



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:

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
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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	Saturdays	10:30 am
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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

8th & 9th May 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Fri: Saint Matthias

All you need is love

'Love? Above all things I believe in love. Love is like oxygen. Love is a many-splendoured thing. Love lifts us up where we belong. All you need is love.' In an attempt to express the depth of his love, the character Christian from the film *Moulin Rouge* pulls together the lyrics of some of the most famous love songs of recent decades. Since time began, poetry, prose, and song have attempted to put into words the great mystery that is love. 'At the touch of love, everyone becomes a poet,' the philosopher Plato put it.

Today's Gospel offers one of the most eloquent passages on love in the Gospels. It reveals the vision of Jesus for his followers and explains how we should treat one another. We are to love each other with the same love Jesus showed during his time on earth, that great and generous love that culminated in his 'laying down his life for his friends'. It is in the way we love one another, the way we understand and forgive and support one another, that we experience the life and love of Jesus.

There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God'. That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others - all others. God does not have favourites.

We find it so hard to accept the revelation that it is God's delight to be worshipped in the way we touch and look at each other, in the way we listen and talk to each other, in the way we forgive and promise to start all over again.' (Daniel O'Leary)

Triona Doherty

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HOMILY

Cornelius, Catholics and Love

We owe much to a Roman soldier. In fact, it may be said we are 'Catholic' because of the encounter between St Peter and Cornelius.

Cornelius was a centurion. As the name implies, a centurion was in charge of 100 soldiers in the Roman army. So he was a junior officer in the Empire's armed forces and a pagan to boot.

And yet, St Peter found that this man was evidently graced by the Holy Spirit and therefore Peter could not deny him baptism. This incident helped resolve a major controversy in the first decades of the church.

Would a pagan have to become a Jew, one of the Chosen People, before becoming a Christian? Peter concluded, on the basis of a vision and this incident, that God does not have favourites amongst the peoples of this world and that any person of any nationality who is in awe of God and lives justly could be baptised a Christian.

And thus the early church was able to break out of its Jewish confines. We were not to be a Jewish sect which accepted Jesus as the Messiah. We were to be truly universal ('catholic' in the Greek) able to embrace all those who acknowledge our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

So the great missionary endeavour began to every tribe, every ethnic group, speakers of every tongue throughout the earth. And there were two main messages.

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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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First that Jesus of Nazareth had had the victory over death, and we are able to share in that victory. That is the faith of Easter which we have just celebrated.

The second great message involved understanding what 'love' really entails. The word 'love' in English covers such a multitude of experiences as to be devoid of meaning until we know the context. Does it refer to the passionate embrace of two lovers, or a preference for chocolate over nougat? Our Lord gives us the core meaning.

'No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.'

Of course, for most of us the closest experience consonant with that gospel is the experience of a parent at the bedside of a chronically ill or badly injured child who is dying. A mother or father would willingly substitute themselves for that child facing death. This is the true core meaning of 'love' according to Our Lord. Every other form of love grades away from this most perfect human expression of loving.

Of course Jesus not only preached this message, but lived and died it. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends. He laid down his life for those – for us – whom he called 'friends'.

Though totally innocent of any crime or sin he took on all the horror of a tortured death as if he were a criminal or sinner, rejected by society, even experiencing estrangement from his Heavenly Father: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

He took this experience on himself, really the experience of humanity, and emerged the Victor, the conqueror of death on Easter Sunday.

And he did so on behalf of us whom in today's gospel He calls his 'friends', those with whom he wishes to share that victory. 'No greater love can a person have than to lay down his life for his friends.'

This is the reality, this is the message of the gospel for the peoples of every tribe, every nation, every language.

It is a message which has resonated and reverberated down the centuries from Cornelius to those gathered here.

It is the message entrusted to us as members of the one holy *Catholic* and apostolic church.

More importantly, it is entrusted to us as *friends* of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Fr Michael Tate

**CELEBRATION MASS FOR SR. AILEEN
AND THE SISTERS OF MERCY**

When: Sunday 18 July *

Time: 10:15am

ALL WELCOME

**Please note change of date - more details to come*



Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Anderson Patrick child of Phillip and Amanda

Happy Mother's Day

M is for the million things she gave me.

O means only that she's getting old.

T is for the tears she shed to save me.

H is for her heart of purest gold.

E is for her eyes with love-light shining.

R means right and right she'll always be.

Put them all together, they spell

MOTHER

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 13th May

Where: Yass RSL Club, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 10:15am

ALL WELCOME

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE - 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.

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 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).

PLENARY ZOOM GATHERINGS – 4th TO 28th MAY

To prepare for the Plenary Council of Australia in October, Archbishop Prowse will be hosting a series of Zoom meetings for each Deanery location.

All welcome.

To find out details about the meetings and to register please go to <https://cgatholic.org.au/plenary/>

A copy of the working document 'Continuing the Journey' can also be downloaded from the website.

TROPICAL RETREAT IN NATURE – 12th TO 18th JULY

The Mercy Sisters have Peter Saunders to lead a *Tropical Retreat in Nature* based at the Seville Mercy Conference Centre in Cairns.

Cost: \$2,200 (Includes single room accommodation with shared bathroom, all meals, excursions, and guided trips to key places in the Far North.)

To register for the retreat please fill out an application form and send to Priscilla O'Brien (Ministry Development Coordinator)

Email: priscilla@mcauleyministries.org.au or call (07) 4047 8103

Hurry! Places are limited to only 15 participants.

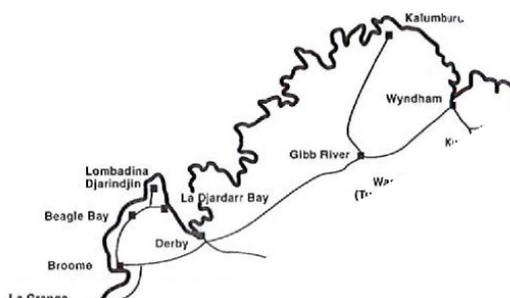
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KALUMBURU MISSION
DIOCESE OF BROOME WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

We need volunteers for a life experience at the remote community of Kalumburu located in the northern region of the Kimberley in Western Australia. This region is home to some of Australia's oldest indigenous communities and picturesque landscapes. Volunteers play an important role in helping our Parishes continue an active presence amongst the local people, both in Broome and remote indigenous communities like Kalumburu.

Your role as a volunteer will include running the General Store with some assistance from local community members, handy-man maintenance and gardening as required and associated light machinery use and truck and fork-lift driving if you have the required licence.

This is an opportunity to contribute and apply your range of acquired skills to the Kalumburu Mission and we would love to hear from you whether as couples or singles.

For further information please contact: Diocese of Broome
Chancery (08) 9192 1060 or by email
secretary@broomedioocese.org



COMMUNION REFLECTION

Living the Gospel - Love One Another

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

First Reading

Jesus is taken up into heaven.

Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading

Live a life worthy of your calling.

Eph 1:17-23

Gospel

Jesus commissions the eleven, ascends to heaven.

Mk 16: 15-20

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

Have you thought? - Love

There is a wonderful line from the musical, *Les Miserables*, when the hero, Valjean, is told, 'To love another person is to see the face of God.' As Christian people, we believe that every person is created in the image and likeness of God. To look upon another person with love and compassion is to see the face of God revealed. When we are called to love, we are called to recognise that every single person is worthy of love and every single person is made in the image of God – even ourselves!

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Ron McGrath

Prayers for

Mary McReynolds, Edward McReynolds, Joan Carey,
Sr. Cora Carey, Joe Kelly

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

Thomas Williamson (1/5), Brendan Reardon (2/5),
David Warren (2/5), Herbert Vincent (3/5),
Mary McReynolds (5/5), Vea Teofilo (5/5),
Robert Delbridge (6/5), Maude Baker (6/5), Bill Smith (7/5),
Jennifer Rowan (7/5), Gwendoline Bayley (8/5),
Thomas Horton (10/5), Kevin Crossley (10/5),
Franjo Bambic (12/5), Bruce McDonald (12/5),
Florence Vincent (12/5), Maureen McGrath (14/5),
John Foran (14/5), Rubina Crossley (15/5),
Norman Carey (16/5), Zygmunt Banaszczyk (18/5),
Ian Kennedy (18/5), Cassandra Friend (20/5),
Edward McReynolds (20/5), Esther Tully (25/5),
Thomas Richmond (27/5), Corrina Medway (22/5),
Beryl Downey (23/5), Joseph Barratt (28/5),
Audrey Carey (29/5) and Emse Cregan (31/5).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Reader	2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Saturday Acolyte	4 = Sunday Acolyte
8/ 9 May Peter Gibbs 1 Tom Considine 2	Frank Grace 3 Peter Walker 4
15/16 May Debbie Valencic 1 Mark Valencic 2	Bob Nash 3 Russell Hill 4

ALTAR SERVERS

8 May Wendy Morton Charlotte Alexander
15 May Ella & Clare Broers

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