



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

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

Established: 1838

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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
		Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
		Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm

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	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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

17th & 18th April 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPOHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
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 ANTIPOHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



'You are Witnesses of these things'

Today's Gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel continues into another account of the Risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'Peace' (Shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately, trying to relieve their anxiety and fear.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the Resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The Resurrection accounts in the Gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. So often in Luke's Gospel Jesus conveys his message through food and banquets, moments of celebration. The Risen Christ brings compassion and joy into difficult spaces. Today let us share with Jesus the situations in our lives which need an injection of compassion and Easter joy.

'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.'

Joyce Rupp

Jane Mellett

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HOMILY

Ghosts, meals and humanity

I once saw a Woody Allen film, I think called 'The Purple Rose of Cairo'. One of the characters sitting in a cinema gets up and walks through the screen into the world being portrayed. We go along with the story even though we know that the images of people on the screen actually have no depth, no real human dimension, no reality.

A ghost is something like that (if they exist). It is a sort of projection of a human image onto the screen of the world, but there is no reality, no human depth to the image. It lacks vitality and, in fact, seems to drain warmth and life from those who encounter it – like the Dementors in the Harry Potter stories.

At first, the disciples thought that when Jesus appeared amongst them, they were seeing a ghost. No wonder they were in a state of 'alarm and fright', 'dumbfounded'.

But Jesus was not a ghost. He was the real thing – the real human thing. How did they eventually recognise this?

Don't forget, he had spent three years with these followers imaging God's way of living under the conditions of time and space, in our terrestrial zone with a human nature.

He had certain characteristic ways of acting, such as compassion leading to healing and forgiveness. But a constant feature also was the sharing of meals, sharing God's friendship whilst eating and drinking.

Parish Finance Committee Members:

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

(Con't)

And that is the way in which the disciples knew Jesus was not a ghost. Earlier he had talked for hours with disciples on the road to Emmaus, but they didn't recognise him until 'the breaking of the bread'. In *this* gospel story, it is in the sharing of fish on the shore of the lake.

But still, it must have been an utterly weird experience. It was during the transition period immediately after the Resurrection. Jesus' body was not shackled by constraints of time and space. He could be visibly present anywhere, any time.

Now the risen Lord's bodily presence is, *in that* sense, withdrawn from us. But this dis-appearance is not an absence. Where do we encounter His real Presence in our circumstances?

In the sharing of a meal. The Mass has many dimensions, but the sacred meal is obvious. When we share in the sacramental signs of Our Lord's presence under the appearance of bread and wine, we become 'companions' (which means 'bread sharers') of the One who shares His life with us.

And because *His* life is fully human we become less ghost-like.

All those parts of our personality or character which give the illusion of being alive, but which, Dementor-like draw goodness and human vitality from the world, are nourished by His humanity.

Sharing the spiritual drink and heavenly bread – the real presence of the Risen Lord – transforms our ghostliness and we emerge with our humanity enhanced, as intended by the creator.

Let us thank God for being chosen to be successors of those bewildered disciples: not followers of a ghostly projection, whether of our psyche or some evil spirit, but followers of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ truly known in the 'breaking of the bread' as we are made companions of the Divine Companion in this Mass.

Fr Michael Tate

Gospel Focus – Peace be with you

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, 'Peace be with you!' His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, 'Peace be with you!' recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' – he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!

Greg Sunter

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This week we welcomed into
our Church community:

Rhylee John child of Adrian & Kristina

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL - COLLECTION FOR FORMATION OF OUR SEMINARIANS - 24th TO 25th APRIL

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

The 2021 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity.

Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift:

- By envelopes
- By giving at: www.cgcatholic.org.au/goodshep
- By calling: (02) 6239 9801

Your gift ensures our seminarians continue to receive the best possible formation and education.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT, CRAFT AND CAKE STALL - 28th TO 29th 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 - 1st MAY

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

BAND OF BROTHERS BREAKFAST - 1st MAY

The next BOB brekky will be at the Anglican Hall, Yass and we are looking forward to hearing from the new Anglican Rector, Phil Rademaker as we all get to know each other.

As usual brekky will start at 8am, So please bring all your mates and lets have a great time of mateship, beautiful Brekky and get to know Phil.

Gary
0409 771 712

HELP NEEDED - 2nd MAY

Help is needed to provide slices, cakes, etc for the guitar concert on 2nd May.

Help is also needed on the day from 1:30pm.

Please contact Lourdes O'Keefe on 0413 096 413 if you are able to help.

PRO-LIFE WORKSHOP - 1st MAY

2.00pm-4.00pm

Pro-Life Workshop at Haydon Hall St Christopher's Pastoral Centre. Join us for a workshop with Rebecca Gosper of LifeChoice Australia and learn how to use social media to raise awareness of pregnancy support options and give hope to pregnant women in crisis.

To attend the workshop please register via [Social Media Workshop Registration](#) link.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT

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- August 7th and 8th 2021
- November 13th and 14th 2021
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CONVOCATIONS OF CATHOLICS - 2nd MAY

All are invited to the first of three Convocations of Catholics, presented virtually by the Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) on Sunday May 2nd from 9.00-10.30am AEST.

Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister will address: "The Future of Catholicism in Australia: Renewal directions, priorities, hopes and aspirations". Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be offering a greeting to all participants at the beginning of the event, which has the support of Australian Catholic University.

Registration is free at www.acccr.com.au

Further information: Kevin Liston
auscathcoalition@gmail.com Ph. 0411 197 829

CONFIRMATION 2021 - 22nd AND 23rd MAY

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

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

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

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.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

God of Jesus Christ, the holy and righteous One,
by that suffering graciously borne
and that victory gloriously bestowed,
you extend to us all
what you promised through the prophets.

Renew in this assembly the wonders of your power:
Open our minds to understand the scriptures,
make Jesus known to us in the breaking of the bread.
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: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

First Reading

Peter heals by the power of Jesus.

Acts 4:8-12

Second Reading

We are children of God.

1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel

The Good Shepherd.

Jn 10:11-18

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Prayers for

Joan Carey, Sr. Cora Carey, Joe Kelly, Sam Turner,
Robert Corkhill, George O'Keefe, Giuse & Anna

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).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1	= Reader	2	= Intro and Prayers of the Faithful
3	= Saturday Acolyte	4	= Sunday Acolyte

17/18 Apr	Rod Perceval	1	Dianne Carey	2
	Peter Walker	3	Bob Nash	4

24/25 Apr	Susan Morrissey	1	Joe Morrissey	2
	Russell Hill	3	Greg Minahan	4

ALTAR SERVERS

17 Apr	Charlotte & Grace McPherson
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24 Apr	Louis & Fergus Green
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OLD LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Ray Burn, Dr Hanna Burn-Petersen

Dr Shyama Gonakumbura

Dr Ann Stephenson – Psychiatrist

Ruth Sneesby – Foot Nurse

Monday - Friday

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (by appointment)

(Closed for lunch 1pm – 2pm)

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