



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	Father	Peter My
Parish Office	Zuzy	Webster
	<i>Monday to Wednesday 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)

2nd Tues (monthly) Yass 11:00 am

Horton/Warminsteron

4th 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

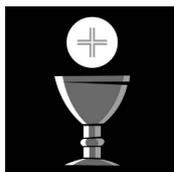
By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

School Enrolments

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

THE MOST BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – YEAR B

5th & 6th June 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. **R**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. **R**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **R**

SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.
Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Fri: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Miracle at Lanciano

At altar foot, he starts to say
"Introibo ad altare Dei" (I will go into the altar of God)
(Is this the thousandth piere oblation offered since my
ordination?)

Tim-trimmed liturgy perfected,
Consecration quick confected,
As ling'ring doubt once more returns
That in his bosom baleful bierns:
This bread, this disc, this host so white
Is this Christ's body, true and right?
Awestruck, O God, he then beholds
True flesh, true blood, his clay enfolds
Abashed obeisance, so belated
Adores he Christ the Uncreated!

John Maston

(For full info, go to Google)

HOMILY

A Tale of Two Scarves

Recently, I read the autobiography of the Dalai Lama. I had the privilege of meeting him some years ago, at which time he spoke to me of his great sadness at the destruction of Tibetan culture at the hands of the Chinese authorities and their occupying army. He gave me a white silk scarf which I still treasure.

The Dalai Lama is clearly a man of spirituality, given to deep meditation, simplicity of life and compassion towards all sentient creatures – altogether an admirable figure.

And yet, as I read his autobiography I was overcome by a great sadness. He wrote that, after death, there could be a further phase as an insect or an animal.

Contrast that story with that of Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus also faced great danger and mortal peril at the hands of the occupying power. Knowing this, He slipped into Jerusalem using secret signs – 'a man carrying a pitcher of water' – to find a safe house for the Passover meal with His followers.

And then, anticipating His execution by the Roman power and with faith that He would lead a glorified fully human existence after death, He gave to His followers a sacramental way of sharing in His death-overcoming-life.

By sharing in a sacred meal, they would be eating and drinking His very existence: 'This is My Body. This is My Blood.'

As Pope John Paul II stated: 'With the Eucharist we digest, as it were, the "secret" of the Resurrection. For this reason, St Ignatius of Antioch rightly defined the Eucharistic Bread as "a medicine of immortality, an antidote to death."'

[repeat the quotes]

Each time we receive Holy Communion we receive what to our senses is bread and wine, but which is in reality Our Lord's humanity in its glorious state after the Resurrection.

We don't face the prospect of death in the way the Dalai Lama does: the annihilation of his individual existence or return as a compassionate monk, or an animal or an insect.

We face the prospect of death as a transition. As we say in the Mass for the Dead 'For your faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended.' We remain who we are – human beings with individual personality – and we pray that we may share more completely in the Resurrection-Life of Jesus Christ.

In the meantime, we sacramentally share in His resurrection-life every time we receive Holy Communion, communion with Him in the guise of a meal. A strange meal! Usually what we eat and

(Con't)

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

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drink becomes who we are. On this occasion, we become what or rather Who we eat and drink!

Why did Our Lord choose bread and wine? He was anticipating our sharing with Him heavenly life which He often pictured as a marriage feast. Holy Communion is the first course of the marriage feast of Heaven.

It is a real sharing in Heavenly life (eternal life) under the appearance of bread, which nourishes us and wine which gladdens our hearts. Our Lord shares His resurrection life with us in a way which nourishes us and gladdens our hearts.

Yes, I treasure the white silk scarf which the Dalai Lama gave me. I treasure even more the scarf, or 'stole' as it is called, which the Archbishop gave me at ordination. That is the insignia which allows me to celebrate Mass.

At every Mass we can say and pray with St Thomas Aquinas:

'O Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'

Fr Michael Tate

He has gone out of his mind

In the Gospel today we read that Jesus has returned home and causes quite a commotion on his arrival. Word about this healer and teacher has gotten around, the crowds have gathered, and the religious leaders are not happy. Jesus' growing popularity has started to upset daily life for his family to the point where 'they could not eat'. In an effort to protect their son and their brother, Jesus' family try to explain away his 'unruly' behaviour. They tell the crowd and the religious leaders that Jesus does not mean what he says, he has simply 'gone out of his mind'. In their view, things have gone too far. Jesus was preaching a message that seemed radical to many. He knows that bringing about God's dream for the world involves speaking out and behaving in ways that are counter cultural. The religious leaders go so far as to say that Jesus was possessed by a demon. It was their way of 'explaining away' someone that they could not cope with, someone who was challenging their systems and practices. We can think of those in society today who are 'explained away'; those whom society wishes would stop speaking out because it is uncomfortable to listen to. Name-calling is often a last resort when institutions or 'powers' are disgruntled. The young climate activist, Greta Thunberg, knows this well. Following taunts by Presidents and Fossil Fuel executives towards her, she famously said, 'When haters go after your looks and differences, it means they have nowhere left to go... and then you know you're winning.'

The end of today's Gospel is troubling as Jesus seems to dismiss his mother, his brothers and sisters. But Jesus' mission is now wider than his immediate family. It is not that he no longer cares for them, God's vision and Jesus' vision for this world are now one. As sometimes happens in life, we have to let go of certain things in order to follow our true path.

Jane Mellett

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

When: Sunday 18 July

Time: 10:15am

A celebration mass for sr. Aileen and the sisters of mercy will be held on Sunday 18th July following mass.

The celebration details are yet to follow, but will include a catered light lunch following Mass, which will incur a fee.

Please RSVP for the lunch, for catering purposes, to Lourdes O'Keefe ph. 0413 096 413

ALL WELCOME

PLEASE NOTE

Starting next week, 9th June, weekday masses (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) will be held in the Lovat Chapel.

Thank you.



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Archie Thomas child of Aidan & Alexandra

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 10th June

Where: Hartigan Centre, Meehan Street Yass

Time: 5:30pm

**BAND OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS PASSOVER DINNER
- 12th JUNE**

The Vine Church would like to invite you BROTHERS & SISTERS to our Passover Dinner event on Saturday 12th June at Vine Church. We have a Messianic Jewish Pastor from Celebrate Messiah coming to conduct a full Passover Dinner with all the right foods, and ceremony. This event will show in detail how the Passover absolutely points to Jesus Christ in every respect.

Where: Yass Vine Church, 11472 Wee Jasper Road, Yass

When: 3pm Saturday 12 Jun 2021

Contact: Ps Gary Brown 0409 771 712

Cost: We will be taking up an offering for Celebrate Messiah on the day.

Rsvp is **essential** for this event, as we need to cater for the right numbers. So..... If you would like to attend, please rsvp with numbers no later than Friday 4th June. This is very important. Only those with names on the list will be able to attend.

YRAR PRESENTS: THE GIFT OF UNITY- A REFUGEE STORY

When: Sunday 20th June

Where: St Clements Church Hall, 20 Church St, Yass

Time: 2:00pm

Hear from our panel about the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees in Yass in 1979-80. Stories of courage and resilience from the resettlement committee and the families they supported.

Includes the extraordinary story of our very own Father Peter My.

Hosted by Paul Bongiorno AM, Contributing Editor, Network 10.

Afternoon Tea provided.

This is a COVID Safe event.

For more information or to **RSVP** please contact Sarah: 0447 180 533 or email: yass4refugees@gmail.com

**VINNIES CEO SLEEP OUT FOR THE HOMELESS
- 17th JUNE**

COVID has resulted in more homeless people in Canberra needing help but also greater difficulties in raising funds.

This year Michael Green, principal of Mt Carmel School, is again participating the the Vinnies CEO Sleepout. He will be joining a number of Catholic School Principals and business leaders to sleep rough at the National Arboretum in Canberra and raise much needed money for those in our community who can't afford the basics - food, education, utilities and even a place to call home.

His personal goal is to raise \$2,000 for Vinnies; if you are able to donate to this important cause, go to <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/michaelgreen/canberra>.

**8 WEEK MARRIAGE DISCERNMENT COURSE
- 18th JUNE & 6th AUGUST**

10:00am-12.00pm

Registration close on 14 June. 75% sponsorship is available for 10 individuals – single or dating – to participate in a live, online vocational discernment program. Delivered via Zoom. Includes small group work.

Cost (after discount) is \$25 per person.

Expressions of interest to lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

**ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE DINNER
- 16th JULY**

5:00pm

The dinner will be held at the Southern Cross Club Woden to celebrate women's ministry. Scholar and teacher, Sr Margaret Beirne RSC will give a talk on St Mary Magdalene. Three course meal \$65.

All welcome.

Bookings essential at <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

**RETREAT - FINDING GOD IN AUSTRALIA
- 6th TO 8th AUGUST**

Fr John Hill will lead a retreat to be held at St Clement's, "Finding God in Australia".

Please contact St Clement's to register. info@stclement.com.au or phone 02 6380 5222 Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND
- 21st TO 22nd AUGUST**

An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

Come and join us on August 21 - 22, 2021 at a Live-Out Marriage Encounter Weekend at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

WOMEN'S PRAYER/SHARING GROUPS

If you are looking for an avenue of prayer and sharing the faith journey with a group of friends online or face to face then contact us: calltoconnect.ministry@gmail.com

"Call to Connect" catholic women's' ministry can help you with free Starter Kits. More information here available at <https://womenstaskforceacg.wordpress.com/womens-prayer-groups/>

POSITION VACANT – CLEANER

A permanent/part-time position (1½ hours per week) is vacant for assisting with the cleaning of the Hartigan Centre/Lovat Chapel.

Please contact the Presbytery on (02) 6226 1086 for more information.

