



# 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
		Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
		Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm

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

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

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 rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

### 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/Warminsteron

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

**Thu:** Saint Teresa of Jesus  
**Sat:** Saint Ignatius of Antioch

The latest encyclical of Pope Francis entitled "Fratelli Tutti", signed at Assisi on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, is an urgent call to a world heading towards destruction. The message has been embraced by Christians and Muslims at a time when borders are being closed and the dignity of people is under threat. It calls us to a fraternity where every person is respected and loved.

As you can see, the painting of the Meehan Street wall and the Lovat Chapel is nearing completion. This has been an enormous undertaking and I'm extremely grateful we have a painter who has ensured it will last for many years to come.

Please keep in your prayers the children preparing for their First Holy Communion, to be celebrated at Mass on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Archbishop Prowse will visit Yass parish on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10am, a pastoral visit which he is doing in parishes across the archdiocese.

## Dining at God's House

This is a strange story: why would invited guests not come to a king's wedding feast? In our time, any celebrity who throws a party can expect everyone to come, the invited along with the uninvited. People want to see and be seen at notable occasions. Certainly, a royal wedding qualifies as a must-see event.

But in this story people do the remarkably inappropriate thing: they snub the king. And when the king practically begs them to come a second time, some of those invited do violence to their messengers. This is such an incredible response, we recognise that Jesus is referring to the response to himself and to prophets who came before him. No one would behave this way to a king, his son, and his servants, Jesus is saying. And yet you behave this way to God, God's son, and the prophets.

As listeners to this story, we have a choice. We can be like those invited who don't bother to go, or who retaliate with rage. We can come without preparation. Or we can have something to say for ourselves if caught poorly clad at God's feast. "O God, have mercy on me, a sinner," is a good prayer to have on hand.

(GPBS eNews)

## Parish Finance Committee Members:

Father David Paul Irene	Mick Burke Garland O'Mara Carr	Stan Mark Trish	Waldren Valencic Gibbs
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## Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Annabelle O'Connell (Youth)	Peter Michael Genevieve Colbert (Education) Bob Nash (Maintenance)	Peter Michael Lourdes O'Keefe (Social) Michael Van Wanrooy (Welfare)	Cleary (Liturgy) Green (School) O'Keefe (Social) Johnston (Social Justice)
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Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke Sarah Johnston (Social Justice)

## A royal wedding

Today's gospel is difficult. Stories of judgement, weeping and gnashing of teeth just do not appeal to most people. We hear about a King whose invitations to his son's wedding banquet are repeatedly refused. In some instances his messengers are killed. One interpretation of this parable is that it is an allegory for the Jesus story, God's invitation to the Messianic banquet has been refused by those who are expected to embrace it. This banquet is therefore opened up to the unexpected, the Gentiles, the poor, those on the margins, the outcast.

Going deeper again, we can hear that God wants to be in a relationship with each of us. We are all invited to this banquet. Yet, sometimes we exclude ourselves from being in fellowship with God. We may be hurt, suffering in a way that is preventing us from accepting the invitation to experience God's love and hospitality. We simply want to be left alone. Notice how the host in this parable persists. God does not give up on us.

And what about that poor chap who did come but was not suitably dressed? If we accept the invitation we should be ready for change and not just change of an outer garment, real change. Because any real experience of God in our lives transforms us in some way or another. Parables were meant to shock those who heard them. The Gospel is meant to make us uncomfortable. Otherwise, what changes for us? We can sit around and listen to nice gentle passages that keep us comforted, or we can be challenged and moved to experiencing something real, something which requires us to show up and be transformed. It is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation.

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**Post-World War II:** At the end of World War II, the Russian head-of-state gave an elaborate banquet to honor the British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The Russians arrived in their best formal wear — military dress uniforms — but their honored guest did not. Churchill arrived wearing his famous zipper coveralls that he had worn during the German bomb attack in London. He thought it would provide a nostalgic touch the Russians would appreciate. They did not. They were humiliated and insulted that their prominent guest-of-honor had not considered their banquet worthy of his best clothes. Wearing the right clothing to a formal dinner honors the host and the occasion; neglecting to wear the right clothing is an insult. Weddings were such an important occasion in Palestine in Christ's days that people were expected to wear the proper clothing to show appreciation and respect for the invitation — clothing, in fact, provided by the host! In today's Gospel, Jesus demands, and provides, the wedding garment of righteousness from his followers.



*Fr Peter My has been appointed parish priest to the Yass and Gunning communities effective from Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 after spending 12 years at St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah where he was also Chaplain to the Vietnamese*



*This week we welcomed into  
our Church community:*

Neve Florence

child of

Aaron & Jessica

## **SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

### *Church Liturgy*

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7:00pm at St. Augustine's

### *Preparation Day*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am-3:10pm at the Hartigan Centre and St. Augustine's

### *Sacrament of First Holy Communion*

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 10:15am at St. Augustine's

## **AID TO THE CHURCH PRAYER CAMPAIGN – 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Aid to the Church in Need is organizing the prayer campaign One Million Children Praying the Rosary. We know how powerful the prayers of children are, they fly like an arrow into the heart of God.

Go to [www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children) to learn more.

## **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.

## **PUBLIC FORUM – 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER**

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn invite all to join a Forum (Zoomed), "How can The Light from the Southern Cross shine in dioceses?"

*Speakers:* Susan Pascoe AM and Virginia Bourke.

*Chair:* Andrea Dean.

*Information and Zoom details:*

[www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events](http://www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org/new-events)

## **MULTICULTURAL MASS – 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

11:00am

Join us for the Multicultural Online Marian Procession and Mass. Led by our ethnic communities, the event is an opportunity for all to pray the Rosary online and to celebrate together our annual multicultural Mass (live-streamed).

Find out more at the Catholic Voice

[www.catholicvoice.org.au](http://www.catholicvoice.org.au)

## **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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As the world looks beyond the global pandemic, the Pope's new encyclical Fratelli Tutti offers a roadmap "not just for some, but for everyone", according to Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

"Pope Francis has spoken of the need for an open heart that gives birth to an open world, and this at a time when so many hearts and doors and borders are closed," Archbishop Coleridge said, reflecting on the 40,000-word letter that translated means 'Brothers and Sisters All'.

"It is a vision of the dignity of every human being from which flows the call to build a new culture of fraternity and dialogue."

Archbishop Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, said the Pontiff took inspiration from St Francis of Assisi, starting work on Fratelli Tutti before the outbreak of COVID-19, however its theme became "even more important as we make our way through the weird landscape of the pandemic, wondering what lies beyond it".

Pope Francis wrote early in the encyclical: "It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity."

"Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all," Pope Francis wrote.

"Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation.

"God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us'."

Archbishop Coleridge said that in a world riven by conflict and divisions the Pope sets himself to undo all kinds of obstacles.

"The mystical and ecstatic meet and marry the political and economic; politics and charity join hands; walls are knocked down, bridges are built; the rich and powerful listen to the poor and powerless who are allowed to speak first; virtues considered private, like kindness and tenderness, become social and even political virtues," he said.

"... the only realistic way into a future that learns the hard lessons of this time when we have come to see how fragile we are and how much we depend upon each other.

"It's the only practical way beyond dystopia into a more human and civilized world, the only way beyond a gilded barbarism where the social contract is shattered and the brutality of chacun pour soi (to each their own) holds sway."

Archbishop Coleridge noted many of those whom Pope Francis described as often undervalued or treated inequitably – women, older people, unborn children, people who were trafficked, Indigenous peoples, people with disability, migrants and refugees – were similarly those left on the margin or cast aside in Australia.

"In this country we may be tempted to think that the Pope is talking about elsewhere, but he's not. True, he's talking about the whole world – but he's also talking about us," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"Pope Francis offers a grand yet simple vision of human interconnectedness.

"We're all connected to each other in ways we scarcely imagine. Our task now is to work out what this means in practice as we look beyond the pandemic.

"In what he offers in this letter, the Pope can help with that.

"It's impassioned yet tender, visionary yet practical, radical yet reasonable."

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

On this mountain the Lord will prepare a banquet for all people.

We are here this day at God's invitation.

There is no VIP section, no conditions for being invited, he has prepared his banquet, his Eucharist, for all peoples.

The only condition is that we want to be here, that we know our need for God, our need to be nourished by the Bread of Life, to be forgiven by the Word of God, and then we are sent to be this Bread of Life.

This bread is baked, blessed, broken, and shared in the name of Jesus, as the bread of life was baked, blessed, broken, and shared by his disciples.

Nourish us, Lord Jesus, with the bread that satisfies our hunger for meaning and direction in our lives, our thirst for a companionship that is always faithful, our hope for the fullness of forgiveness, our deep need to know we are truly loved.

No conditions for joining in this banquet; come to God as you are, and you will return blessed, refreshed, strengthened and sent forth in his name.

## 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>10/11 Oct</b> Kate Walker 1 Steve Scroope 2	Peter Walker 3 Frank Grace 4
<b>17/18 Oct</b> Peter Gibbs 1 Bob Nash 2	Peter Cleary 3 Greg Minahan 4

#### ALTER SERVERS

<b>10 Oct</b> Ella Broers Fergus Green
<b>17 Oct</b> Wendy Morton Louis Green

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>17 Oct</b> Kay Perceval	<b>24 Oct</b> Geraldine Doyle
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### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

**First Reading** *Is 45:1.4-6*

I am the Lord, there is no other.

**Second Reading** *1 Thes 1:1-5*

Paul greets the Thessalonians.

**Gospel** *Mt 22:15-21*

Render to Caesar what is Caesar's.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

### 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.cgoyouth.org.au/become/youth-ministers/>



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