



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 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

14th & 15th November 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

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

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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
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Horton/Warlington

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: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Sat: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Archbishop's pastoral visit was attended by twenty-three parishioners, two from Gunning and the others from Yass. I am grateful to Lourdes and her team for supplying food and serving morning tea.

Next Sunday at both Masses in St. Augustine's we will celebrate First Holy Communion with twenty-three younger parishioners. We can legally accommodate 130 at each Mass and eleven pews will be reserved for the families of the communicants. The choir loft will be open and I just hope we don't exceed our numbers.

Margaret Friend has resigned as co-ordinator of the catechists and we will be looking for a replacement for next year. Thanks Margaret for what you have done. We desperately need more catechists, as a third of the children attending Berinba and Yass Primary are Catholics. Please keep this important apostolate in your prayers.

Mount Carmel Community Council will meet this coming Thursday.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions on numbers, we are planning to celebrate Mass at Christmas outside. Gunning will hold the Mass at 5:30pm as usual and St. Augustine's will be held outside the Hartigan Centre at 7pm. As very few attend the 8:30am on Christmas Day, it will be held in St. Augustine's church. We are permitted 300 attendees outside.

Rising to the challenge

It is hard not to feel sorry for the third servant in today's gospel. The first two servants are praised for making the most of the 'talents' (money) given to them by their master. In return, they are promised even greater things. The third man, paralysed by uncertainty, buries his small amount of money in the ground instead of doing something with it. His actions are based in fear – he has heard the master is tough and he does not want to take any risks. At least he is able to return what he has been given, he reasons.

But he is shocked to learn that instead of praise, or even a neutral reaction to match his own neutral actions, he is reprimanded as 'wicked and lazy' and cast out. This parable has been described as a story of 'tragic miscalculation'. The servant didn't do anything awful – which is why we tend to have some sympathy for him – but he didn't do his best either. The real tragedy is not that he didn't make any more money; it is that he failed to appreciate the opportunity he had been given and to make the most of it.

We are all dealt different cards in life, and undoubtedly some are much tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. The point is not the amount of 'talents' given to each. It is not the circumstances of our lives or our natural gifts that are important, but how we use them. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, we are called to meet challenges head on and discover what wonderful things might happen.

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)

Please pray for *the children*

as they prepare for

First Holy Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless all the children preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May that day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they will turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

AMEN.

Moving On

I had a friend whose father worked a lot of evenings and also travelled a lot for his job. He once told me, "I was always relieved when I heard Dad's footstep on the stairs coming up to our unit. Life never seemed quite right when he was away, and for a while I found myself becoming withdrawn and depressed during his absences".

Though God never leaves us, there are times we experience the absence of God. This week's gospel begins by saying that the landowner was leaving - going on a journey. The story revolves around what happens in the landowner's absence. Some people stay busy and involved in life, putting their "talents" to really good use. Others withdraw from life and get disengaged.

Perhaps one of the best benefits of having faith, even in those times when we don't feel God's presence, is that it gives us the confidence to continue to function well in life - physically, emotionally, and spiritually - despite our uncertainties.

This is one of the biggest gifts that parents can nurture in their children - the ability to have faith even in times of doubt. We will all go through times of confusion. But the worst thing we can do at such times is to withdraw our gifts and our talents from the world. For it is putting them to good use that we're most likely to hear God's footsteps and know that all is well.

(GPBS eNews)



Next week we welcome into
our Church community:

Albie Edward	child of	Konrad & Kate
Cherry Florence	child of	Samuel & Vanessa

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation Day

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

First Holy Communion

Saturday 21st November Vigil at 6:00pm

Sunday 22nd November 10:15am at St. Augustine's

First Eucharist – 22nd November 2020
Please pray for...

Emma Barker	Gypsy Barker
Zevida Barker	Wyatt Brassil
Pia de Nanteuil	Emily Foran
Joseph Goodall	Dylan Johnston
Mila Kelly	Emily Laughton
Mackenna Leahy	Sidney Luckie
Imogen Maher	Marc Mosca
Annabella Nagle	Jed Newman
Katherine Paulo	Elijah Porfirio
Gabrielle Samperi	Amelia Shannon
Dominic Trinca Talalin	Hayden Vu
George Watson	



YRAR BOOK SALE – 21st TO 22nd NOVEMBER

Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm

Sunday 9:00am-12noon

Yass Rural Australians for Refugees are holding a book sale on the Yass Garage Sale Trail weekend Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November.

Find us on the trestle tables next to Vinnies in Meehan Street.

Please drop by and pick up a bargain, we have heaps of quality books to suit readers of all ages. Your Christmas shopping sorted!

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 13th 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!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to those that helped in the clean up at the Hartigan Centre on Friday – Steve, Paul, Keith, Joe, Dennis and Bob.

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

ACC&C ART EXHIBITION

– 12th NOVEMBER TO 5th DECEMBER

10:30am-3:30pm Daily

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.

Where: The ACC&C chapel

Corner of Kings Avenue and Blackall St, Barton.

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 17th November 2020.

2020 JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE

– 24th 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 before noon Sunday 22nd November.

For further information contact Eva Dunn 0417 734 503

CHRISTMAS STALL – 28th TO 29th 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.

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/giftsofffaith

COMMUNION REFLECTION

**You entrusted me with two talents;
here are two more I have made.**

We are familiar with the story of the boy who wanted to bring a gift to Jesus at his birth. He saw others bringing expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh; he wondered what he had to offer, and thought of his drum, and how he could play a song for Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

A simple story, and isn't it true about our gifts and talents?

Each of us has different qualities, gifts: all are given by God and are valued in God's love: gifts of music, sport and art, of conversation and humour, of compassion and leadership; gifts of friendship, prayer and caring for others, of listening and encouraging; whatever your gift, your talent; your gift of being a caring parent, of being able to help a younger generation in any way; be grateful, each of us has a 'bit of God' within us; and each of us can offer to God in our love and care for others what he has given to us.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR A

First Reading *Ez 34:11-12, 15-17*
The Lord will rescue his sheep.

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
When all has been subjected to Christ, all will be one in Him.

Gospel *Mt 25:31-46*
Whenever you serve the least of people, you serve Christ.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week



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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently deceased

Roma Longley, Jan Stuart, Catherine Lu, Terry Pigram,
Sr. Dorothy Keirans (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

14/15 Nov	Rod	Perceval	1	Peter	Gibbs	2
	Russell	Hill	3	Peter	Cleary	4
21/22 Nov	Kate	Walker	1	Dianne	Carey	2
	Peter	Walker	3	Frank	Grace	4

ALTER SERVERS

14 Nov	Ella	Broers	Fergus	Green
21 Nov	Tallara	Howard	Clare	Broers

ALTAR CLEANERS

21 Nov	Coral	Carroll
28 Nov	Kay	Perceval

OLD LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Ray Burn, Dr Hanna Burn-Petersen
Dr Shyama Gonakumbura
Dr Ann Stephenson – Psychiatrist
Ruth Sneesby – Foot Nurse

Monday - Friday

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (by appointment)

(Closed for lunch 1pm – 2pm)

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