



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

Bowning, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gunning, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

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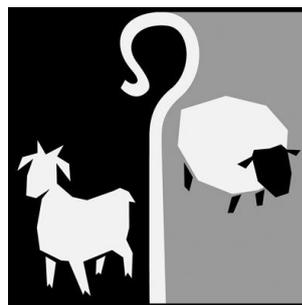
ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – YEAR A

21st & 22nd November 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. **R**

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. **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!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

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 sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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

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: Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

After a lengthy delay, due to Covid-19, twenty-three younger parishioners will receive Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. They have prepared well, with the support of their parents and our Sacramental Team. It is my hope and prayer that these young people are supported by their families to grow in faith and learn to appreciate our need for Jesus in the Eucharist.

I attended my last Mount Carmel Community Council meeting this week. Over the past twelve years I have had to deal with two major issues at Mount Carmel School, the completely unjust removal of Naish Storman and the closure of the secondary school. The BER building program was a mammoth undertaking and the facilities now in place create a great learning environment. I am confident of a great future for Mount Carmel School.

What will happen with Yass/Gunning Belun when I leave? The amazing work with the poor in our region will continue but I need to discuss with Fr. Peter My what he wants. I can report that Timor Leste is going backwards as development in the country was completely dependant on revenue from oil.

A different sort of king

Today's gospel leaves us in no doubt as to what Jesus expects of his followers. It is a gospel of contrasts. It begins with a scene of judgement, with Jesus in the role of king, sitting on the throne of glory. It would have been a familiar image to the people of the time, who were expecting a great Messianic king. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that kings like Herod were capable of brutal acts. It is an image that remains familiar to us today, thanks to popular fairytales, movies and TV shows – the all-powerful ruler sitting on their throne, passing judgement on their subjects.

But the king that Jesus talks about here turns these images upside down. He is not focused on riches or power, or inciting terror or fear. Instead, he is a fair judge, a shepherd who knows his flock. He invites all those who have acted with justice and generosity to take their place in his kingdom. He is in solidarity with the 'least' of his people – a king whose main concern is those who are hungry, displaced, sick or imprisoned. He refers to them as 'brothers'.

Jesus' kingdom is centred around charity, compassion and forgiveness. He expects us to treat everyone we encounter with welcome. There are simple acts of kindness we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

'In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love.'

St John of the Cross

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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>)
Ex Officio Member: Fr Mick Burke		Sarah Johnston (<i>Social Justice</i>)

Ultimate Power

The church year ends this week. Our calendar year is not far behind. These endings carry a certain finality about them. We've spent the year studying Matthew's gospel, with its emphasis on God's kingdom. We look forward to the start of a new cycle following Mark, who ponders the identity of Jesus and the meaning of his coming. We're always glad to get to Advent, the happy season of warmth and giving. But before we leap into tomorrow, this church year has one more lesson to teach us.

The liturgical calendar always ends with Christ the Universal Ruler, but this week's readings for this feast are remarkably different each time. In Matthew's year, Christ's rule is defined in terms of judgment. A ruler has the power to separate good from evil, lives worthy of reward from those deserving punishment. Rulers establish the rules and enforce them. But in Matthew's judgment scene, the rules turn out to be completely different from what everyone expected. The Son of Man doesn't quiz people about whether they went to church or obeyed the commandments. No one is asked about divorce or sexual purity or saying their prayers. What does concern the king is how the saddest members of society are treated.

If we took the quiz today, how would we do? This is an appropriate reflection for the end of the year. It's also a good time to consider how we might prepare to pass this exam at the mother of all endings.

Ask yourself the questions that appear in the last judgment.

Where do you stand today, with the sheep or the goats?

Find a way to answer the needs of the hungry and thirsty, the stranger and the naked, the sick and imprisoned, in the upcoming year. Gifts of generosity, hospitality, and compassion are always in season.

"I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me".

(GPBS eNews)

We have a King. About three centuries ago, Spaniards besieged a small French town, St. Quentin. The city walls were in ruins; fever and famine plagued the people. One day the Spaniards shot over the walls a shower of arrows to which were attached little slips of parchment promising that if they surrendered, their lives and property would be spared. The mayor of the town was a devout Huguenot. For answer, he tied a piece of parchment to a javelin and hurled it back to the Spaniards. On the parchment was the message: "*Regem habemus*" — "We have a king!" Christians also can say, "We have a King." Jesus is our King. We belong to his Kingdom.



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

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

Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Mila Ruth	child of	Patrick & Jana
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First Eucharist – 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!

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – BEIRUT

Immediately following the Beirut explosion, ACN provided an initial emergency grant of \$400,000 AUD for food. ACN has just announced a further commitment of \$8 million for the repair and reconstruction of churches and convents. ACN thanks everyone who has already donated to their national appeal.

Please visit <https://aidtochurch.org/lebanon>.

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<https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent>

Email: info@brucedownes.org

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.

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.

ALPHA AUSTRALIA

Our gift to you is some free wallpapers for your phones, tablets and desktops. Each download includes an Emmanuel image, as well as a Pause & Pray image, with a prayer for those who are believing will hear the true message of Christmas this year. We are believing with you!

You can download these at alpha.org.au/christmas.

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

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT

– 20th TO 21st 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.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

You have received us, O God,
from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your beloved Son,
that we might share
the justice and love of Christ's reign.

Grant that we may walk in the footsteps of Jesus,
the path of obedient faith and self-sacrificing love,
laying down our lives, as he did,
for our brothers and sisters,
in the sure and certain hope
that Jesus will remember us
when he comes into his kingdom
and share with us one day the glory of Paradise.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

First Reading *Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8*

May the Lord come when we are doing good.

Second Reading *1 Cor 1:3-9*

The Lord will strengthen us to the end.

Gospel *Mt 13:33-37*

We know not the hour the Lord will come.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently deceased

*Roma Longley, Jan Stuart, Catherine Lu, Terry Pigram,
Sr. Dorothy Keirans (Sr. Paulinus), Nora Trompp*

Prayers for

*Garry Cooke, Cau cho Linh Hon Peter & Anna,
Cau cho 2 Linh Hon Peter*

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).*

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ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

21/22 Nov	Kate Walker	1	Dianne Carey	2
	Peter Walker	3	Frank Grace	4
28/29 Nov	Steve Scroope	1	Gaye McManus	2
	Bob Nash	3	Greg Minahan	4

ALTER SERVERS

21 Nov	Tallara	Howard	Clare	Broers
28 Nov	Grace & Charlie Miller			

ALTAR CLEANERS

28 Nov	Kay	Perceval
5 Dec	Geraldine	Doyle

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