



# 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.

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. To see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

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 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.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Mon:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
**Tue:** Saint Leo the Great  
**Wed:** Saint Martin of Tours  
**Thu:** Saint Josaphat

The world anxiously awaits the election results in America and hope the outcome is accepted by the people.

Parishioners are reminded of the pastoral visit of Archbishop Prowse this Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, at 10am. It is only for an hour, a time to discuss how we have dealt with Covid-19 in our parish, followed by morning tea. Please join the Archbishop in the Lovat Chapel.

St. Augustine's Finance Committee will meet this Tuesday. If you have any issues you would like discussed, speak with a member. The painting of the Lovat Chapel will be finished this week.

A liturgy will be held this coming Thursday evening for the young parishioners preparing for First Holy Communion, to be held over the weekend of the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please keep these first communicants in your prayers.

After the pastoral visit of Archbishop Prowse, I will be attending a deanery meeting in Canberra.

## The time is now

I am a procrastinator. If a task is awkward or unpleasant, I am likely to put it off till another day. In any given week, I have a 'to-do' list I need to get through. The most important items always get done – things that can't be avoided, like work deadlines or paying bills. But bigger projects often get put on the long finger and I find myself transferring items to the following week's list. It is part of life to learn how to prioritise, and to be prepared to tackle the important things. Even when we are not ready to face a certain situation, sometimes we need to push ourselves to just dive in.

Among the wedding customs in Jesus' time was a night-time procession from the bride's home to the grooms. The bridesmaids would go out with torches lit to welcome the groom and his entourage. The parable in today's gospel sets two groups in contrast – the 'foolish' bridesmaids who run out of oil because they have failed to prepare, and the 'sensible' ones who are ready with their lamps and oil, who recognise the importance of the task. Only one group was ready when the groom approached.

This parable encourages us to focus on the here and now, to nurture our relationship with God in the present and to live well. There is no point in procrastinating, or waiting until the bridegroom is at the door. As well as having the light of faith, we need the fuel – the actions – to keep it lit so we are ready when the Lord comes.

'It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any.'

Hugh Laurie

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## 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 ( <i>Youth</i> )	Peter	Cleary ( <i>Liturgy</i> )
Bryan Coleborne ( <i>Ecumenism</i> )	Michael	Green ( <i>School</i> )
Genevieve Colbert ( <i>Education</i> )	Lourdes	O'Keefe ( <i>Social</i> )
Bob Nash ( <i>Maintenance</i> )	Michael	Van Wanrooy ( <i>Welfare</i> )
<i>Ex Officio Member:</i> Fr Mick Burke Sarah Johnston ( <i>Social Justice</i> )		

## Moving On

Prepare for the coming of the Kingdom? I'm stressed out just preparing for my upcoming move to another state. After 27 years living in Victoria, I'm moving to a very small town in rural New South Wales. I'm in the thick of getting ready for it: packing boxes, calling movers, visiting with friends to say goodbye. I'm worried about getting my things there in one piece, worried about how much it's going to cost, worried about how I'll handle the transition to a very different kind of lifestyle.

While the uncertainty is scary, it's also the best part. I can't wait for all the new people I'll meet, all the new adventures I'll have, all the new places I'll explore. I have no idea what awaits me in this new chapter of my life, but I can't wait to find out. Of course, there will be a million logistical hassles of settling in on that end, too, but I've done it enough times to know that's just the external busy work necessary for the internal work of change. Which is the whole reason I'm moving: I think God is calling me to grow in a different direction and it's my job to keep my heart prepared with openness to what comes.

Our watchfulness must be a daily thing. I learned my first lesson in responsibility the day I returned home from school to find my guinea pigs missing. I rushed to ask my mother about them. "I gave them away because you didn't take care of them". "But I did take care of them!" "Darling, I gave them away ten days ago!"

(GPBS eNews)

**Hibernation in the White House:** Do you recall Laura Bush's comments a few years ago about her husband? She said, "George always says he's delighted to come to these press dinners. Baloney. He's usually in bed by now. I'm not kidding. I said to him the other day, 'George, if you really want to end tyranny in the world, you're going to have to stay up later.' I am married to the president of the United States, and here's our typical evening: Nine o'clock, Mr. Excitement here is sound asleep, and I'm watching "Desperate Housewives" on television. One day in February 2003, with America on the verge of a war with Iraq, Secretary of State Colin Powell was reminded that, notwithstanding the stress, President George W. Bush was in bed by 10 o'clock every night and slept like a baby. "I sleep like a baby, too," Powell replied. "Every two hours I wake up screaming!" Ronald Reagan insisted on taking a nap every afternoon. Even so, he was so sleepy that he nearly overslept his own presidential inauguration. On one occasion, he did in fact drop off at an awkward moment ... in an audience with Pope St. John Paul II.



*This week we welcomed into  
our Church community:*

Willow Gate child of Terance & Lauren

## **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



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

9:30am

Hartigan Centre

To get the front of the Hartigan Centre looking great for our Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve, we need help to take out rubbish to the tip, get chairs out in readiness to set up for the Mass and get tables out to set the crib up on the verandah.

Please bring a ute or trailer if you have one.

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

Please contact Bob Nash on 0418 691 423 if you are able to help.

## *Save the date!*

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December-Gaudete Sunday.*

Please save the date for a parish picnic in the surrounds of the Hartigan Centre following 10:15 Mass.

This is our low key communal chance to say thanks to Fr Mick for his commitment to our parish and to celebrate community.

Covid regulations apply so please BYO everything!

### **MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS**

During the month of November Aid to the Church in Need is encouraging the faithful to arrange Masses on behalf of loved ones and for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.

Find out more: [www.aidtochurch.org/november](http://www.aidtochurch.org/november)

### **GIFTS OF FAITH**

A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. One can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners.

Find out more: [www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffait](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffait)

### **NORTH WODEN PARISH TALKS – 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

7:30pm

All are welcome to hear Anne Kirwan (Director) address the work of CatholicCare, the social welfare agency of the Archdiocese, followed by a Q&A and supper.

*Where:* Parish Centre, 3 Strangways St, Curtin.

If attending, please notify the NW Parish Office, 6281 3999 or [wodennorth@cg.org.au](mailto:wodennorth@cg.org.au)

### **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://catholicssummersoiree.eventbrite.com.au>

For enquiries, contact Belle on 0412 689 976.

### **2020 JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE – 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

7:00pm AEDT

The Hobart Branch of Highways and Byways presents inspiring international speaker Dr. Gemma Simmonds CJ (from England, via Zoom) to explore Pope Francis's latest Social Encyclical, which calls on us all to build a culture of collaboration, dialogue and encounter.

*A Splendid Secret: Fratelli Tutti' and the Transformation of Relationships*

All are welcome.

Registration is essential.

Email [spirit@graciousgenerosity.com.au](mailto:spirit@graciousgenerosity.com.au) before noon Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

For further information contact Eva Dunn 0417 734 503

### **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.

### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT – 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY**

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

For further information visit: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au).

### **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.*

### **ACCOUNT OFFICER POSITION - ACBC**

The role the will be responsible for assisting in the financial bookkeeping of the Conference that will involve processing invoices, recording payments, tracking expenses and assisting with payroll.

This is a full-time position based in Braddon, ACT.

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 4pm (AEST) on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020.*

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

**They brought oil as well as their lamps.**

We are each the light of God;  
a light given with the candle given to our parents in baptism,  
the light of faith  
to guide our steps in the way of Jesus,  
to enlighten our minds in the truth of Jesus,  
to nourish our love with the life of Jesus.

You are light,  
you are the lamp of God,  
and this light is the warmth of God.  
And the power of the lamp is the love of God.

In the Eucharist our light is brightened,  
and the lamp is renewed,  
as a waterfall generates electricity,  
as love generates new life.

**They brought oil as well as their lamps.**

Take time to refresh your spirit,  
take time for prayer,  
take time for Eucharist,  
take time for wonder,  
be surprised by God  
in the November sunrise,  
in the Christmas anticipation,  
in the evening's winter peace,  
and your light glows new again.

**They brought oil as well as their lamps.**

### READINGS NEXT WEEK: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

**First Reading** Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A worthy wife is invaluable.

**Second Reading** 1 Thes 5:1-6

You are children of the light.

**Gospel** Mt 25:14-30

The rich man, his servants and the talents.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently deceased

Sr. Dorothy Kearns (Sr. Paulinus), Nora Trompp,  
Fred Lesley, Kevin Denny, Grant Hanrahan

### Prayers for

William Grace

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

Vernon Norris (1/11), Christopher Butt (1/11),  
Colin Cregan (2/11), Colin O'Mara (2/11), Rita Davis (3/11),  
Barry Cassidy (3/11), David Longley (3/11),  
Al Lustenberger (5/11), Fr Phil Buckley (5/11),  
Fr Bill Crahan (6/11), Melissa Merritt (7/11),  
Michael Abbey (8/11), Eunice Turner (9/11),  
Thora Hoey (12/11), John Brennan (13/11),  
Lachlan Betts (13/11), Una Corkhill (13/11),  
Ronald Waters (15/11), Bernard Finn (18/11),  
Michael Power (20/11), Anne Benson (22/11),  
Gregory Barton (24/11), Bruce Merritt (24/11),  
Mary Richmond (25/11), Keith Blundell (26/11),  
Ellen Agnew (27/11), Bruce Wales (28/11), John Best (28/11)  
Garry Cooke (29/11) and Patric Corcoran (29/11).

**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>7/ 8 Nov</b>	Joe	Morrissey	1	Susan	Morrissey	2
	Greg	Minahan	3	Bob	Nash	4
<b>14/15 Nov</b>	Rod	Perceval	1	Peter	Gibbs	2
	Russell	Hill	3	Peter	Cleary	4

#### ALTER SERVERS

**7 Nov** Charlotte & Grace McPherson  
**14 Nov** Ella Broers Fergus Green

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

**14 Nov** Helen Murphy  
**21 Nov** Coral Carroll

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