



# 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>	

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

31<sup>st</sup> July & 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **R**

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **R**

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **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!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

### 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  
*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.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Tue:** Saint Dominic  
**Wed:** Saint John Vianney  
**Fri:** The Transfiguration of the Lord

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## HOMILY

### Who can satisfy human appetites?

As you know, the Bedouins wander through the desert regions greatly depending on what they come across for food.

There is a type of tamarisk tree which grows in those regions and from it a honey-like substance exudes and drops to the ground. It perishes quickly but if gathered early it gives a wonderful boost to energy short-term. The Bedouin word for this is: 'mann'.

Notice how close this is to 'manna'. The Jewish people wandering in the desert were desperate with hunger and close to starvation. Next morning, manna!

So, perhaps, the manna was a natural phenomenon, like the quails that had come up into the camp the evening before. Nevertheless, both were an expression of Divine Providence in a perilous situation. It was indeed 'manna from heaven'.

God had satisfied their craving, their appetite for food.

Appetites are good things. Sometimes in Catholic history they have been regarded as something to be suppressed, but actually they tell us what we need as human beings.

Our appetite for food and drink is a good thing and must be satisfied or our bodies will collapse through malnutrition.

Our appetite for affection and acceptance is a good thing and must be satisfied or we disintegrate socially. If we are fortunate, we will find companionship which satisfies that appetite.

The universal appetite for knowing where we are in the Big Picture of the universe is a good thing. Human beings have a desire to know the truth about Reality.

We ask, indeed is there a Big Picture? Who is the artist painting the Big Picture? What sort of work of art am I? Does this creative artist regard me as a unique work of art which is cherished enough to survive the apparent dissolution of death?

All these appetites, bodily, social and spiritual, need to be satisfied if we are to be fully human.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that he is the satisfaction of our deepest human appetites.

Jesus says: 'I am not like the manna which ordinarily perishes overnight. I am not like the manna of the ancient Jewish people given to them alone. I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

'To the *world*,' not to some particular tribe of human beings, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation. And the *life* is nothing less than participation in Divine Life: eternal life.

'*I am* the one who can nourish the world with Divine Life. *I am* the one who can fulfil the human desire to exist in creation in the way God intended.'

There are hundreds upon hundreds of people and organisations claiming that they can satisfy our hungers and thirsts as human beings.

You and I are challenged to take a stand (and a risk, because that is what faith is) and agree with the Gospel when it says that this itinerant Jewish preacher and healer is indeed 'the Bread of God who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

(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> )
Sarah Johnston ( <i>Social Justice</i> )	Zuzy Webster ( <i>Secretary</i> )

*Ex Officio Member:* Fr Peter My

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(Con't)

Jesus Christ is the One, the only One, who can satisfy the real deep down hunger which each one of us has, the hunger for life beyond the seeming extinction of death.

We Catholic Christians make another profound act of faith at our Mass today.

The bread which is brought up at the Offertory: 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands', after invoking the Holy Spirit and speaking the words of consecration, is no longer short term food like the manna in the desert. It becomes for *us* the Bread of Life.

But, more than that, St Paul says in Romans that the whole of creation is yearning to share in the resurrection life of Christ in a way beyond our imagining. This Heavenly Bread which we receive in holy communion with our Risen Lord is the effective start of the process of transformation of the whole cosmos.

So at every Mass, let us celebrate that we are in the Real Presence of the One who gives life *to the world*.

*Fr Michael Tate*

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## Food that satisfies

Growing up, did you hear any 'old wives' tales' about food - eating carrots helps you see in the dark; bread crusts will make your hair curly; an apple a day keeps the doctor away...? These wise old sayings, passed down the generations, were employed to encourage us to eat certain foods, mainly healthy fruit and veg. Many even had an element of truth. These days we can easily establish the accuracy of such claims, but many parents still find themselves falling back on these nuggets of wisdom. Behind it all is a desire to see children grow up strong and healthy.

Recent years have seen an increased focus on health, both physical and mental. Nourishing one's body and mind and keeping them healthy are essential long-term projects, the work of a lifetime. In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about a different type of nourishment - bread that gives life, food that satisfies, food that endures. 'I am the bread of life,' says Jesus. It is Jesus who nourishes us at the very core of our being, who knows our every need and gives meaning to our lives. He tells us today: 'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.' As we continue on our way, learning how to best nourish our body and mind, let us not forget to nourish our spirit with Jesus, the bread of life.

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.' (*Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium*)

*Triona Doherty*

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## DATE AND TIME CHANGE

### DE-COMMISSIONING MASS

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH, WEE JASPER**  
**12.00noon Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

*All are invited to the De-Commissioning Mass*

*However, due to COVID-19 restrictions numbers will need to be restricted.*

*Further information, and for seating purposes, please contact Irene Carr on 0458 132 785.*

*The Wee Jasper Community Association will be kindly offering tea/coffee and a simple morning tea in the Wee Jasper Memorial Hall prior to the de-consecration service at midday on 7<sup>th</sup> August as part of our ongoing support to the community.*

### INVITATION TO PRAYER AT WEE JASPER

Dear Parishioners,

In the lead up to the deconsecration of Our Lady of the Rosary Church at Wee Jasper, the St Augustine's Parish would like to open the Church this coming weekend so that anyone who would like to come in and say a prayer would be able to do so. The Church will be open on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August from 10:30am until 12:30pm**. All are welcome to visit the Church.

Please note that Covid regulations will apply to all visitors to the Church. Please sign in with the QR code, wear a mask in the Church, use hand sanitiser and maintain a distance of 1.5 meters. The capacity of Our Lady of the Rosary Church under current regulations is 17 people.

For further information please contact St Augustine's Parish office on 6226 1086.

Further to the letter in the bulletin on the weekend of 17/18 July, 2021, it was agreed in principal at the recent meetings of both the Parish Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council, to purchase 106 Meehan Street, Yass, from the Sisters of Mercy. Further details will be made available in due course.

Fr Peter thanks all those parishioners who provided both written and verbal comments on the proposal. These comments were discussed at the PFC meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

### LADIES MORNING TEA

*When:* Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August

*Where:* Yass RSL Club, Meehan Street, Yass

*Time:* 10:15am



ALL WELCOME

### CANBERRA CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP – 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

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*Where:* St. Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St. Manuka

*Phone:* (02) 6239 9888

### ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE COURSE – 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST

7:15pm-9:30pm

Nicky Gumbel says "There's no marriage that can't be improved." The Marriage Course aims to strengthen one's relationship from the comfort of one's own home via Zoom for 7 weeks.

Register for information session 7:30-8:00pm Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July [bit.ly/TMCInfonight](http://bit.ly/TMCInfonight)

Find out more at [bit.ly/TMCRegister](http://bit.ly/TMCRegister) Contact [steph.ransom@cg.org.au](mailto:steph.ransom@cg.org.au)

### ONLINE ARCHDIOCESAN ALPHA COURSE – 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST

5:30pm

The Alpha Course is a series of interactive sessions that explore life, faith and meaning. Alpha is completely free and everyone is welcome.

An Archdiocesan Alpha course will begin online on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, at 5:30pm, with Archbishop Christopher and other leaders.

Registration and information at [cgcatholic.org.au/alpha](http://cgcatholic.org.au/alpha).

### CANBERRA CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP FIRST FRIDAY FIRESIDE CHATS – 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

1:30pm

Monsignor John Woods - Parish Priest of Transfiguration Parish North Woden, will share on his experience as the Chaplain to the Canberra Raiders and will offer a new take on the 'theology of the body' at our next First Friday Fireside Chat series - Sports, Faith and Life

*Where:* Canberra Catholic Bookshop, 55 Franklin Street, Manuka.

### RETREAT - FINDING GOD IN AUSTRALIA – 6<sup>TH</sup> TO 8<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:info@stclement.com.au) or

phone (02) 6380 5222 Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm.

### CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BOOK FAIR – 18<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

8:00am-4:00pm

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Book Fair at Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. A great selection of paperbacks, cookbooks, children's books, biographies and more. Nothing over \$3!

Proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment for the care of public hospital patients and staff.

### VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR AND DINNER:

Each first Thursday of the month there is a Holy Hour and dinner at Archbishop's House for those interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood. If you are wanting to meet other like-minded men, please contact Fr Paul Nulley at: [paul.nulley@cg.org.au](mailto:paul.nulley@cg.org.au)

## Save the Date

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

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

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

O God, whose gift to our ancestors was manna in the wilderness, we believe in the One whom you have sent, on whom you have set your seal.

Nourish us on the bread of Christ's teaching, Clothe us in your likeness.

May we live a life worthy of our calling and bear witness in true holiness.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, the living bread, who has come down from heaven for the life of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS – YEAR B

##### First Reading

1 Kgs 17:7-16

Elijah asks the widow for food.

##### Second Reading

Col 3:12-17

God loves you and asks you to love others.

##### Gospel

Mt 6:25-34

Jesus tells us not to worry.

*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>31/1 Ju/Au</b>	Debbie	Valencic	1	Mark	Valencic	2
	Russell	Hill	3	Bob	Nash	4
<b>7/ 8 Aug</b>	Lourdes	O'Keefe	1	Tom	Considine	2
	Peter	Cleary	3	Peter	Walker	4

#### ALTAR SERVERS

**31 Jul** Ella & Clare Broers  
**7 Aug** Charlotte Alexander Molly McPherson

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

**31 Jul** Geraldine Doyle **7 Aug** Kay Perceval

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Frank Woods, John Taylor

### Prayers for

Holy Souls, Kevin Dawes

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

Frances Todkill (1/8), Catherine Wallace (1/8), Frances Cassidy (1/8), Eric Runnacles (5/8), Thomas Heaney (5/8), Robert Field (6/8), Beverley Beeten (7/8), Tilly Ward (7/8), Dennis Hoey (11/8), Paul Ryan (13/8), Val McDonald (7/8), Josef Kuszko (13/8), Helen Hird (15/8), Robert Wade (15/8), Irene Diver (15/8), Samantha Darmody (15/8), Margaret Neumann (16/8), Brendan McPhillips (16/8), Emma Bainbridge (18/8), Majorie Shields (18/8), Gweneth Besgrove (19/8), Thomas Hilly (21/8), Florence Davis (21/8), Brian Hepple (22/8), Kevin McKenzie (23/8), Peggy Kennedy (25/8), Bernard Robinson (27/8), Catherine Walmsley (27/8), Valda Connors (28/8), Peter O'Brien (28/8) and Joan Perrot (31/8).

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