



# 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:

<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/Warmincton

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

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

### Baptisms

Yass Saturdays 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

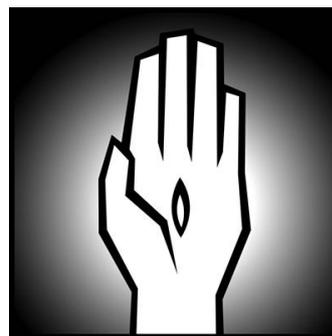
By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

### School Enrolments

Mt Carmel Central School: Kindergarten to Yr 6. Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> April 2021



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: His love has no end. **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## Shalom

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often it brings some sort of growth into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant experience. We only have to think of the past year of lockdowns and isolation and fear. In Pope Francis' new book, *Let us Dream*, he says 'To enter into crisis is to be sifted. Your categories and ways of thinking get shaken up; your priorities and lifestyles are challenged. You cross a threshold, either by your own choice or by necessity, because there are crises, like the one we are going through, that you can't avoid.'

Today's Gospel shows us that even the most difficult situations can be transformed. The Risen Christ stands amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that he gives them (*Shalom*) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit and it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They, and we, are invited to be for others what Jesus has been for them. The Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life. Our call is to bring this peace and joy to others, 'so I send you'. Who can you reach out to today?

Jane Mellett

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## HOMILY

### Thomas the Doubter seeing the wounds

There is something attractive about Thomas the Doubter – something about his obstinate integrity in not too readily accepting the other disciples' report that they had seen the Risen Lord.

What is more attractive is that the other disciples – now the 'true believers' – did not expel Thomas for his doubting but kept him within their circle. Perhaps a lesson there for the church not to too quickly raise the barriers excluding those struggling with belief in the Christian faith.

Doubt and questioning are a proper part of being human. It is how we mature and make progress in the faith, as much as in other areas of life.

Our parish must always be a place where the questioning person never feels excluded. We should keep Thomas the Doubter in mind. He went on to become a great missionary, greatly revered in India.

But the special attraction of this gospel story for Thomas and therefore for us, lay in what he saw.

He was granted the special gift of seeing the risen Lord bearing the wounds of his crucifixion. I believe the seeing of the risen body of Jesus bearing those wounds told Thomas something vital about his own destiny.

Do you want to spend eternity as the clone of some saintly model? I don't. I want to be me – identifiably me. I don't want to be drained of all the effects of my time on earth, even the ones which have wounded me, because they have made me who I am. I don't want to be bleached of all colour.

I think that is what Thomas realised: that he would retain his identity in the next life, even bearing the wounds of his life,

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

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but wounds transformed.

What sort of wounds?

I am not talking about self-inflicted wounds which disfigure our souls, which we call sin. We pray that they will be purged away in the confrontation with the intense flame of Divine Love.

I am talking about the 'battle wounds' unjustly or unfairly inflicted by others or just by the vagaries and chances of life: the sense of desolation when abandoned by a member of the family or a friend; the hurt maliciously inflicted, maybe physical, maybe an attack on one's good character; a great capacity to love or be loved unfulfilled; the death of someone we love dearly, the void, the heartache; the chronic physical or mental illness which saps our strength.

These leave their mark imprinted on our character. These are the wounds which shape our lives. They make us who we are at the moment of death. I am, you are, the wounded person whom God loves without reserve at that moment. What Thomas saw was that *those* sorts of wounds will be transformed, transfigured.

We will be liberated from their evil effects, from their disabling effects on our personality, from their crippling effects in many dimensions. How?

Our Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own, now transfigured in divine glory!

That is what Thomas realised when he saw our Lord's wounded hands and side. Did you notice Thomas never did touch those wounds, but in reaching out he ecstatically exclaimed: 'My Lord and my God'.

Pope Francis says it is only in reaching out to touch the wounds of others that we can come to understand the true identity of Jesus Christ.

Doing so will enable us to join Thomas in his cry of joy: 'My Lord and my God'. Alleluia!

Fr Michael Tate

## Have you thought? Those who have not seen

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we – blessed are we – who have not seen and yet still believe!

Greg Sunter



*This week we welcomed into  
our Church community:*

Selapia Glenys child of Steven & Amanda  
James Robert child of Troy & Jacquelyn

*Next week we welcome into our Church community:*

Rhylee John child of Adrian & Kristina

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Kay, Geraldine, Jane and Helen for helping with the Easter clean of the altar.

*Coral Carroll*

## **PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ**

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 an intimate and peaceful setting.

*When:* Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April

*Where:* Clonakilla Winery, 3 Crisps Lane, Murrumbateman

*Time:* 5:00pm

*Enquiries:* Paul at [paultrezise@bigpond.com](mailto:paultrezise@bigpond.com)

## **CONFIRMATION 2021**

Confirmation will be celebrated at three masses in Yass and one in Gunning (for Gunning candidates only) on the weekend of Pentecost Sunday, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

The Yass masses will be held Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 12 noon (NOTE: 9:00am parish mass moved to midday) and 6:00pm (regular parish mass); Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am (NOTE: regular parish mass delayed 15 minutes).

## **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL - COLLECTION FOR FORMATION OF OUR SEMINARIANS – 24<sup>th</sup> TO 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

Two seminarians currently studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese and other young men too, considering the priestly calling.

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## **MOTHER'S DAY GIFT, CRAFT AND CAKE STALL – 28<sup>th</sup> TO 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

*Where:* The main foyer area, Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce

*Time:* 8.00am - 4.00pm

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Mother's Day Gift, Craft and Craft stall at which there will be a great variety of jams, relishes, cakes and slices, as well as Mother's Day gifts and craft items.

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

Phone Mary on (02) 6254 4084 for more information.

## **NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE – 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

The National Count of Attendance will be conducted throughout Australia over the first four weekends in May starting on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021. The National Count is conducted in the same year as the Australian Census (10<sup>th</sup> August 2021).

It is intended that the count will be conducted in all parishes and other Mass centres. The count will be as comprehensive as possible and include attendees of all ages (including babies). It will be a simple headcount with no other information about attendees being collected.

This year, parishes are also asked to provide estimates of the age and sex of the attendees. And in light of COVID-19 parishes can also provide the number of 'views' of streamed services.

## **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT**

*Choose any of the Weekends:*

*May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021*

*August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2021*

*November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2021*

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## **EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED - MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE – 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:prugordon@gmail.com)

## **HEALING OUR WORLD – 5<sup>th</sup> TO 8<sup>th</sup> 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

## **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.

## **LAUDATO SI'**

Did you know that the Global Catholic Climate Movement run a free online course so you can become a Laudato Si animator for the parish? Laudato Si' Animators are local leaders who strive to live Laudato Si' in their own lives while inspiring and motivating others in their communities to bring Laudato Si' to life as well.

The next course starts on 14<sup>th</sup> April and you can find out more about it at: <https://laudatosianimators.org/>

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

One in mind and heart, O God of glory,  
your people gather to proclaim your steadfast love,  
to proclaim the risen Christ  
in whom we are baptized.

Let the peace that Christ bestowed  
on the first disciples  
reign now over this assembly.  
Let the Spirit breathed on them  
fill our hearts anew.

We ask this through the Lord Jesus,  
our Passover and our Peace,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

#### First Reading

Peter calls the people to reform.

Acts 3: 13-15. 17-19

#### Second Reading

To know Jesus, keep his commandments.

1 Jn 2:1-5

#### Gospel

Jesus appears to the disciples gathered together.

Lk 24: 35-48

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

1 = Reader

3 = Saturday Acolyte

2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful

4 = Sunday Acolyte

<b>10/11 Apr</b>	Steve	Scroope	1	Peter	Gibbs	2
	Chris	Gold	3	Frank	Grace	4
<b>17/18 Apr</b>	Rod	Perceval	1	Dianne	Carey	2
	Peter	Walker	3	Bob	Nash	4

#### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>10 Apr</b>	Charlotte	Alexander	Molly	McPherson
<b>17 Apr</b>	Charlotte & Grace McPherson			

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Prayers for

Sam Turner, Robert Corkhill, George O'Keefe, Giuse & Anna,  
Adam Darmody

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

Gail Hayward (1/4), Patricia Cooke (3/4),  
Joan Darmody (5/4), Denise Meritt-Bell (7/4),  
Raymond Waters (8/4), Faye Freebody (8/4),  
Nancy Carey (9/4), Grace Stansfield (9/4),  
May Luchetti (10/4), Joanne Stuart (10/4),  
Warwick O'Brien (11/4), Valerie Kemp (11/4),  
Sam Turner (12/4), Jack Davis (12/4), Karen Maher (14/4),  
Alice Pinferi (15/4), Beverly Wales (15/4), Joan Carey (16/4),  
Sr Cora Carey (16/4), Ray Hamilton-Smith (16/4),  
Thomas Palmer (17/4), Ronald (Joe) Kelly (17/4),  
Gerry Winter (18/4), Cameron Croker (18/4), Noel Todd (19/4),  
Veronica Wade (19/4), Carmel O'Brien (21/4),  
Glen Murphy (21/4), Agnes Watson (23/4),  
Sophie Rowe (24/4), Henry Dyball (24/4),  
Joe Monteleone (26/4), Stella McNally (28/4)  
and Dulcie Weekes (30/4).

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