



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>	

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

1st & 2nd August 2020



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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

Mon: Saint Dominic
Tue: Saint John Vianney
Thu: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Sat: Saint Mary of the Cross

At St. Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) this week, there was discussion relating to a draft charter or constitution for the PPC, to my knowledge the first for our parish. It should be finalized by next meeting and I am grateful to members for the work they have done.

Our community is beginning a journey with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters to heal past hurts. Please read 'Walking Together' on this bulletin, prepared by Sarah Johnston.

The issue of the Murrumbateman community not having Mass was also raised. Due to the restrictions imposed by Covid-19, there isn't a suitable venue in the Murrumbateman area for the number of people. Obviously this will be reviewed when things improve but at this stage Mass will need to be held in Yass.

The painting of the Lovat Chapel and wall on Meehan Street has required considerable preparation, as you can see. It is a significant undertaking and donations towards the cost would be appreciated.

Next Sunday at the 10:15 Mass in St. Augustine's, an adult, Annalisa Alexander, will be baptised, confirmed and receive Holy Communion as she enters full communion with us. Please remember her in your prayers.

WALKING TOGETHER: THE JOURNEY TO HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

In his recent Welcome to Country on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, Michael Bell stirred the hearts and minds of many of our parishioners with his eloquent description of the historically good relationship between the Ngunnawal people of Yass, Father Lovat, the parishioners of St Augustine's parish and the Sisters of Mercy. However, it also became evident that there were elements of our shared history that were not so positive particularly the establishment of the original St Augustine's Church on the site of an Aboriginal Bora Ring. Michael Bell met this week with Father Mick and members of the Parish Pastoral Council to discuss the best approach to a healing journey. Michael explained that if we can use this history to now bring the community together we can start healing process. The journey begins with thorough research and telling the story of the history of the incident and public acknowledgment of the significance of the location. There can then be a joint ceremony/commemoration and/or establishment of a public art work which builds a pathway for both communities. As well as building strong and respectful relationships within our church and community, "The ultimate goal," said Michael, "is to tell the true story of Yass through the Aboriginal and parish history and in doing so put this church on the map". Who wouldn't want to be a part of that creative, healing journey?!

Please start thinking about whether you have particular gifts and skills that you would like to put to the service of the St Augustine's Parish Reconciliation Action Plan.

Watch this space for further developments!

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Bill	Luchetti	Father	Mick Burke
Stan	Waldren	David	Garland
Mark	Valencic	Paul	O'Mara
Trish	Gibbs	Irene	Carr (Minutes)

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)

Neither Death Nor Life

Jesus never met a crowd he couldn't satisfy. If they were ignorant, he taught them. If they were sinners, he forgave them. If they brought their sick, he healed them. If they were hungry, he fed them. No one who yearned and brought their yearning to him was unanswered, not even the women and their children.

But Jesus didn't come to found a school, hospital, counselling practice, or bakery. He comes to bring abundant life to people who've gotten used to the half-life of a world in which evil has free rein. The hungry child can only experience God through bread. Jesus brings life to the world to match its need. Neither the finality of death nor the harshness of life can overcome the gift he offers. That's why the miracle of feeding a crowd of five thousand, as grand as it is, is dwarfed by the generations of people who've been fed by Jesus since.

What form would Jesus take, in order to come into your life and fill your need today?

Help someone to experience the abundant life of Christ. Tutor someone who wants to learn. Comfort someone in sickness or distress. Forgive a person who's wronged you. Feed the hungry. Clothe the poor. Visit the prisoner.

"There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper".

(GPBS eNews)

SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2020

RECONCILIATION

Church Liturgy

Thursday 27th August 7:00pm at St. Augustine's

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 2nd September 6:00pm at St. Augustine's

FIRST EUCHARIST

Commitment Mass

Saturday 5th or 12th September 6:00pm at St. Augustine's and

Sunday 6th or 13th September 10:15am at St. Augustine's

Church Liturgy

Thursday 12th November 7:00pm at St. Augustine's

Preparation Day

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

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

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

CONFIRMATION

Postponed to 2021



*This week we welcomed into
our Church community:*

Agatha Grace child of Percy & Ainsley

PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ – 2nd AUGUST

Our monthly Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé services have been continuing online via Zoom.

The next prayer is this Sunday 2nd August at 5:00pm.

If you'd like to participate please email Paul at paultrezise@bigpond.com to receive Zoom connection details.

BROTHER ALOIS RECEIVED IN AUDIENCE BY POPE FRANCIS

On Thursday 25th June, the Prior of Taizé, Brother Alois, was received in a private audience by Pope Francis at the Vatican. This audience, originally scheduled for the end of March, had been postponed because of the current pandemic.

During this half-hour meeting, Brother Alois was able to share with the Holy Father recent news from Taizé, in particular the latest stages of the pilgrimage of trust on earth and the recent resumption of welcoming young people to Taizé after the period of lockdown. He also told him how much the encyclical *Laudato Si'* stimulates the research of the community, and he spoke about the work on safeguarding and the welcoming of refugees in Taizé.

Brother Alois added: "I am particularly touched by the warm and fraternal welcome of Pope Francis. In Taizé, we feel very close to his ministry and I wanted to tell him how much we pray for him."

WOMEN ALIVE – 8th AUGUST

'Women Alive' (Indian, Pakistani & Sri Lankan Catholic women of the local region) warmly welcome any women of the Archdiocese who would like to join them by zoom for their monthly rosary and reflection on Saturday 8th August.

The reflection will commence at 4:30 with the Rosary followed by a reflection at 5:15 by from Mrs Anastasia Rebello. Anastasia is one of over 100 lay Ministers of the Word trained and commissioned by the Bishops of Mumbai in recent years to minister amongst the faithful. Join from your home us for some inspiration and encouragement!

Contact: Winniefred at winrebello09@gmail.com or on 0451 015 527 for the zoom details

NATIONAL MEN'S GATHERING – 15th AUGUST

"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.

Cost: FREE

Registration: Available from Monday 29th June

Event Program: Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020

Go to: bit.ly/cm2020event

The Lovat Chapel will be a 'hub' for this National Men's Gathering for 2020. Enquiries to Steve Scroope.

WOMEN'S REFLECTION AFTERNOON – 29th AUGUST

Women's Reflection Afternoon, livestreamed to all corners of the Archdiocese from 2-4pm on Saturday 29th August.

Participate at home or gather with friends wherever you have internet access.

The afternoon will include two inspiring talks and several short guided prayer experiences provided by local prayer groups and movements.

Hosted by the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce. More details next week.

Enquiries Email catholic.women@cg.org.au or ring/text Lara on 0429 192 869

NATIONAL PRAYER CRUSADE FOR VOCATIONS – 6th SEPTEMBER

The Knights of the Southern Cross will launch their 14th National Prayer Crusade for Vocations. The aim is to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life with the hope that this will lead to an increase in Catholic Chaplains for the Australian Defence Force (both in Australia and overseas) where there is an ongoing need.

The Crusade runs until Saturday, 28th November 2020 and all Catholic organisations/schools and colleges, parishes and individual Catholics throughout Australia are being invited to participate.

Each participant is asked to choose one week during the Crusade period and pray the following Crusade Prayer each day:

"Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Military Services. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen."

YOUNG ADULTS SPRING BALL – 9th OCTOBER

Canberra Catholic Students and Young Professionals have been working on a Spring Ball at the Albert Hall, Canberra.

With the unfolding COVID-19 situation, the date may have to be moved, but if you register your interest here before the end of July

<https://cgatholic.org.au/canberraspringball/> you will be updated on any change of details.

For more information visit the Canberra Spring Ball event page on Facebook or contact Belle Joseph on 0412 689 976.

MY VOICE - YOUTH

My Voice seeks to realise the Archdiocesan three-year vision for youth: belong, believe and become. It involves children in articulating their rights and responsibilities within the Church. The project is designed for students in Years 4-7.

If you would like to participate in the survey, go to: cgyouth.org.au/myvoice or email youth@cg.org.au for more information.

SACRIFICIAL PLANNED GIVING

Tax receipts are available at the back of the church.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

He saw a large crowd and had compassion on them.

A saint, Catherine of Siena, once said,
'Where we see faults, God sees struggles.'
You see people differently with the eye of compassion.

When Jesus saw the crowd without food
he asked only how to feed them.

No complaint as to
why they had come without food,
their lack of plans,
not even a suggestion of impatience.

In poverty Jesus never asks why you're poor,
his heart goes out to your poverty.

His heart goes out to the unemployed person,
not first asking why you have no job.

His heart goes out to the single parent
without question, without comment.

Or with sins, the first movement of the heart of Christ
is to forgive, to be compassionate, in relation with you.

He saw a large crowd and had compassion on them.

A marriage going badly,
a relationship being abused,
a conflict with parents,
Jesus sees the suffering of the heart,
and wants to help.

He gives the sense of wholeness,
never judging a person on one aspect of personality.

Faults are struggles,
and in knowing you're fully known and accepted,
you can accept the bread of strength
and move on stronger, whole, loved.

He saw a large crowd and had compassion on them.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading *1 Kgs 19:9. 11-13*

The Lord passes by Elijah as a whisper.

Second Reading *Rom 9:1-5*

Serving Christ involves some pain.

Gospel *Mt 14:22-33*

Jesus walks on the water.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently deceased

Mary James, Shayne Phillips, Tom Hallahan

Prayers for

*Sr. Kathleen Cudmore, William Grace, Kevin Dawes,
Gerald Longley*

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

*Frances Todkill (1/8), Catherine Wallace (1/8),
Frances Cassidy (1/8), Eric Runnacles (5/8),
Thomas Heaney (5/8), Robert Field (6/8),
Beverley Beeten (7/8), Tilly Ward (7/8), Dennis Hoey (11/8),
Paul Ryan (13/8), Val McDonald (7/8), Josef Kuszko (13/8),
Helen Hird (15/8), Robert Wade (15/8), Irene Diver (15/8),
Samantha Darmody (15/8), Margaret Neumann (16/8),
Brendan McPhillips (16/8), Emma Bainbridge (18/8),
Gweneth Besgrove (19/8), Thomas Hilly (21/8),
Florence Davis (21/8), Brian Hepple (22/8),
Kevin McKenzie (23/8), Peggy Kennedy (25/8),
Bernard Robinson (27/8), Catherine Walmsley (27/8),
Valda Connors (28/8) and Joan Perrot (31/8).*

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

1 Aug	Peter	Gibbs	1	Tom	Considine	2
	N/A		3	Chris	Gold	4
8 Aug	Debbie	Valencic	1	Mark	Valencic	2
	N/A		3	Greg	Minahan	4

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

1 Aug Peter Cleary
8 Aug Dianne Carey

ALTAR CLEANERS

8 Aug Kath Moore
15 Aug Jane Hingston

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