



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>

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

13th & 14th March 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!*

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. **R**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

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	10:00am -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
		<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.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wed: Saint Patrick

Fri: Saint Joseph

God's Works of Art

How does God picture us? Of course, He knows each one of us intimately, holding every molecule of our body in existence at every moment. But, how does He think of us? Does God regard humanity as being on a sort of parole, always having to fulfil certain conditions to the letter, otherwise to be condemned to everlasting punishment? One effect of this view is to make the priest a sort of parole officer.

But we read in today's Gospel that God sent his Son into the world not to condemn it but to save it. So, the condemning portrayal of God does not seem to be on the right track.

What does St Paul reveal as one of God's favourite ways of regarding us?

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

God is an artist working on a cosmic scale. What an artistic imagination: stars, caterpillars, the oceans, rhinoceroses, you, me. We humans are God's imagining – God's imagining – at its best.

The Greek word for this work of art is *poiema*. We get our word 'poem' from it. You and I, each one of us is one of God's poems still being written, we are works in progress.

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oil or crayon or marble or metal, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, for example a particularly nice vase, or a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a grandchild, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room, more or less obscured from view?

Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? This is today's Gospel. Christ our Light came into the world not to condemn it but to save it.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light in the first phase of our exposure to him.

When my dear old mother was in her last months, I used to wheel her out into the courtyard to get some sun – just a few minutes every day but that light was healing, therapeutic physically and mentally. That is the sort of healing light which our Lord throws on us.

When the church forgets this and subjects people to the harshest of light so that one can only see the flaws in God's image, then it is departing from the Gospel.

But Christ not only casts his Light on us to heal us, but to illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

Which is why I look forward to Easter.

I look forward to the Paschal Candle being lit in the

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Parish Finance Committee Members:

Father Peter My	Stan Waldren
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Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My	Sarah Johnston (<i>Social Justice</i>)

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darkness of the Easter Vigil. That Candle celebrates the victory of Divine Light over the inky darkness of the tomb. As I process it into the darkened church I proclaim three times: 'The Light of Christ'.

Then, as each one of you lights his or her candle from Christ our Light I will see the church filled with those flickering candles illuminating each one of you as one of God's works of art. Which makes me, not a parole officer, but a curator in a wonderful art gallery!

And then we can together say together with St Paul:

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had intended us to live it.'

Fr Michael Tate

Out into the light

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday – *Laetare* means 'Rejoice!' We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but signs of joy are central at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the usual Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. In our gospel we hear that 'the [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light'. On the other hand, Jesus says that those who 'prefer darkness to the light' live in fear that their actions will be exposed.

We hear a lot of talk these days about transparency. We have seen the damage caused by those whose private actions gravely contradict the message they proclaim in the public sphere. Some questions we might ask ourselves this Lent are: Am I living a truthful life 'in the light'? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? Am I attentive to the needs of others or am I more inclined to think of myself? Lent offers us the opportunity to step out into the light, to allow the light of Jesus to sweep away any darkness or destructive habits and to begin again.

'We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness... and there – with our attitude, with our witness, with our life – we say 'Jesus is Risen,' with our soul.'

Pope Francis

Triona Doherty

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This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Tallulah Mary child of Robert & Paxton

Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Darcy child of Daniel & Rebecca (Gunning)

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
10:00 am-11:30

Hartigan Centre, Yass.

Contact Lourdes O'Keefe 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

DANCE THEMED ORGAN RECITAL – 21st MARCH

Rising Star Organist Linus Lee will be playing a variety of classical music. Performances will be on the historic rebuilt gallery pipe organ and the recently built chamber pipe organ.

When: Sunday 21st March

Time: 2:30pm

Where: Lovat Chapel, Meehan Street, Yass

Tickets: \$20 at the door, Concession \$15, Students \$10

Enquiries: 0411 232 317

Light refreshments available afterwards.

All proceeds to the Performers and the Yass Hartigan Centre.



HELP NEEDED

For the concert on the 21st March, slices, cakes, etc. for supper.

Please contact Lourdes O'Keefe on 0413 096 413.

DARAMALAN COLLEGE YEAR 7 2022 ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Open evening 25th March 2021.

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For information about enrolments in other years, visit the website or contact the Enrolments Office.

SACRAMENTS 2021

Penance and Eucharist

In recent years, we have invited the children in Year 3 to receive the Sacraments of Penance and First Eucharist during Terms 1 and 2; and Year 6 to receive Confirmation in Term 3. Last year this tradition was interrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Our Year 3s had their sacrament of Reconciliation delayed until September and didn't receive First Eucharist until late November. At the time, members of the sacramental team and parish community commented on the greater understanding and more mature approach of the candidates. Following a meeting with Fr Peter, the Sacramental Team have decided to invite our Year 3s to complete and receive the Sacrament of Penance in early November (date to be confirmed), and then in Year 4 prepare for the Sacrament of Eucharist to be received on the weekend of the Body and Blood of Christ, 18th and 19th June, 2022.

Confirmation

This year we will celebrate Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. Specific Mass times to be decided once enrolment number have been finalised, so we can take into account Covid restrictions. We invite children baptised in our tradition, who have made their First Holy Communion and are in Year 6 or beyond (particularly the Year 6 of 2020, who missed out because of Covid), 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 0419 276 889 Sacramental Team Leader.

CALL TO CONNECT – 24th MARCH

Time: 10:30am

Where: 7/37 Dutton Street, Yass

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

Where: Hartigan Centre, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 7:00pm

EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED - MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE – 10th JULY

9:00am – 3:30pm

The course consists of six sessions conducted over two consecutive Saturdays from 9:00am to 3:30pm.

Sessions, presented by married couples, cover important aspects of marriage and include lots of private time for you and your fiancé to discuss issues raised during the talks. Sessions conclude with group discussion. Workbooks and lunch are included.

Contact: Pru Gordon and Peter Grist 0451 670 041 prugordon@gmail.com

HEALING OUR WORLD – 5th TO 8th OCTOBER

Regenerative Relationships – Dialogue and action an Australian Ecumenical Response.

Where: St Clément's Retreat Centre, Galong.

Program cost: \$300.

Ensuite accommodation: \$400

Shared facilities: \$350

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Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need, supports the training of 12,000 seminarians and provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests.

Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/formation

COMMUNION REFLECTION

That we may not be lost.

To be lost is a frightening experience, like a child losing a parent in a big shop. Maybe losing direction in marriage or a job, losing health, good looks, life itself.

When we're lost we need a signpost, or some way of finding direction.

Jesus is our way, our direction, our signpost through life to God.

He is lifted up; so that in every dangerous experience of life, we can see him, our risen Lord on Calvary.

In illness or depression, we know his presence, in poverty and injustice, we know his care, in mourning and loss, we know his compassion, in our efforts to ease the pain of others, we know he is with us, we are his hand, his heart, his love today.

He is lifted up, never out of our sight, for God gave his only Son so that we might not be lost, but have eternal life.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Noel Quinn, Richard Tooher, Lorraine Moore, Monsignor Kevin Barry-Cotter, 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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ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Reader
3 = Saturday Acolyte

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

13/14 Mar	Debbie Valencic	1	Mark Valencic	2
	Peter Walker	3	Russell Hill	4
20/21 Mar	Lourdes O'Keefe	1	Steve Scroope	2
	Frank Grace	3	Peter Cleary	4

EASTER CLEAN

22 Mar PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

READINGS NEXT WEEK: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

First Reading

The Lord promises a new covenant.

Jer 31:31-34

Second Reading

Christ is the source of salvation for all who obey.

Heb 5:7-9

Gospel

Jesus foretells of his death and resurrection.

Jn 12:20-33

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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