



# 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>	

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **R**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **R**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.  
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

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

### SUNDAY MASSES:

<b>Yass:</b>	<i>St Augustine</i>	
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm
<b>Gunning:</b>	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	8:30 am
<b>Murrumbateman:</b>		
<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<sup>nd</sup> Tues (monthly) Yass 11:00 am

#### Horton/Warminsteron

4<sup>th</sup> Tues (monthly) Yass 11:00 am

*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 – 5:30pm
Sunday	Gunning	8:00am – 8:15 am

### Baptisms

<b>Yass</b>	Saturday	10:30 am
<b>Gunning Parish</b>	Sunday	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

**Wed:** Saint Scholastica

### Looking for Jesus

One of Jesus' first acts in Mark's gospel is to liberate a man from a demon, as we heard last week. Next, Jesus tames a fever; and by nightfall, everyone is after him. Is this a surprise? Not to anyone who's ever suffered. If there's a miracle cure for our pain, we'd all like to have a piece of it. Jesus, for his part, doesn't seem to mind. He gets down to business and sends those diseases and demons packing.

The next day, Jesus moves on to the next town, and the same thing happens. The world is full of opportunities to encounter Job, and one village is as good as another. Job, unhappily, lives in all of them. The early success of Jesus' ministry owes itself to the rampant misery in the world and our desperate desire for an answer or a cure. For those who'd given up the hope of happiness, the coming of Jesus was a new shot at life.

For believers today, the news is just as exciting. Jesus is ready to reach into our lives and liberate us from the demons that enslave us. Jesus is the only real healer, making even death itself a king without subjects. Though our misery runs deep and happiness becomes a memory, Jesus can restore our peace. No wonder so many are still after him.

### **When do you go looking for Jesus.**

Alleviate some misery in the "ash heap" nearest you. Kindness, sympathy, companionship, or a word of forgiveness can go a long way to make happiness live again.

***I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: the defeated, the demoralised.***

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### No Rest for the Weary

Every time I hear the story of Simon Peter's mother-in-law, I stand amazed: The woman is lying in bed, sick with a fever when Jesus takes her hand, pulls her up, and instantly cures her. She then waits on him and his mates. On the one hand, I want to say to Peter, "Gee whiz, could you give your mother-in-law a break and make your own darn sandwiches!" On the other hand, I want to say to Jesus, "Hey, Lord, how about sending more of that super energy my way. I could really use it around six in the evening after a gruelling day at work, when I'm greeted by my family's hunger pangs, daily accumulation of dirt and clutter, and inability to do much more than act irrationally".

Like Job I often lament that my days are those of a hireling. And I know I am not alone. As far as I can tell, anyone working is overextended, and fatigue can lead to despair. The best prevention is a moment of thanks each day for our many blessings - including our messy relatives and our challenging jobs.

Gratitude, no doubt, motivated Peter's mother-in-law. Jesus made her well, and she responded with hospitality.

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### 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 ( <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 Peter My	Sarah Johnston ( <i>Social Justice</i> )

### Jesus the Healer

In today's Gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would have been considered inappropriate.

The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as many people wanted to be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry is clearly a very popular and attractive figure. Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's Gospel what it takes to stay energised for our various ministries: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him and said, 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today, everyone is searching.

We too are called to bring healing to others in any way that we can, to those who are seeking, those who are lost, those who are isolated. Jesus shows us that to do this we must be connected to that Divine Presence within us and in our world. Today we can ask ourselves, what do I need healing from? Bring this to Jesus in prayer. And also, how can I reach out, with a healing presence, to others, especially during this time of pandemic?

'I ask God to prepare our hearts to encounter our brothers and sisters, so that we may overcome our differences rooted in political thinking, language, culture and religion. Let us ask him to anoint our whole being with the balm of his mercy, which heals the injuries caused by mistakes, misunderstandings, and disputes. And let us ask him for the grace to send us forth, in humility and meekness, along the demanding but enriching path of seeking peace'.

(Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 254)

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### LIVING THE GOSPEL – PRAYER

In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. The passage tells us that it was 'long before dawn' that he did this. It may have been his usual practice to pray early in the morning or he may have been restless after the events of the previous day and the thought of what lay ahead. Nevertheless, Jesus provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.

Greg Sunter

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, YASS CONFERENCE CHRISTMAS APPEAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

On behalf of the St. Augustine's Conference of St. Vincent de Society in Yass I wish to whole heartedly expressed our sincere thanks, appreciation and gratitude to each and everyone of you who supported the Appeal with such outstanding generosity, with financial donation, and gifts of delicious food items and beautiful toys. Support for the Christmas Appeal was received from Service and Social Clubs within the Yass Valley, Business houses, our wonderful Mount Carmel School Community and the Mount Carmel Mini Vinnies, the Wee Jasper Rural Fire Service Volunteers, CWP Renewables Wind Farm Employees and many families and individuals.

The Conference distributed 28 Christmas Hampers to our Companions, 40 children received toys which were included with family hampers. A number of food hampers were also distributed to families to provide essential pantry items. Financial donation total was a magnificent, \$6,296.

To you all again my heartfelt thanks, it is only through your generosity and ongoing support that the Society is able to provide many of the services and assistance to our companions in their times of hardship and other difficulties that befall them.

I wish you and your loved ones a healthy, safe and fortunate 2021.

Judith Williams

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### PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ

When: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Where: Clonakilla Winery, 3 Crisps Lane, Murrumbateman

Time: 5:00pm

Enquiries: Paul at paultrezise@bigpond.com

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### SCHOOL OPENING MASS

– Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9:45am at the school

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### LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Where: Yass RSL Club, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 10:15am

ALL WELCOME



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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: Starting 19<sup>th</sup> February and every Friday during Lent

Where: Lovat Chapel, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 5:30pm

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### MURRUMBATEMAN MASS

When: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Where: Clonakilla Winery, 3 Crisps Lane, Murrumbateman

Time: 5:00pm

RSVP: Paul at paultrezise@bigpond.com or 0412 256 014

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### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

When: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Where: Lovat Chapel, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 10:00am

This year it is St. Augustine's turn to host this annual Ecumenical event.

Please come along and support our parish effort for about an hour and then join in our morning tea after.

Helen Murphy  
0409 458 043

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### WANTED

Bob Nash is compiling a history of Mount Carmel School and the Hartigan Centre.

If you have any old photos of the school or the Hartigan Centre please contact Bob on 0418 691 423 or email bob\_nash@live.com.au.

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### ST. VALENTINE'S MASS – 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

6:00pm

St Thomas the Apostle Kambah invites you to celebrate the love, romance and Joy of Christian Marriage with a St Valentine's celebration Mass.

Includes Renewal of Marriage Promises for married couples, and a Special Blessing for engaged couples.

Everyone welcome.

Contact: Elizabeth 6231 9219.

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### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT

– 20<sup>th</sup> TO 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

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### WALK IN THE SPIRIT, LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE – 18<sup>th</sup> TO 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Led by Archbishop Prowse via livestreaming every Thursday during Lent, *Walk in the Spirit* is open to all desiring a new Lenten renewal experience. Talks, prayer, sharings and Encounter Nights.

Register and find out more at <https://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>

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### MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND – 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH

A Canberra-Goulburn Cursillo men's retreat will be held over a three-day weekend starting on the evening of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Places are limited.

For details contact Geoff at [chantel1997@hotmail.com](mailto:chantel1997@hotmail.com) or call 0451 013 772.



### MERICI COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW!

Merici's new Principal, Anna Masters, and her Executive are looking forward to meeting you at one or all of the College's enrolment events. This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to see the College in action, meet the students and staff, attend the Principal's Address, Year 7 and 11 Information Evenings and lots more.

The College is enrolling now for 2022 and beyond!

Please visit [www.merici.college](http://www.merici.college) for all dates and information for Open Day, Be a Merici Girl Days and Talk and Tours. Register online now!

Open Day and Year 7 2022 Information Night:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2:00-4:00pm, 5:30-7:30pm

Be a Merici Girl Days:

22<sup>nd</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May

Talk and Tours:

20<sup>th</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> August and 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Telephone: (02) 6243 4178 for all enquiries.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### THAT IS WHY I CAME.

Many times Jesus wondered why he was on earth.

He knew and believed deep down in his Father's will that he would live and die and rise for love; that he would show the world that God cares especially for the poor and needy.

And as he preached and prayed and healed and forgave in the name of God his Father, he was a man committed to his mission.

We want that ourselves: to have a place in the world where we make a difference; where we can love and be loved, where we can share life with others. We want to ease the lot of the sick, to make a difference in the poverty of the world, to create a better world for our children.

Like Jesus, we want to know why we are here.

His conviction of why he came can touch us.

For all of us, like Jesus, are here on earth for the same reasons: to live in the love of God, to bring that love in the ordinary places of life, and to give praise to God in heaven.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Peter Bell, Mary Wales

### Prayers for

Gerald Longley, Barry Wales, Tony Cooke, Peter & Gioan Baotixita, Peter & Anna, 2 Peter, 2 Giuse, 2 Anna, 2 Peter & 2 Maria  
**Prayers for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time including:**

Barbara McKeown (1/2), Roger Vanden Bulk (1/2), Helaine Hallahan (1/2), Nola Cooke (5/2), Kingswell Brown (6/2), Eileen Power (7/2), Erzsike Devrieze (10/2), Catherine Ryan (13/2), Faye Kaveney (13/2), Bill McManus (15/2), Jakob Oakey (19/2), Bill Patrick (20/2), Denis Maher (20/2), Betty Carey (20/2), Isabella Polyak (22/2), Sydenham Dobbin (22/2), Bruce Simpson (23/2), Muriel Hobday (23/2), Robert Ryan (23/2), Mary Morris (24/2), Olive Dyball (25/2), Allan Field (25/2), Harry Cooke (25/2), Reginald Bainbridge (26/2), John Murphy (28/2), Thomas Barber (28/2) and Marija Ivanisevic (28/2).

**Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered**

## ROSTERS

### LITURGY

1 = Reader	2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Saturday Acolyte	4 = Sunday Acolyte
<b>6/ 7 Feb</b> Joe Morrissey 1 Susan Morrissey 2	
Peter Walker 3 Russell Hill 4	
<b>13/14 Feb</b> Gaye McManus 1 Peter Gibbs 2	
Frank Grace 3 Peter Cleary 4	

## READINGS NEXT WEEK: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

**First Reading** Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

Lepers shall be kept apart.

**Second Reading** 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

Do everything for the glory of God.

**Gospel** Mk 1:40-45

Jesus cures a leper.

**Please reflect on these readings over the coming week**

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