



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

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

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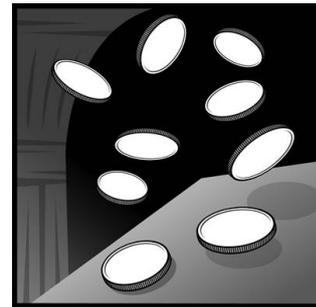
ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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>	

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

6th & 7th March 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
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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 sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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

Saturdays	Yass	10:30am, 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sundays	Gunning	8:00am – 8:15 am

Baptisms

Yass	Saturday	10:30 am
Gunning Parish	1st Sunday of the month	8:30am (during Mass) or 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



The Taking of the Temple

Why did Jesus lash out in the temple? Because he was mad? Many sermons we hear about the cleansing of the temple are about the holy anger of Jesus. But the remarkable violence Jesus unleashes - destroying property, whipping men and animals out of the temple - is about more than righteous anger. Jesus is establishing his claim on God's house.

Who lives in God's house? That's like asking who's buried in Grant's Tomb. When Jesus throws everybody else out (*in Mark's gospel, Jesus blocks the entrance and won't let anyone pass through*), Jesus is saying that he alone has a right to claim God's house. Jesus acts like any homeowner who discover squatters in his living room. He forcibly ejects them.

John's gospel is told as a book of signs, pointing to the full divinity of Jesus. If the other three gospels show us intimate details of Jesus' humanity, John focuses primarily on Jesus' divine identity. The taking of the temple is a powerful display of sovereignty that's unmistakable. In the end, it's Jesus' claims about the temple that are raised at his trial and lead to his death.

Jesus claims God's house. As a child of God, how do you stand in relationship to God's house?

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REFLECTION

Where does God really dwell?

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

Fr Michael Tate

Different View – Just like Jesus

This gospel passage must be one of the most commonly misused passages in the Bible. So often it is used as justification for someone losing their temper, or worse, an outrageous temper tantrum, or 'dummy spit'. People will declare in their defence, 'Well, Jesus lost his temper and got angry in the Temple!' They fail to appreciate the difference between their own hot-headedness and the outrage against injustice that was being expressed by Jesus. They also seem to miss the significance of the fact that this was a 'one off' for Jesus!

Greg Sunter

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>)
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Genevieve Colbert (<i>Education</i>)	Lourdes O'Keefe (<i>Social</i>)
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Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My	Sarah Johnston (<i>Social Justice</i>)

A question of authority

It is tough at times to figure out who has authority on certain issues. There are 'experts' everywhere, telling us how we should eat, exercise, manage our finances... the list goes on. Something that has struck me during the current pandemic is how hard it can be to know who to believe. We hear from doctors and virologists, politicians and economists, and their opinions don't always align. It can take us a while to trust the voices we hear in the media.

The Temple scene in today's gospel sparks a debate about Jesus' authority. While he certainly cuts an authoritative figure as he drives out the stall-holders and money-changers, he is immediately questioned. The Jews demand a sign to explain his provocative words and actions, as if to say 'Who do you think you are?' It is interesting to note that in John's Gospel, this scene takes place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry (unlike the Synoptic Gospels where it comes towards the end). This would explain the disbelief of the witnesses.

In calling the Temple 'my Father's house' Jesus identifies the source of his authority. But his interrogators do not understand, nor do his disciples, though we are told it later makes sense to them after the resurrection. This scene offers more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation of Jesus' identity and authority, as the one in whom God's presence dwells. It also emphasises the radical new way of living that Jesus has come to bring about. As we journey through Lent, we ask ourselves where the message of Jesus has become obstructed in our lives, and how we might open our hearts again to his presence and guidance.

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

Triona Doherty

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT

In Jewish tradition, the Temple marked the point of physical connection between God and humankind and between the past and the present. It was where God's story and humanity's story met. However, in the year 70 C.E. – some 40 years after Jesus – the Temple was destroyed by the Romans. The gospel of John is written another 20+ years later and so the reality of the Temple's destruction is still trying to be absorbed by the people. It was a very powerful image for the gospel writer to suggest that Jesus was the new Temple – the new point of connection.

Greg Sunter



*This week we welcomed into
our Church community:*

Zachariah Samuel
Alexis May
Nathaniel Ralph children of Benjamin & Jennifer
Lexie child of Christopher & Megan (*Gunning*)

Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Tallulah Mary child of Robert & Paxton

SCAM WARNING

If you receive a text message for help from Fr. Peter My, please delete as this is a scam.

PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ – 7th MARCH

Where: Lovat Chapel, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 5:00pm

This ecumenical service consists of prayer through a psalm, short bible reading, prayer of intercessions, a period of silent reflection and featuring the beautiful Taizé chants. Join us for contemplative prayer in the peaceful setting of the Lovat Chapel.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

When: Thursday 25th March (instead of 1st April)

Where: Hartigan Centre, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 7:00pm

NO MASS WEDNESDAY 10th MARCH

Due to the funeral of Monsignor Kevin Barry-Cotter in Canberra, there will be no mass on 10th March.

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 11th March

Where: Yass RSL Club, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 10:15am

ALL WELCOME

WALK IN THE SPIRIT, LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE

The Archdiocesan Lenten Renewal Experience "Walk in the Spirit" will be broadcast around the Archdiocese each week till Holy Week.

Watch from home, start your own group or join one of the groups already happening in our parish:

Thursday evenings

7:30-9:00pm

Hartigan Centre, Yass.

Contact Perry Healey 0432 120 362 or Amber Maher 0418 681 437 or just turn up.

Thursday evenings

7:30-9:00pm

Clonakilla Winery, Murrumbateman.

Contact Lara Kirk 0429 192 869 or Phil Seselja 0414 182 812 or just turn up.

Saturday mornings

10:30 am-12:30

Hartigan Centre, Yass.

Contact Lourdes OKeefe 0413 096 413 or Tim Kirk 0404 805 082 or just turn up.

For more information go to <https://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/> or contact lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: Friday during Lent

Where: Lovat Chapel, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 5:30pm

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When: 20th to 21st March

Where: Belconnen Markets

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

A wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants, herbs, succulents, natives at bargain prices.

All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients.

MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND – 25th MARCH

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

Places are limited.

For details contact Geoff at chantel1997@hotmail.com or call 0451 013 772.

CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY CRAFTS STALL – 27th TO 28th MARCH

Where: Belconnen Markets

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Home-made cakes, jams, pickles, knitted goods, gifts and more.

All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients.

GONE FISHIN - MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT – 26th TO 28th MARCH

6:00pm

This weekend is for blokes only to get away and take some MEN time to reflect on the values in your life and who you aspire to be.

Venue: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar

Cost: \$260 (includes all meals and accommodation)

To Register: Phone (02) 6367 3058.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 23rd MAY 2021

The Catholic Parish of St Augustine's, Yass, invites children in Year 6 or older (particularly the Year 6 of 2020, who missed out because of Covid), who have made their First Eucharist, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please enrol your child at St Augustine's Presbytery on Wednesday 17th March or Thursday 18th March between 5:00-6:00pm.

For further details and to print an enrolment form please visit the parish website

<http://staug-yass.org.au/wp/sacraments/confirmation/>

or contact Dianne Carey, Sacramental Team Leader, on 0419 276 889.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

O God, whose foolishness is wise
and whose weakness is strong,
by the working of your grace
in the disciplines of Lent
cleanse the temple of your church
and purify the sanctuary of our hearts.

Let zeal for your house consume us
and obedience to your commandments absorb us,
that we may come to the Easter festival
prepared to renew our baptismal covenant.

We ask this through Christ,
your power and your wisdom,
the Lord who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Cha Phero

Prayers for

Sam Turner, Anna Tran Thi Ri, Bishop Bede Heather,
William Grace

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

Leslie James (1/3), Bernard Cleary (2/3), Patricia Smith (6/3),
Sam Dyball (6/3), Peter Grieves (7/3), Ruby O'Brien (8/3),
Stan Walmsley (8/3), Bridget Cooke (8/3),
Jarrod Sheather (9/3), Garry Delbridge (9/3),
Ronald Connors (9/3), Betty Schutz (9/3),
Phyllis Walmsley (12/3), Kathleen (Kay) Winter (13/3),
Irene Wailes (14/3), Donald Bell (16/3), Daphne Irwin (19/3),
Robyn O'Mara (19/3), Justin Moller (20/3),
Adam Darmody (22/3), Bill Patrick (22/3), Joe Rigby (23/3),
Robin Woods (24/3), Elsie McGregor (24/3),
Barbara Merriman (27/3), Roderick Connors (27/3),
Dixie Byrne (27/3), Michael Freebody (28/3)
and Harry Cooke (28/3).

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6/ 7 Mar Peter Gibbs
Peter Cleary

13/14 Mar Debbie Valencic
Peter Walker

2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful
4 = Sunday Acolyte

1 Tom Considine 2
3 Bob Nash 4

1 Mark Valencic 2
3 Russell Hill 4

EASTER CLEAN

22 Mar PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

READINGS NEXT WEEK: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

First Reading

2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

After seventy years, the Israelites are released to rebuild the temple.

Second Reading

Eph 2:4-10

Salvation is not earned but a gift from God.

Gospel

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus converses with Nicodemus.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week



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