



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	Peter My
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:

Yass:	<i>St Augustine</i>	
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm
Gunning:	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	8:30 am
Murrumbateman:		
<i>To be held at Yass until further notice</i>		10:15 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/Warmington

4 th Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
<i>Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass with the residents at both locations.</i>		

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	Saturday	10:30 am
Gunning Parish	Sunday	12:30 pm
<i>Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Mon, Wed. or Fri.)</i>		

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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR B

9th & 10th January 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R**

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood: the Lord sits as king for ever. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



Come to the water

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval, confirming Jesus' identity and launching him on his new mission.

The baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family. In today's first reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'. We are called to the water, to that moment when we recognise who Jesus is, who we are, and our mission to live as children of God.

'In order to live a life of holiness, we must first receive new life from God — we must be born from above.'

J. Vernon McGee

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THANKYOU

A big thankyou to those who helped to make the celebrations of Christmas and Fr. Mick's farewell a great success. A special thanks to those who helped set up and dismantle tables and chairs.

A GREAT COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

Bob Nash

LADIES MORNING TEA – STARTING 14th JANUARY

Where: Yass RSL Club.

When: Commencing 14th January, and every second Thursday of the month.

All Welcome.

WELCOME TO FR. PETER – 17th JANUARY

There will be a get-together after Mass at the Hartigan Centre on Sunday 17th January to welcome Fr. Peter to our parish.

All welcome.

Please bring a plate.

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Father Peter My	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 Peter My	Sarah Johnston (Social Justice)

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Lorna Fing, Jim Parnel, Luke McCue, Val Hanrahan

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

Glen Snowden (1/1), Brian Rosser (1/1), Maureen Field (5/1), Noel Maher (5/1), Alfred Warner (7/1), Toby Abbey (8/1), Bruce Longley (11/1), Frank Carey (12/1), Barry Wales (16/1), Patricia Brown (17/1), George Power (17/1), William Brassil (17/1), John Warren (18/1), Patrick Cleary (20/1), Robyn Rees (20/1), Margaret Horne (22/1), Vincent Brown (22/1), Jessica Patrick (23/1), Markus Gibson-Huck (24/1), Len Dawes (25/1), Tony Cooke (25/1), Rachel Gorst (25/1), Brian O'Mara (28/1), Edward Balnaves (28/1), Lily Delaney (28/1) and Michael Hickey (29/1).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

BAND OF BROTHERS MEN'S BREAKFAST – 6th FEBRUARY

Where: 11472 Wee Jasper Road, Yass, NSW

Cost: Free

GREAT NEWS!! - Well it has been a long time since we have been able to join together for brekky, and we invite you all, combined Churches, men from all parts of our Yass Valley society and beyond to come and sample a great breakfast, mateship and reunion after over a year of restrictions.

Of course, we ensure COVID safe practices, and contact details, so come along, join our band and lets discuss what 2021 may bring.

Hoping to see you all there, and if possible RSVP so that we have an idea for catering.

SPREAD THE WORD BROTHERS!!

Gary Brown
Band Of Brothers
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