



# 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:

<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/Warlington

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

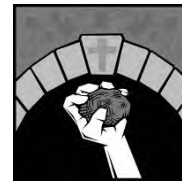
By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

## School Enrolments

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

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

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R**

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

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

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Wed:** Our Lady of the Rosary

As I announced last week, my replacement at the end of this year is Fr. Peter My. He has been the Parish Priest of Kambah in the Tuggeranong Valley for the past twelve years and brings experience to the Yass and Gunning parishes. Never taking long service leave for the past 48 years, I will have three months before beginning as Administrator of Braidwood, Bungendore and Gundaroo. During that time I'm intending going to Timor Leste to oversee water projects and the building of offices and workshops for the blind.

This week we received our insurance premiums for the next twelve months and like everything else they have increased significantly. Unlike some parishes, we are able to pay these premiums due to the ongoing generosity of our parishioners. Speaking with Tony Percy this past week, a reduction in pastoral revenue will also impact on the stipend, \$19,000 per annum, of priests. Jopkeeper, no longer available for secretaries, will also mean a tightening of the belt for running costs and maintenance.

## Wild Grapes at Harvest

Rejection isn't easy. Everyone remembers the first time they were rejected at school, by the sporting team, or by the boy or girl who wouldn't be our friend. As we get older, rejection can become a serious problem. We have seen or heard account after account of violence and even murder by men who feel rejected by women who do not respond to their advances in the way they would like. However, rejection is inevitable. You will be rejected, one way or another. How we prepare resilience in our children/students to deal with this rejection is an important character-building lesson that we need to teach them.

In Philippians, Paul talks to us about rejection that occurs when we choose to follow the Jesus way. If anyone had a resume and pedigree that would endear him with the most noble of people, the most popular, the most wanted, it certainly was Paul. But if one is serious about following the way of Jesus, we can expect that not everyone will be so accepting of us. When we begin to align our values with those of Christ, rejection might just be inevitable. But for Paul, the goal was not to be accepted by others but to experience the power of resurrection, the power of a lifelived in harmony with God.

What happens when we shift our goals toward that goal? Does our concept of rejection and acceptance change? Do we discover the power of being true to ourselves and to everything that God calls us to be, even though there is a very real possibility that we might experience the rejection of others? This just might be the finest life work of a disciple: to thine own self be true.

**Consider 'what you have done, and what you have failed to do'. Which weighs on your conscience more?**

*"Cease doing evil. Learn to do good"* (Isaiah 1: 16 - 17). Turn down one temptation to uncharity every day, and replace it with a conscious choice to be gracious. *"God's kingdom will be taken back from you and handed over to a people who will live out a kingdom life"*.

(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)

## Creation

Today marks the end of the Season of Creation, a time to remember that we are protectors of this earth and have been given responsibility to care for it, not to plunder and destroy it. The parable told in the Gospel today also speaks to this as we hear that the workers of the vineyard have lost sight of their original agreement with the owner and, consumed by greed, have lost their way.

Today is also the feast of St Francis of Assisi. He experienced all of God's creation as family: *'Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water'*. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who saw how intimately connected everything in this world really is. The COVID 19 crisis has reminded all of us of this deep interconnection; what happens in one part of the world affects us all as we share one common humanity and live together on a common home.

During the days of lockdown many of us became more aware of simple things like birdsong, trees, flowers, the earth resting. Pope Francis says that this deeper awareness, *'takes us to the heart of what it is to be human'* and gives us an opportunity to regain a sense of awe and wonder for creation. *'Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever St Francis would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song.'* (*Laudato Si'*, 11). The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual. As we bring this Season of Creation to a close, let it be a spring-board into contemplation and action where our relationship with God's creation is concerned. This is an urgent call. And one which faith communities have a responsibility to respond to. *'Truly much can be done!'* (*Laudato Si'*, 180).

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**The rejected cornerstone:** There was a legend, well-known in New Testament times, that in the building of God's Temple by Solomon, most of the stones were of the same size and shape. One stone arrived, however, that was different from the others. The builders took one look at it and said, "This will not do," and sent it rolling down into the valley of Kedron below. The years passed and the great Temple was nearing completion, and the builders sent a message to the stonecutters to send the chief cornerstone that the structure might be complete. The cutters replied that they had sent the stone years before. Then someone remembered the stone that was so different from all the rest that it somehow did not seem to belong. They realized that they had thrown away the cornerstone. They hurried into the valley to retrieve it. Finally, from under vines and debris, they recovered it and with great effort rolled it up the hill and put it in place so that the great Temple would be complete. The stone that had been rejected had become the chief cornerstone. Jesus, who had been rejected now reigns at the right hand of the Father.



Next week we welcome into  
our Church community:

Neve Florence

child of

Aaron & Jessica

## 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 go on a committee for this purpose, please let Bob know.

## 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](mailto: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

## CALVARY SPRING PLANT STALL – 10<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> 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 – 18<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.

## 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=TU41VXRXR3IxnN3orcEwUUZCaSs5Zz09>

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

Contact Mark Metherell 0417 603 697

## ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT – 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life.

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Choose any of the weekends: November 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> or February 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10:30am to 3:30pm daily.

## ONLINE CATHOLIC PRAYER/SHARING GROUPS

Are you after a deeper walk with God? Does sharing the faith journey sound uplifting?

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Enquiries and/or kit to Bronnie  
([calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com](mailto:calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com))

## 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/>

## APOSTOLIC LETTER **SCRIPTURAE SACRAE AFFECTUS** OF THE HOLY FATHER **FRANCIS**

### ON THE SIXTEEN HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SAINT JEROME

Devotion to sacred Scripture, a "living and tender love" for the written word of God: this is the legacy that Saint Jerome bequeathed to the Church by his life and labours. Now, on the sixteen hundredth anniversary of his death, those words taken from the opening prayer of his liturgical Memorial[1] give us an essential insight into this outstanding figure in the Church's history and his immense love for Christ. That "living and tender love" flowed, like a great river feeding countless streams, into his tireless activity as a scholar, translator and exegete. Jerome's profound knowledge of the Scriptures, his zeal for making their teaching known, his skill as an interpreter of texts, his ardent and at times impetuous defence of Christian truth, his asceticism and harsh eremitical discipline, his expertise as a generous and sensitive spiritual guide – all these make him, sixteen centuries after his death, a figure of enduring relevance for us, the Christians of the twenty-first century.

(Con't: To read the full letter, visit

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/pa-pa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20200930\\_scripturae-sacrae-affectus.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/pa-pa-francesco-lettera-ap_20200930_scripturae-sacrae-affectus.html))

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

They rejected Jesus;  
crucified his body and thought they killed his spirit;  
and he still lives on,  
in the hearts of millions,  
in the Eucharist of each day.

Who are the strong ones of the kingdom of God?  
What stone will keep together every other stone?

Doesn't a family often notice  
that the weakest -  
maybe the ill or the old or the handicapped -  
keep the rest of us together?

Or maybe the ones who bring us closest to God  
are the ones who need God most and know  
the meaning and the joy of the mystery of needing God.

Would we know of Mother Teresa  
if we didn't know of those who die alone  
on our city streets?

The cross is a throne  
and the man nailed to it  
by the fear and pride of his creatures  
is the biggest name and influence  
the world has ever known.

Notice this week  
whom you reject, belittle, or look down on;  
they may be the keystones  
in the building of God's kingdom.

Notice this week  
what in yourself  
you reject, or belittle, or look down on:  
they may be the keystones  
of the kingdom of God in you.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

**First Reading** *Is 25:6-10*

On this mountain the Lord will provide a feast.

**Second Reading** *Phil 4:12-14, 19-20*

With God, Paul has strength for everything.

**Gospel** *Mt 22:1-10*

Parable of the Wedding Banquet.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently deceased

Ronald 'Bodge' Bray, Carmel Burgess, Tony Patterson,  
Margaret Miller, Pauline Mather

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

Joan Bartlett (1/10), Coral Davis (1/10), Marie O'Mara (3/10),  
Theresa Epple (4/10), Peter Stinson (5/10),  
Charles Harris (8/10), William Grace (9/10),  
Emily Skillin (10/10), Arthur Bush (12/10),  
Cheryl Harris (13/10), Jayne Kemp (17/10),  
Bryan Perryman (19/10), Reginald Cassidy (22/10),  
John Richmond (23/10), Harold Carey (27/10),  
Sylvia McCarthy (29/10), Allan Fitzpatrick (23/10),  
Terence McGann (24/10), Rita Slattery (26/10),  
Cecil MacQuillan (27/10), Grace McGann (30/10),  
Edward Cassidy (31/10) and Patricia Fagan (31/10).

**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>3/ 4 Oct</b> Tom Considine 1	Gaye McManus 2
Russell Hill 3	Peter Cleary 4
<b>10/11 Oct</b> Kate Walker 1	Steve Scroope 2
Peter Walker 3	Frank Grace 4

#### ALTER SERVERS

<b>3 Oct</b> Tallara Howard	Clare Broers
<b>10 Oct</b> Ella Broers	Fergus Green

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>10 Oct</b> Coral Carroll	<b>17 Oct</b> Kay Perceval
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