



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

26th & 27th September 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

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

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Wed: Saint Jerome
Thu: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
Fri: The Holy Guardian Angels

At the Minister's Fraternal meeting held at the Hartigan Centre this week, the major topic of conversation was the financial commitment of employing our scripture teacher at Yass High. With generous contributions from the Anglican and Uniting Church, Jess has worked at Yass High for the past two years and needs to extend her hours to include Year 9. This will cost \$25,000 per annum, a contribution of about \$5,000 from each church. I'm not in a position to make this decision, it would be up to the finance committee and my replacement. As fifty percent of the students who leave Mount Carmel now attend Yass High, it is important we have a person to promote our values. Please keep this matter in your prayers.

Today I will be meeting with members of Epping Rotary Club to discuss water issues in Timor Leste. Yass/Gunning Belun does work for Rotary Clubs, as they have had dealings with people who mishandle their generous contributions.

Please remember, next Sunday Mass will be held at the Uniting Church grounds, weather permitting, at 10:30am.

Is God Fair?

I have an employee who drives me really crazy. He does nothing I ask him to do; is always late, leaves early, takes endless breaks, follows my directions only when it suits him. Most of the time he does just what he wants to do and is completely ungovernable.

Why don't I just fire this guy? Because, although he does nothing that I ask him to do, he does everything well. He does what needs to be done, and sometimes more than I would every expect of anyone. Though I tear my hair out about his blatant disrespect for my wishes, I have to admit he's the best I've ever seen. He's like the first son in the parable: he says *No* but does *Yes*.

Lots of people say *No* but do *Yes* in the reign of God. They don't go to church, baptise their babies, or live by the Book in the way we would like. They don't seem to worship the same God we do, or any God at all. Yet God has a very different abacus than ours, and the tally may come out better for them than for faithful churchgoers who live by the Book but have no love in their hearts. Is this fair? Not while we are pushing the beads, perhaps. But God doesn't stoop so low as fairness, and all kinds of unlikely people are making their way toward the Kingdom.

Are you more like the first or second son in the parable? Can you forgive the other son?

Conquer judgmentalism! Whenever the little judge pops up in your mind and condemns a fellow traveller, retire it promptly. Watch out for the way the little judge accuses YOU. Show mercy to all, including yourself. "Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand".

(GPBS eNews)

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)

Good intentions

During the recent 'lockdown' due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many people found themselves turning to nature. There was a surge of interest in gardening. We tended to flower beds, planted seeds, started herb gardens. Lots of people commented that they noticed the birds singing for the first time in years. In the midst of challenging times, we found ourselves tuning in to the wonder of God's creation all around us.

As life begins to return to 'normal', can we retain this sense of wonder and awe? In this Season of Creation, we are invited to discover the presence of God in creation, to give thanks for the gift of the earth, and to change our ways so that we may live in harmony with creation. This requires us to be constantly conscious of how we are living – to not just have good intentions but to follow through in our actions.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the two sons who are asked to go and work in their father's vineyard. The first son initially refuses, but then thinks better of it and gets to work. While the second son has good intentions, he doesn't follow through. When it comes to caring for the earth, good intentions are not enough. Our actions matter. We may have been careless in the past but a change of heart is happening, right across our society. It all starts with our actions, as individuals and communities. As we emerge from a challenging few months, let us use the Season of Creation to reflect on how we can do better – to reconnect with God's beautiful creation and do all we can to love and preserve it.

*'Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognise that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.'*

(Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*)

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“Keep me out of Your way.”

Father Mychal F. Judge, the fire department chaplain who, while ministering to the fire fighters working at Ground Zero, was killed by falling debris from the Towers. In Father Mychal's pocket was this prayer that he always carried with him:

“Lord, take me where You want me to go;

Let me meet who You want me to meet;

Tell me what You want me to say, and

Keep me out of Your way.” [“Walter Scott's Personality Parade,” *Parade Magazine*, (Jan. 6, 2002, p.2; September 29, 2002).]

Father Mychal was a man of commitment. He understood that the vows he took before God were not a trivial matter. He is one who said, “I'll go,” and he went.



Next week we welcome into
our Church community:

James child of Troy & Jacklyn

MAINTENANCE NOTICE

The maintenance portfolio is an enormous workload, and it was decided at the last PPC meeting to involve more people to help Bob Nash with this task. If anyone is prepared to co on a committee for this purpose, please let Bob know.

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

PALLIATIVE CARE PACKAGES

As an initiative of NATSICC, we are developing Palliative Care Packages for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who are deemed to be palliative-regardless of any or no religious beliefs.

These Packages will include-blankets, beanies, shawls, music CDs and notebooks. As such, we are appealing to all people who would like to participate in these Packages by knitting or crocheting blankets and beanies. For further information please contact Sally FitzGerald on 0422 066 080 or salfitz50@live.com

If you cannot knit or crochet but would like to contribute, we are happy to accept financial donations-no matter how big or small. Our bank details are:

Name: NATSICC

BSB: 085 005

Account no: 55331 6507

Reference: palliative

THE WAY FORWARD

Last Saturday's Online Forum was a great success. The presentations will remain available online until Wednesday 30th September. To access the talks and Q & A register at: bit.ly/way-forward-canberra.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES UNDER STRESS

The BreakThrough Online Course created by SmartLoving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future.

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CALVARY SPRING PLANT STALL - 10th to 11th OCTOBER

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will be holding a Spring Plant Stall at Belconnen Markets from 9:00am-4:00pm. A wide variety of plants will be available for sale including indoor, outdoor, succulents, herbs and lots more. All funds raised will be used to purchase equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients.

Phone: 0437 790 980.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 18th 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.

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=TU41VXRXR3lxN3orcEwUUZCaSs5Zz09>

Further details: www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

Contact Mark Metherell 0417 603 697

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 24th 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.

UPCOMING ART EXHIBITION

Jesus Laughing & Loving.

In 2019 the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture became the permanent home to an important collection of paintings bequeathed by the late Harry Wallace, and presented by his family. The works all have one theme in common - we at the Centre lovingly know them as - the laughing Jesus paintings.

The exhibition will be held in the ACC&C chapel, Corner of Kings Avenue and Blackall St, Barton from 12th November to 5th December, 10:30am to 3:30pm daily.

BECOME A YOUTH MINISTER IN 2021

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

Youth Minister Timeline:

1st November - Youth Minister Interviews Conducted + Finalisation of Contracts

1st December - 2021 Youth Ministers Appointed + Handover and Onboarding

25th January - 2021 Youth Minister Induction

Online Applications:

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

COMMUNION REFLECTION

The love of God for all.

To accept that God first loved us, through no merits of our own, and that God is always there for us, although we forget God, is more difficult for us than following God's commandments.

To accept that God loves us just as we are, unconditionally, gratuitously, and forever, is more difficult for us than to sacrifice as we should for God and for others.

To accept that God forgives absolutely and does not hold our past against us is more difficult for us than to repent of the evil we have done.

To accept this love of God is the only path to freedom and interior peace. And it is the underlying reason why we should accept each other and love each other just as we are.

Segundo Galilea, *The Music of God*.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently deceased

Carmel Burgess, Tony Patterson, Margaret Miller, Pauline Mather, Majella McLoughlin

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).

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ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Readings/Resp. Psalm/Gospel Acc. 2 = Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Acolyte 4 = Sunday Acolyte

26/27 Sep	Russell Hill	1	Tom	Considine	2
	Greg Minahan	3	Bob	Nash	4
3/ 4 Oct	Tom Considine	1	Gaye	McManus	2
	Russell Hill	3	Peter	Cleary	4

ALTER SERVERS

26 Sep	Charlotte & Grace	McPherson		
3 Oct	Tallara Howard	Clare	Broers	

ALTAR CLEANERS

3 Oct	Helen	Murphy
10 Oct	Coral	Carroll

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading

Is 5:1-7

Israel is the vineyard of the Lord.

Second Reading

Phil 4:6-9

God's peace will reign in your heart and mind.

Gospel

Mt 21:33-43

Parable of the tenants.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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