



# 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>	

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. **R**

For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. **R**

Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. **R**

They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. **R**

### 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.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

### 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	Lovat Chapel, Yass	5:30 pm
Thursday	Lovat Chapel, Yass	7:30 am
Friday	Lovat Chapel, Yass	12:00 noon
Saturday	St Augustine's, 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
<i>Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Mon, Wed. or Fri.)</i>		

### 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



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Mon:** Saint Aloysius Gonzaga  
**Tue:** Saints John Fisher and Thomas More  
**Thu:** The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

## HOMILY

### **The Voice which Accompanies to the Other Side**

According to St Paul 'the whole of creation... is yearning to share in the glory promised to the children of God.' (Romans 8) In the meantime it is as though from the beginning every element of the universe is 'listening out' for the word which will bring it into harmony with that deepest yearning, listening so as to exist in a way which is never destructive of God's plan for humanity and all other creatures.

And that is what happens in this gospel episode. What is the situation of creation? One has a howling wind, shrieking against every timber of the boat, storm-tossed waves threatening to engulf and sink the boat.

What word is heard by these elements of the universe? A word which they hear even as they are at their most destructive.

'Quiet, be still.' [repeat]

And there was a dead calm. Why?

Because this was a word spoken by the Lord of all creation, the Sovereign of the universe.

And what was the result? The disciples were able to make their way across the Sea of Galilee 'to the other side' in the company of Jesus. What does that mean?

They were able to go from the western Jewish side to the eastern Pagan side. That is from the side which they knew, from the side with which they were familiar, from the side where they were 'at home' to the side which they did not know, which was unfamiliar territory for them, where, far from being at home, they would feel dis-located, dis-placed.

That is why this gospel story is good news for us, for you and for me. There will be times, there have been times when, in the journey of life, suddenly chaos erupts. A tempest storms into our life. The wind is howling. We want to block our ears to the situation threatening us whether from the outside or from some part of our own personality. We feel we are being swamped. Some part of us is facing death.

With the disciples we may cry out to Jesus 'Don't you care?' And the Lord of the Universe will ensure we are not submerged by chaotic, dark forces.

But, he will not turn us back to the situation as before. We must continue to 'the other side'. It will be unfamiliar territory. We will feel displaced, somewhat disoriented.

But we will also find that Our Lord has accompanied us in that journey through the chaos. He is our companion as we find our bearings in the new situation we have reached 'on the other side'.

There will possibly be many such transits in the journey of life until the final transit to truly new territory through the wrenching chaos and dis-integration of death.

We should pray that in the midst of dying we will hear Our Lord rebuking the Prince of Darkness and Death: 'Quiet, be still.' And Our Lord will accompany us, be our companion to the other side, to the Promised Land of Heaven.

*Fr Michael Tate*

## 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:</i> Fr Peter My	Sarah Johnston ( <i>Social Justice</i> )

## **'Let us go across to the other side'**

'Let us go across to the other side' is an important phrase in Mark's Gospel which occurs many times. Jesus and the disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee from what is a predominantly Jewish area to a more Gentile (non-Jewish) region. While this phrase signifies Jesus' geographical position, it also suggests that he is inviting the disciples to go a little deeper on their journey. They are perhaps entering into the unknown, moving out of their comfort zones and therefore feeling anxious. The crossing of the water does not go so well for the disciples as a storm begins to brew and eventually the water begins to endanger the boat. To the disciple's astonishment, Jesus is asleep through the whole ordeal. Their anxious call is understandable, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' After all, Jesus has led them, and 'other boats' into this situation and now appears not to care what will happen to them all.

In times of turmoil in life, we too may feel totally abandoned, swamped by fear and anxiety, adrift in a storm where even Jesus appears to be asleep. During such experiences, we might remember the words of Jesus from today's Gospel and repeat them, like a mantra, 'Peace! Be Still!'. While the wind is howling around us it can be frightening but Christ is always with us, present within our very selves, offering us this deep peace. Often, coming back into this awareness can help us navigate through the storm and remind us that Jesus is very active in our lives, especially when we are entering into unknown territory. What is required of the disciples in this account, is a more mature faith, a deeper trust in their Teacher, that he will not abandon them.

'May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you; May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm; May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; May he bring you home rejoicing.' (*Shane Claiborne*).

*Jane Mellett*

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## **Living the Gospel – Do you not care?**

The experience of the disciples as their boat was tossed about the sea by the powerful storm may sound like a familiar situation. At times in life we may feel that we have lost control of our situation and we are being blown from one 'disaster' to the next. At such times, we may find ourselves asking the question that the disciples asked of Jesus, 'Master, do you not care?' Jesus' reply to the disciples suggests that had they been calm and trusted in the slow work of God then they would have made it through the storm unharmed.

*Greg Sunter*

**CELEBRATION MASS FOR THE SISTERS OF  
MERCY IN YASS, NSW**

**and a Farewell for Sr Aileen Wailes**

*Sunday 18 July, 10:15am,*

*St Augustine's Church, Meehan St. Yass*

The Sisters of Mercy are leaving Yass after 146 years of good works in our community. We are going to honour them suitably, beginning with a Mass of Thanksgiving. Following Mass, we will have a story telling/memory sharing time in the Mt Carmel PAC, a catered light lunch with the Sisters at approx. 1.15pm, and a suggested donation for this is \$20-25pp. There will also be a photographic history on display.

We invite you to join us, for whatever part of the day you may wish to attend.

**RSVPs for lunch are essential by 30<sup>th</sup> June** for catering and COVID-Plan purposes.

Please RSVP to Lourdes O'Keefe ph. 0413 096 413

For any queries contact Annabelle O'Connell ph. 0412 919 856

ALL WELCOME

- In light of the planned display for the Thanksgiving Day, we invite families to contribute any photos, stories and/or other significant items that we can add to our collection. If you or someone you know wishes to do so, please see or contact Sarah Johnston or Annabelle.
- We are going to present the attending Sisters on the day with a small gift. If you have a teacup and saucer in perfect condition, gathering dust, that is not precious to you, we would appreciate you donating it to the cause. Thank you!

**DE-COMMISSIONING MASS**

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH, WEE JASPER**

**11.30am Thursday 1 July 2021**

*All are invited to the De-Commissioning Mass*

*However, due to COVID-19 restrictions only 17 persons are allowed inside the church.*

The Wee Jasper Community are also invited and will be opening the Memorial Hall (a COVID-19 Safe Place and can accommodate a larger number of persons) at 10.30am. Tea/Coffee & biscuits will be available.

Following Mass light refreshments will be served in the Memorial Hall. We invite you to join us, for whatever part of the day you may wish to attend. For catering purposes please RSVP by Wednesday 23 June to the Parish Office on 62261086 if you will be attending.

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*Help is also needed to provide slices, cakes etc.  
for the refreshments*

Please contact Lourdes O'Keefe on 0413 096 413 if you can assist.

**YRAR PRESENTS: THE GIFT OF UNITY- A REFUGEE STORY**

*When:* Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Vietnamese Choir from Canberra will sing a few songs.

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](mailto:yass4refugees@gmail.com)

**ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE DINNER  
- 16<sup>th</sup> 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>

**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](mailto: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/>

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (KSC) - WIDOWS GROUP**

Many years ago the Knights of the Southern Cross had a "Widows Group" whose KSC husbands had passed away. The Group used to meet and have lunch or morning tea in order to support each other.

The KSC would like to contact all KSC widows from every parish in the Canberra area who might like to get together informally on a monthly basis to renew friendships. You supported your husbands while they were members and we would like to show our appreciation.

If you are interested, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Bob Perkins on 6231 8472 or e-mail [perkins.family@aapt.net.au](mailto:perkins.family@aapt.net.au).

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**First Reconciliation**, for students in Year 3 or beyond, will be celebrated on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**

New addition of the Catholic Voice is now available.



*This week we welcomed into our Church community:*

Hugh Michael child of Reece & Amy

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### Prayer for vocations - June

Dear Jesus,  
 Help our families to imitate the love and unity of the Holy Family.  
 Help us to use our gifts for service to each other,  
 and strengthen our faith so that we may be witnesses of the Gospel.  
 Instill in parents a desire to offer a child to priesthood or religious life,  
 and grant our children a desire to serve the Church.  
 May young men become loving priests, husbands and fathers,  
 and young women find joy in religious life or as wives and mothers.  
 Help all of us, through our vocations in family life and Church life,  
 to grow in holiness and be worth of eternal life with you.  
 We ask this through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.  
 Amen

Fr Paul Nulley

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

##### First Reading

Death is not of God's doing.

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

##### Second Reading

Around in works of charity.

2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

##### Gospel

Jesus heals a woman of her haemorrhage and restores Jairus' daughter to life.

Mk 5:21-43

*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>19/20 Jun</b>	Peter Gibbs	1	Tom	Considine	2
	Peter Cleary	3	Peter	Walker	4
<b>26/27 Jun</b>	Rod Perceval	1	Steve	Scroope	2
	Frank Grace	3	Chris	Gold	4

#### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>19 Jun</b>	Clare & Ella Broers		
<b>26 Jun</b>	Charlotte Alexander	Grace	McPherson

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Collette Dawes, Elizabeth (McRae) Warren,  
 Margaret Lawrence, Sheila Armstead, Lorna Simpson,  
 John Hill

### Prayers for

Phero, Phero, Anna Maria, Jim McCabe

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

Doreen (Pat) McKenna (1/6), Mary (Mollie) O'Brien (1/6),  
 Aileen Wales (10/6), Guiseppe (John) DeMartin (10/6),  
 James MacQuillan (13/6), Nance O'Connor (14/6),  
 Damien Broderick (15/6), Gordon Butt (17/6),  
 Don Bayley (17/6), Eileen Jackson (18/6),  
 Francis 'Noel' Agnew (20/6), Gerald Honner (26/6), Audrey  
 Pearce (27/6), Susan O'Connor (27/6), Peter Doyle (27/6),  
 Raymond Bayley (28/6), Maria Doemling (28/6),  
 Cliff Doust (29/6) and Margaret Morrissey (30/6).

**Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered**

## 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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