



# 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/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

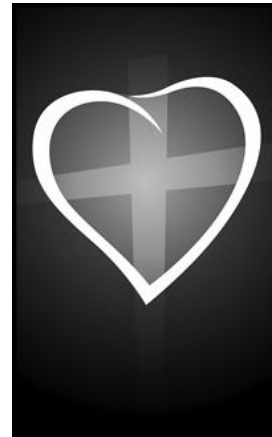
By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

## School Enrolments

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

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Wed:** Saints Simon and Jude

Archbishop Prowse will visit St. Augustine's on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, a pastoral visit to spend time in prayer with parishioners and conclude with morning tea. I encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend and for the purpose of catering, please indicate if you are coming by telephoning the office.

Due to the generosity of Anthony MacQuillan, the book entitled 'Shepherd of Shepherds' is available at the back of the church at no cost. Designed and edited by Peter Bindon and Anthony MacQuillan, this is a wonderful insight into the extraordinary life of Fr. Charles Lovat the first parish priest of Yass.

I received an email from Sister Mila who runs the orphanage in Oecusse who assured me that they are okay but went on to say "No one knows what lies ahead in Oecusse. People are hungry, no work and those in service here have not received their salary". The orphanage is sharing their vegetables and water with the poor. I am extremely grateful to Gunning parish for a contribution in excess of \$7,000 to support this dire situation in Oecusse. I also thank regular contributors as we outreach to the poorest of the poor in our region.

At the Minister's Fraternal meeting this week, we discussed support for our RE teacher at Yass High. A couple from our community contributed \$3,000 towards the salary of Jess, greatly appreciated as we need to raise \$20,000 per annum to employ her for this important apostolate.

## What Holy Families Can Look Like

In the summer of 2020, our parish, and the world, lost a vessel of unconditional love when Matt died of brain cancer at the age of 55. Matt adored his wife, Katie, and was an incomparable dad to his three kids. Though not a Catholic himself, he actively supported Katie in raising a Catholic family and all five could be found every Sunday morning in their favoured front pew at our church.

Family and friends gathered for a funeral Mass with the song "All Are Welcome" resounding in the nave: "Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live". That is precisely what Matt and Katie did in their 31 years of marriage. They built a house where love could and did grow and safely live.

On that funeral day, as I looked at Matt's family, standing in their usual front row, I felt like we were seeing the magnificent love of God made visible in our midst. Katie, strong, honest, and unassumingly good; Parker, the oldest son, born with a brain disorder, who had grown up in the parish, teaching us all the gifts of specially abled people; Lily, the daughter of colour who was adopted as a baby, an exploring spirit who found a niche on the Aldi staff and who returned to live at home these last few months to be nearby; and Reed, adopted as a baby, now mature beyond his school years, who began his remarkable eulogy with: "I am my father's favourite black son".

There they stood that February morning in their pew, shoulder to shoulder, holding each other's hands as the song resounded in the nave. The beloved family embodies the broad, vast, and inclusive love of God. And in their generosity, they have called out the best in us all for nearly 30 years.

(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)

## Love

The Pharisees continue their harassment of Jesus in today's Gospel by asking him which commandment is the greatest. What follows is the most famous verses of the New Testament: '*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul ... And ... You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*' We probably can't hear this enough. Love is the greatest commandment and this is a radical statement. Because this love is *agape* love, i.e. a love of those we don't even know or even like! It is a love that binds all of humanity.

We cannot separate love of God and neighbour; they are like two sides of a coin; they only work together. If we do not treat others with compassion, then how can we say we love God? Jesus often spoke about approaching the altar whilst holding a grudge against someone (Mt 5:24) and continuously challenged those who were hypocrites. Those critical of social justice movements in the church often say we should not be involved in doing 'social work'. But this is exactly what we must do because this is *how* we love God, by loving our neighbour who is suffering, who is oppressed, who is in pain. We can love God and love people, there does not have to be a dichotomy.

There is a beautiful practice in India of using the mystical phrase '*Namaste*' in greetings, which means: 'the Divine in me greets the Divine in you'. Usually this is accompanied by a deep bow towards the person. How wonderful it would be to really see God present in each other and, more importantly, in those that society would rather cast aside. In this way we are being true to the greatest commandment.

*'May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.'*

St Therese of Lisieux

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## HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED?

We currently have many parishioners who haven't updated their telephone number, email, address, etc.

Could you please notify the parish office of your current details to ensure our database is up-to-date.

Thankyou.



*This week we welcomed into  
our Church community:*

Cody Thomas child of Anthony & Krystie-lee

*Next week we welcome into our Church community:*

Tahlia Rose child of Curtis & Caitlin

Paige Olivia child of Nicholas & Paula

Brace Vincent child of Narelle (*Gunning*)

## **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

St. Augustine's Conference Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in Yass, wish to convey our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to you all for the outstanding response to the Ozanam Appeal, held during the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. The Appeal raised \$1,418.90. The retiring collections after Mass raised \$914.95, and a total of \$500.00 donated via electronic deposits. The Conference resolved to send an additional \$200 to each of our Twins for Christmas, your generosity will enable our Twin conferences to extend additional support to their communities.

Again my thanks to you and Father Mick for your ongoing support and generosity to the Ozanam Appeal.

*Judith Williams*

## **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)

## **REFLECTIVE AFTERNOON FOR WOMEN – 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

3:00 pm

A Spirituality for Our Times, practising care and tenderness. Sr Clare Condon and Andrea Dean will facilitate a 90 minute reflective afternoon for women via Zoom.

The sessions are inspired by Laudato Si'.

All welcome.

Register at <https://bit.ly/CareTenderness>

## **ARCHBISHOP'S TEACHING DAY – 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

10:00am – 4:30pm

Each year the Archbishop calls together all people in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for a day of teaching. This year the theme is "Do not be Afraid!"

All are welcome to join us at St Peter Chaneles Church, Weston St, Yarralumla from 10:00am to 4:30pm.

Talks, testimonies, praise and worship and prayer ministry.

Holy Mass at 12:15pm.

Sausage sizzle lunch \$5.

The day is free, a collection will be taken for the work of the CCR.

To register, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BLXWI> or text your name to Maida on 0423 658 326.

## **SUMMER SOIREE AND WINE-TASTING - 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

6:30pm

Join Catholic young adults for a tutored wine-tasting and three-course dinner at the prestigious Clonakilla winery in Murrumbateman.

To book a ticket, go to

<https://catholicsummersoieee.eventbrite.com.au>

For enquiries, contact Belle on 0412 689 976.

## **CHRISTMAS STALL – 28<sup>th</sup> TO 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

8.00am – 5.00pm

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas Stall at Belconnen Fresh Food Markets with a huge range of Christmas gifts and homemade goodies will be available.

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment and items for the comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients.

Enquiries phone Pat 0403 797 192.

## **DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICER POSITION**

The ACBC is seeking to employ a Digital Engagement Officer who will develop and coordinate the Centre's digital networks, online presence and engagement in promoting and resourcing evangelisation in Australia. This is a full-time position based in Canberra.

Full details of the position and the Position Description and how to apply are available from the Office for Employment Relations website.

*Applications close at 4:00pm (AEST) on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.*



**Do all the good you can**  
because every life matters

**JOIN THE EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS AND TAKE ACTION ON PREVENTING SUICIDE.**

**HELP YOUR COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE WELLBEING AND CONNECTION.**

**Wesley LifeForce invites Yass Valley residents to a Community Meeting to discuss forming a suicide prevention network.**

Community suicide prevention networks play a key role in coordination, collaboration and awareness-raising in communities and help to build capacity in all residents to look after the wellbeing of their loved ones.

Suicide prevention networks also provide a voice for communities that inform needs and create solutions specific to them. Your community is unique and you know best about how to help!

**If you want to see change in how this important issue is addressed in Yass Valley, come along and share your thoughts and ideas.**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October

7:00pm to 8:30pm

Yass Memorial Hall, Comur Street, Yass

Due to COVID-19 safety requirements, please RSVP your intention to attend. If you are experiencing any symptoms on the day, please stay home.

*"Suicide Prevention is a shared responsibility across the community, professional groups, and non-government and government agencies."*

- "Living Is For Everyone" Framework.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Jocelyn Box [jocelyn.box@wesleymission.org.au](mailto:jocelyn.box@wesleymission.org.au) or call 0429 036 579.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

**There are only two commandments:  
love God and love your neighbour.**

Hasn't Jesus made it a bit too simple?  
Loving God - what a question!  
Loving whom or what?  
Loving what I cannot see,  
the cause of all that moves,  
the source of all life.

That would be remote,  
frightening, distant.

Isn't it simpler to say:  
what you love in another, you love in God.  
When you love another, you love God.

**There are only two commandments:  
love God and love your neighbour.**

Loving your child is loving God;  
loving your husband or wife is loving God;  
loving a pupil, a friend,  
loving one you cannot stand,  
this is loving God.

And in the evening of our lives,  
we'll remember back  
to whom we loved and tried to love,  
we will dance with joy for those we loved,  
and ask forgiveness of someone,  
of God, of others, of life,  
for those we hurt.

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently deceased

Fred Lesley, Kevin Denny, Grant Hanrahan,  
Ronald 'Bodge' Bray

### Prayers for

William Grace

**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**

## READINGS NEXT WEEK: ALL SAINTS - YEAR A

### First Reading

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

Vision of those who survive the trial.

### Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-3

We are already children of God.

### Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

The Beatitudes.

**Please reflect on these readings over the coming week**

## ROSTERS

### LITURGY

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

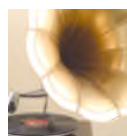
24/25 Oct	Debbie	Valencic	1	Mark	Valencic	2
	Bob	Nash	3	Russell	Hill	4
31 Oct/	Lourdes	O'Keefe	1	Russell	Hill	2
1 Nov	Frank	Grace	3	Peter	Walker	4

### ALTER SERVERS

24 Oct	Grace & Charlie Miller		
31 Oct	Charlotte Alexander	Molly	McPherson

### ALTAR CLEANERS

31 Oct	Kath	Moore	7 Nov	Jane	Hingston
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