people feel left out of the pre-Vatican II storehouse of comparisons that the post-conciliar crowd is always using as a reference point. Latecomers in any arena can feel that their presence and commitment is less authentic. They don't have the battle scars to compete for acceptance.

Jesus doesn't hire by the years or the scars, happily, but by the heart. Having heard Mass in Latin doesn't make one more genuinely Catholic and wearing a plaid uniform for eight years in not a certificate of authentic faith. Punching the clock doesn't make us disciples, but rather answering the call. The vineyard needs labourers. The only labourers who count are the ones whose hearts are for hire, and not just their time.

***How long have you been a member of the church?  
How much of that time have you been authentically  
invested in a life of faith?***

Enter a period of discernment about your call to follow Jesus. Go on a weekend retreat. Seek spiritual direction. Form a support group of friends who share your faith. Listen intently for the direction you're being invited to go.

***"Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first".***

**CONCERNED CATHOLICS CANBERRA GOULBURN**  
PUBLIC FORUM via ZOOM

Thursday 22 October 2020 - 5:00pm-6:30pm

How can *The Light from the Southern Cross* shine in dioceses?

SAVE THE DATE - More information soon

**SPEAKERS**

Susan Pascoe AM, Co-author *Light from the Southern Cross*;  
Virginia Bourke, Chair Mercy Health Boards

**FORUM CHAIR**

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85861037581?pwd=TU41VXRXR3IxnN3orcMwUUCaSS5Zz09>

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

Contact Mark Metherell 0417 603 697

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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL OZANAM APPEAL**  
**- 26<sup>th</sup> AND 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020.**

On the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 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*

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**MARRIAGE WEEK – 13<sup>th</sup> TO 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**DATE NIGHT – 19<sup>th</sup> 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>

**VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND – 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 18 AT 6:00pm – 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:paul.nulley@cg.org.au)

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**THE WAY FORWARD: FREE ONLINE PRO-LIFE PANEL – 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://bit.ly/way-forward-canberra)

Enquiries contact Belle Joseph [bjoseph87@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bjoseph87@yahoo.com.au)  
0412 689 976.

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**CALVARY HOSPITAL SPRING PLANT STALL – 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Spring Plant Stall at Jamison Centre will be held from 8:00am – 4:00pm. There will be a great variety of plants including succulents, natives, exotics, roses, geraniums, lilies, iris, shrubs, strappy plants and trees, to suit all conditions - hardy, ground cover, shade or heat loving, and indoor.

Please bring your own bags or use one of our recycled boxes. All funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for the care and comfort of public hospital patients.

For further information contact Jan on 0437 790 980.

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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

This year's Mission Sunday Appeal is for the Arrupe Centre in Cambodia, which supports through education, vocational training and health support, children & youth with disabilities.

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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](http://marymackilloptoday)

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**BECOME A YOUTH MINISTER IN 2021**

The Youth Minister model is at the heart of our Archdiocesan Youth Ministry.

Youth Minister Timeline:

1<sup>st</sup> November - Youth Minister Interviews Conducted + Finalisation of Contracts

1<sup>st</sup> December - 2021 Youth Ministers Appointed + Handover and Onboarding

25<sup>th</sup> January - 2021 Youth Minister Induction

*Online Applications:*

<https://www.cg youth.org.au/become/youth-ministers/>

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

**My ways are not your ways,  
my thoughts are not your thoughts.**

Don't we know this so well,  
**my ways are not your ways,  
my thoughts are not your thoughts.**

This is a big statement of faith.  
We believe this because we know it  
from failure, sickness, death, bereavement.

But to trust -  
that is something more challenging.

Can I trust as a loved one is in a terminal illness  
and I wonder why God does not call home?  
Can I trust when a child is ill and we can't get at the cause?  
Can I trust when love breaks up?

**My ways are not your ways,  
my thoughts are not your thoughts.**

There are times when all we can say,  
all we can remember,  
all we can hope in  
is that on the cross of Calvary,  
Jesus heard those same words,  
and trusted in God his Father.

**My ways are not your ways,  
my thoughts are not your thoughts.**

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

**First Reading** *Ez 18:25-28*

Those who turn away from sin shall live.

**Second Reading** *Phil 2:1-11*

Jesus humbled himself to the point of death.

**Gospel** *Mt 21:28-32*

The man with two sons.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

## OLD LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Ray Burn, Dr Hanna Burn-Petersen  
Dr Shyama Gonakumbura  
Dr Ann Stephenson – Psychiatrist  
Ruth Sneesby – Foot Nurse

**Monday - Friday**

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (by appointment)

(Closed for lunch 1pm – 2pm)

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**ALSO**



**MURRUMBATEMAN  
MEDICAL PRACTICE**

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently deceased

Margaret Miller, Pauline Mather, Majella McLoughlin,  
Lois Marion, Peter O'Brien, Adam Fitzpatrick

### 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. 2 = Prayers of the Faithful  
3 = Acolyte 4 = Sunday Acolyte

<b>19/20 Sep</b>	Gaye	McManus	1	Rod	Perceval	2
	Frank	Grace	3	Peter	Walker	4
<b>26/27 Sep</b>	Russell	Hill	1	Tom	Considine	2
	Greg	Minahan	3	Bob	Nash	4

### ALTER SERVERS

**19 Sep** Charlotte Alexander Molly McPherson

**26 Sep** Charlotte & Grace McPherson

### ALTAR CLEANERS

**26 Sep** Jane Hingston

**3 Oct** Helen Murphy



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