



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	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

<u>Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)</u>		
2 nd Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am

Horton/Warmincton

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
<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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

26th & 27th June 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

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Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

R

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

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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!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: Saint Irenaeus
Tue: Saints Peter and Paul
Sat: Saint Thomas

HOMILY

Subverting the Social Order

This is a story of subversion, subversion of the social order turned upside down by the healing presence of Jesus.

Jesus is approached by one of the local elite: a male, with a name [Jairus], prestige, an advocate for his twelve year old daughter, and he knows the correct procedure, adopting a deferential posture.

Jesus hears his request to heal his daughter and sets off.

Jesus' progress is stopped in its tracks by a contrary figure: a woman, with no name, voiceless, because of her haemorrhaging blood ostracised from social and religious contacts, and she adopted the utterly wrong approach. She touched Jesus, or at least his clothing, which risked contaminating him with her 'uncleanness'.

But she was immediately healed. This voiceless, marginalised woman was healed at every level of her person: physical, social and religious. She could now mix with people and attend the synagogue.

All the woman needed to do was get close and have faith that Jesus would restore her to a life worthy of a human being.

By the way, that is the best way to approach confession.

You or I should come into the confessional conscious of whatever is making one ill-at-ease with God because of something one has done or failed to do. Bring that dis-ease into close proximity to Jesus as the Divine Physician. The confessional is 'the hem of his cloak'.

But to return to the Gospel. Jesus stops and looks around: 'Who touched me?' The disciples are unreconstructed supporters of the social status quo. They regard stopping to find out who touched Jesus as an unfortunate and rather misguided interruption to the important task of continuing on to the house of the local leader, the male at the top of the social scale who had so properly pleaded on behalf of his daughter.

But, Jesus does stop and one of the most beautiful moments in the Gospel ensues.

The woman gets her voice back, tells Jesus it was she who had broken all the taboos and touched him. He turns to her and says: 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.'

He, Our Lord Jesus Christ, calls the outcast who had endured social isolation for twelve years, 'Daughter'. This woman heard this term of relationship, this term of affection and care, 'Daughter', from the lips of Jesus. Can you imagine the liberating and joyful effect of hearing that title of honour and love from Our Lord?

Yes, Jesus went on to heal the little girl. But unlike the disciples he did not regard stopping as an interruption. It was a priority which totally subverted the expectations and the power structures of that society.

We are not Hindus. A caste system within the church is utterly at odds with this gospel. The Church is distorted if power, prestige, pedigree or wealth give one special status. The saving and healing presence of Jesus must always be allowed to be radically egalitarian.

(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 (Youth)	Peter Cleary (Liturgy)
Bryan Coleborne (Ecumenism)	Michael Green (School)
Genevieve Colbert (Education)	Lourdes O'Keefe (Social)
Bob Nash (Maintenance)	Michael Van Wanrooy (Welfare)
Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My	Sarah Johnston (Social Justice)

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This is good for you and for me when we need the presence of Jesus, the Divine Physician. You and I are a priority when we need that healing presence.

I want you to close your eyes for a moment. Bring to mind whatever it is that is making you ill-at-ease with God. Something you have done or failed to do you now experience as a dis-ease in part of your personality.

Then say with the woman of today's gospel: 'I will touch the outer garment of my Lord and Saviour. I believe he will forgive me and heal me.' Say it with her profound confidence in divine power.

Keep your eyes closed and hear Him say to you:
'My son [or] my daughter, my son [or] my daughter
your faith has made you well;
go in peace and be healed of your dis-ease.'

Fr Michael Tate

'Talitha Cum'

In today's Gospel we hear two healing stories: Jairus' daughter and the woman with a haemorrhage. At first glance these stories might not seem to have a lot in common. The woman is a complete social outcast because of her condition, yet Jesus calls her 'daughter'. He does not let social convention dictate who can be called a child of God. Jesus reminds the people of this woman's true identity. The synagogue official surprises us, pleasantly, with his faith in Jesus and his message. What these two characters have in common is faith against all the odds as they reach out to Jesus in faith-filled action. There are those in the story who laugh when Jesus says he can bring back Jairus' daughter. They are sent away. Jesus' healing breaks down the barriers that isolate us from one another and from God.

We can all recall times when we were struggling. We needed something to move us, to help us forgive, to help us walk away or to relieve us of physical pain. In the end it can be the simple gestures that save us: a kind word, someone praying for us, a gentle touch or we reach out to someone and like the woman with the haemorrhage we suddenly feel within ourselves that we are healing. These accounts show us something of how God's grace can enter our lives and transform situations.

Mark leaves untranslated Jesus' native language when he restores the young girl to life: 'Talitha cum' – a beautiful phrase meaning: 'Little girl, get up!'. Jairus' daughter has been given new life; the woman has also been given new life. Both have overcome barriers that were keeping them from being free. We know what those barriers are for each of us. God's grace is gentle yet can bring life to situations of death. What do you need healing from today? Bring this to prayer.

Jane Mellett

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**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 30th 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 (0447 180 533) 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 Mass will, hopefully, be broadcast to the outside of the Church where extra seating will be available

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 10.45am.*

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 seating/catering purposes please RSVP to Irene Carr on 0458132785 if you think you will be attending.

**Please note time change from previous advice*

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.



Next week we welcome into our Church community:

Isabelle Katherine & Jessica Clare
children of Joseph & Katherine

EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED – 10th JULY

9:00am

Evenings for the Engaged is a marriage preparation course for couples marrying in the Catholic Church. It's an incredible investment in the rest of your married life! Covering topics and skills from communication to the Sacrament of Marriage, the program is run over two consecutive Saturdays.

For details email prugordon@gmail or call 0451 670 041.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN'S MESSAGE AT LA SALETTE – 11th JULY

2:30pm

Marian Series No2 - The Blessed Virgin's message at La Salette via Zoom. In 1846, Our Lady wept unceasingly before two children in Grenoble, France. Why was she crying? What was her message? Join Fr Adrian Wee (FSSP) to find out what Our Lady wants us to do.

Don't miss out, register for free at <http://bit.ly/MarianSeries>.

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/>

SAVE THE DATE

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

Pastoral letter of Archbishop Christopher Prowse is available at the back of the church.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Walking free in God.

The girl once dead and lifeless,
is given new power and new life by Jesus.
She is to walk free.

His word is for us to do the same.
Bring life to each other.

Raising the dead –
this story is untrue to life –
people are dead when they're dead.
It's more the promise of eternal life
and the hope of Jesus to bring comfort to sorrow.
Jesus is giving a big example that he came to bring life.

Ways we have been helped in bad times.
Ways in which we find the right person at the right time.
Miracles are like kindnesses people do for each other
from their love and care and thoughtfulness.

Jesus brought life to a house of sorrow,
but not by himself –

he brought Peter, James and John;
and any time he wants
to do the work of God,
he brings his followers,
he brings you and me.

Be a life-giver;
the person who works those small miracles.

Then Christ works through you.
Then his words are in action and in reality.
Walk free in the love of God.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Prayers for

Joe Kelly, Phero, Phero, Anna Maria

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

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

First Reading Ez 2:2-5

Ezekiel is sent to the Israelites.

Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10

God chose us in Christ.

Gospel Mk 6:1-6

No prophet gains honour in his native place.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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LITURGY

1 = Reader
3 = Saturday Acolyte

2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful
4 = Sunday Acolyte

26/27 Jun	Rod	Perceval	1	Steve	Scroope	2
	Frank	Grace	3	Chris	Gold	4
3/ 4 Jul	Joseph	Morrissey	1	Susan	Morrissey	2
	Greg	Minahan	3	Russell	Hill	4

ALTAR SERVERS

26 Jun	Charlotte	Alexander	Grace	McPherson
3 Jul	Charlotte & Molly McPherson			

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