



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 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR B

27th & 28th March 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

* Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

* Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

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Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

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They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

R

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

SUNDAY MASSES:

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

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/Warmincton

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

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

Baptisms

Yass	Saturday	10:30 am
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Gunning Parish	1st Sunday of the month	8:30am (during Mass) or 12:30 pm
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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



EASTER MASS TIMES

Monday 29th March

St. Christopher's Cathedral – Mass of the Chrism 5:00pm
(Mass will be livestreamed at www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/)

Tuesday 30th March

St. Augustine's, Yass - Mass 5:30pm

Wednesday 31st March

St. Augustine's, Yass - Mass 5:30pm

Thursday 1st April

St. Augustine's, Yass – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
NO 7:30AM MASS

Friday 2nd April

Murrumbateman & Gunning – Stations of the Cross 10:30am

Friday 2nd April

St. Augustine's – Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Saturday 3rd April

St. Augustine's – Easter Vigil 7:00pm

Easter Sunday 4th April

St. Francis Xavier's, Gunning 8:30am

Easter Sunday 4th April

St. Augustine's, Yass 10:15am

ST. AUGUSTINE'S COVID SAFETY

Another thank you. We can only keep gathering as long as we follow the NSW Health regulations, so thanks to everyone for making this possible. Many restrictions are going to be eased on Monday 29th March, however we need to advise you of the following regulations that are still current:

Increased Ventilation We are required to have some open windows for increased ventilation in the Church. Please dress warmly, especially as it is getting colder.

Singing Unfortunately, we must ask you not to sing during Mass, until further notice. One way you can still participate in the songs is to speak the words as the choir sings them. NB: our Music Ministers are following COVID regulations.

Visitors If you are hosting visitors to Yass at any time, please ensure they are aware of our COVID safe requirements if they are coming to Mass with you.

COVID safety for Holy Week Masses:

Palm Sunday

- When gathering at the front of the church at the beginning of Mass, please be mindful of how close you are standing to others.
- When processing in with palms, please keep some distance from those in front of you.
- Please ensure you take the palms you have been holding home with you.

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Parish Finance Committee Members:

Father David Paul Irene	Peter My Garland O'Mara Carr	Stan Mark Trish	Waldren Valencic Gibbs
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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)

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Good Friday

- The Veneration of the Cross can only be a bow or genuflection. No touching the Cross is permissible.

Easter Vigil

- When gathering at the front of the church at the beginning of Mass, please be mindful of how close you are standing to others.
- When processing indoors with the candles, please keep some distance, as per Palm Sunday.
- Please bring your own candle for the liturgies and ensure you take it home with you.

As always, if you feel unwell and are experiencing flu-like symptoms or shortness of breath, we ask that you stay home and participate in online services over Holy Week, such as services that can be found at

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

<https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-with-bishop-brian/>

<https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online>

We are really very grateful to you all, as the COVID regulations can be difficult to maintain and at times confusing. However, we are blessed to be able to continue to gather as a community by following the guidelines. Let us continue our efforts and our prayers for this pandemic to be over as soon as humanly possible, and continue to offer care and support of those who remain isolated at this time.

Annabelle O'Connell

Have you thought?

Passion of the Passion

The Passion narrative is very aptly named. The emotion and power of this story is nothing short of passionate. The gospel writer's style of fast paced, unadorned factual narrative is a very effective way of helping the reader/listener to engage in the story. It is, after all, the first half of the most important Christian story – finished off by the resurrection that is celebrated on Easter Sunday. It is easy to see why this stark, narrative style was embellished and expanded upon by the later gospel writers and yet it is perhaps the more passionate for the lack of explanation and theologising.

COMPASSION BOX

Please return your compassion box on Holy Thursday.

Thankyou.

EASTER MASS PRACTICE MASS – 3rd APRIL

2:00pm

There will be a practice for the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday 3rd April at 2:00pm.

Please attend if you are involved in a Ministry for the Mass.

Many thanks.

POSITION VACANT

A position exists for a person to assist with caring for aged person in the Yass/Murrumbateman area.

Furnished cottage available if required to approved applicant.

Would suit semi-retired person/couple.

Contact: (02) 6227 5514.

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 8th April

Where: Yass RSL Club, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 10:15am

ALL WELCOME

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT

Choose any of the Weekends:

May 1st and 2nd 2021

August 7th and 8th 2021

November 13th and 14th 2021

February 19th and 20th 2022

How prepared are you for marriage?

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EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED - MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE – 10th & 17th JULY

9:00am – 3:30pm

The course consists of six sessions conducted over two consecutive Saturdays.

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

PENANCE AND EUCHARIST 2021

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.

For further information contact Dianne Carey 0419 276 889 Sacramental Team Leader.

THE FARM IN GALONG - POSITION VACANT

The Farm in Galong, a residential rehabilitation service for women and children, is seeking a full-time counsellor with experience in the areas of trauma, addiction and mood disorders to assist women in recovery. Remuneration based on qualifications and experience.

For more information about the role please contact Kate Cleary CEO on 0404 112 428.

REFLECTION

In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

Dianne Bergant CSA

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Walking on wounded feet

The crowd cheered him,
'Blessings on him,' they roared,
waving flags of palm,
'For he comes to us in God's name.'
And a few days later they cheered again,
this time for his death,
and blessings on a public robber, Barrabas.

A fickle people.

We wonder why?

What changed them?

Like Peter later,

they would say,

'I don't know the man,'

for the man they saw later in the week
was, in their eyes, a different man.

The king had become a spectacle,
bloodied, mocked, rejected.

Who wants a leader like that?

Jesus didn't want acclamation,
he had been trying to say all along
that he was a different type of king.

And so he chose a donkey,
as his chariot.

They saw their own hopes
for a leader who would overthrow their oppressors,
and didn't see the real Jesus.

The leadership of Jesus has lasted longer
than any of the public leadership of the time,
because he was a king of love and compassion,
and walked the way of the cross –
carried by his wounded feet and the help of a friend,
and guided by the hand of God, his Father.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

First Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.

Second Reading

Col 3:1-4

Set your heart on the greater gifts.

Gospel

Jn 20:1-9

Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

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

Prayers for

Giuse & Anna, Adam Darmody, Sam Turner,
Anna Tran Thi Ri, Bishop Bede Heather

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).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Reader
3 = Saturday Acolyte

27/28 Mar Kate Walker
Bob Nash

3/ 4 Apr EASTER ROSTER

ALTAR SERVERS

3 Apr EASTER ROSTER

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

1 Gaye McManus 2
3 Peter Walker 4

1, 2, 3, 4

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