



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

Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)

2nd Tues (monthly) Yass 11:00 am

Horton/Warmincton

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
<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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

3rd & 4th July 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: **Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **R**

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. **R**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **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!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



HOMILY

Home town crowds and 'mighty works'

Anyone who has seen the film or show 'Billy Elliott' will understand this incident in the Gospels.

Billy was a young boy who was brought up in a drab, decaying coal mining town in the north of England. The plan of his father and brother was to keep him in the box they knew – coal mining and boxing. But he had a passionate desire to dance. As he said, his whole body 'went electric' when he tap danced through those grim streets.

When dancing he created a different world and eventually his imagining of a different future won through – the last scene has him dancing in Swan Lake.

I have seen the film twice. I have cried twice.

It was a somewhat similar situation for Jesus. He returned to Nazareth, having performed '*mighty works*' of divine power around the countryside. But the home town crowd knew better what to expect from his hands. After all, they were the hands of a carpenter. He could do exquisite woodwork. That's who he was. That was the limit of who he was. They knew his family and network of relatives.

In other words, they thought they had him taped. They knew what box he fitted into. Woe betide if he got too big for his sandals! They wanted to trap him in an identity, constraining him in a role which would leave them undisturbed.

But, like Billy Elliott, only to the nth degree, Jesus had a deeper sense of identity. There was a dimension to his life of which he was aware: a special relationship to his heavenly Father, and a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was, and it had to find expression.

And he imagined a different future, a future of a healed and companionable human family within which was what he called 'the Reign of God'.

There was no way he was going to be put down and circumscribed by the home crowd. He could not do any '*mighty works*' given their scepticism and failure to support his boundless sense of identity. He left Nazareth and went on to try to create that future he imagined, and never returned to Nazareth.

Family and networks of friends can be very supportive. They can also be stifling, suffocating. They know what school one went to, what your first job was. They think they have you taped.

Those of us who are older need to guard against taking on the features of the Nazarenes who stereotyped Jesus. But it is to the younger members of the congregation that I would like to really address this Gospel.

Only God knows your true identity, who you are and who you are meant to be.

Why were you born in the 20th century and not the 15th or the 4th or the 24th century? Why were you loved into existence by God and your parents 20 years ago, 14 years ago, 18 years ago?

Each of us has a unique identity without which the cosmos would be incomplete and each of us has a unique role to play in salvation history.

It may take a lifetime to really cotton on to God's sense of one's identity and role, or one may be fortunate enough to find out relatively early. But like Billy Elliott and Jesus it is essential to break out of the expectations of the home crowd. It may even be necessary to disappoint those who love us dearly, family, teachers and friends.

(Con't)

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Father Peter My	Stan Waldren
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Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Annabelle O'Connell (<i>Youth</i>)	Peter Cleary (<i>Liturgy</i>)
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Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My	Sarah Johnston (<i>Social Justice</i>)

(Con't)

So one should pray for gifts of the Holy Spirit: of understanding so that one might be enlightened about one's identity and role, and then of courage to take risks and persevere against the odds.

Each of you has been given a divine dynamism at baptism. You are no ordinary human being. Your heart pulses to a different beat than that which simply repeats the monotonous rhythms of the expected.

You share the heartbeat of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Lord of the Universe. When you allow your heart to beat with His, your body, your personality will 'go electric' as Billy Elliott would say. When that happens you will really know your true identity, your true role and you will be able to go on and perform His *mighty works*.

Fr Michael Tate

This is the carpenter, surely?

'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house.' We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus in today's Gospel: no matter what a person achieves in life, in their home place they will always be identified with their childhood selves and their family. While this generates a sense of belonging, it can be stifling. There is always someone to ensure we don't get ideas 'above our station'!

Returning home to Nazareth, Jesus teaches in the synagogue but his former neighbours turn on him. Who does he think he is, this carpenter, the son of Mary? This could have been a moment of grace, if they were open to hearing what he had to say. Perhaps the implications of the Good News were just too challenging coming from one of their own.

Sometimes God's Word comes in an unexpected package. As individuals and communities, we can be guilty of silencing certain voices. Do we listen to young people with their energy and idealism, or the elderly with their experience and wisdom? Are we biased against certain groups in society, do we shoot them down before they speak? When our hearts are open, we come to recognise the prophets who are bringing the dream of God to fruition among us.

'Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.'

(Tony Singleton)

Triona Doherty

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THIS EVENT IS
POSTPONED

**CELEBRATION MASS FOR THE SISTERS OF
MERCY IN YASS, NSW
and a Farewell for Sr Aileen Wailes**

Due to the current Covid situation the Sisters of Mercy farewell is being postponed.

A new date will be set by the Sisters in consultation with Fr Peter and St Augustine's Parish.



*Next week we welcome into our
Church community:*

Bella Maree child of Bruno & Tiffany

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 8th July

Where: Yass RSL Club, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 10:15am



ALL WELCOME

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.

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.com 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>.

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 9:00am – 5:00pm.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT

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– 21st TO 22nd AUGUST

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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

ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE DINNER

– 3rd SEPTEMBER

6:30pm

Due to COVID considerations the Mary Magdalene dinner will now be held on Friday 3rd September at the Southern Cross Club, Woden. Tickets remain valid for Friday 3rd September.

If you require a refund please contact elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com or phone 0432 608 310.

Limited tickets still available.

Three course meal \$65.

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

SAVE THE DATE

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

LIVING THE GOSPEL

**Acknowledging the
close at hand**

Today's gospel reminds us that we can fail to see the value of those with whom we are very familiar. Although we proclaim that we seek the face of Christ in the face of those we meet it may not at times occur to us to look on our family and close friends in the same way. It may seem unlikely that God might come to us in the guise of a family member. Perhaps next time we are irritated by a brother or sister or the overly protective actions of a parent we should remind ourselves that we are looking into the face of God.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

What is this wisdom that has been given him?

We say that about someone we know well:
 Sure, he's one of our own.
 One of our own: a sure way of saying we're proud of him –
 but we won't take him so seriously.
 That's what they were saying about Jesus in Nazareth.
 And others said the same: Can any good come out of
 Nazareth?
 Small-town boy with big-town dreams.
 How could he have any wisdom: Sure we know his
 sisters, his cousins.
 And that's where he got his wisdom,
 the wisdom each of us shares.
 Wisdom comes through ordinary people.
 We know we get some of our wisdom from our family.
 We pick up wisdom with the homemade scones out of the
 oven.
 That's how it is.
 One of our own.
 Maybe you've given more wisdom than you thought.
 The wisdom of Jesus is never too complicated.
 It's things like: if you want to be happy, see what you can
 give to others.
 That's how he saw happiness, and that's the full wisdom
 of Jesus.
 He saw it at home – in Nazareth, and he saw it in heaven.
 Places of love.
 We live by the wisdom of love, rather than by other
 wisdoms –
 like the happiness that comes from straight As in exams,
 or from our job, money or physical appearance.
 Real wisdom is to be in touch with love in your life,
 and if you're in touch with love, you're in touch with Jesus.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

First Reading Am 7:12-15
 Amaziah questions Amos.
Second Reading Ehp 1:3-14
 God chose us in Christ.
Gospel Mk 6:7-13
 Jesus sends the Twelve out in pairs.

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				
3/ 4 Jul	Joseph Morrissey	1	Susan Morrissey	2	
	Greg Minahan	3	Russell Hill	4	
10/11 Jul	Gaye McManus	1	Debbie Valencic	2	
	Bob Nash	3	Peter Cleary	4	

ALTAR SERVERS

3 Jul Charlotte & Molly McPherson
10 Jul Louis & Fergus Green

ALTAR CLEANERS

3 Jul Geraldine Doyle
10 Jul Kay Perceval

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Fr Brian Maher

Prayers for

Joe Kelly, Phero, Phero, Anna Maria

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

Gerald Longley (3/7), Roy Gibbs (2/7),
 Brigid Faulkner (5/7), Herman Poecher (5/7),
 Reginald (Dal) Hanrahan (5/7), Dennis Faulkner (6/7),
 Leslie Cox (6/7), Lee Irwin (8/7), Joanne Kelly (8/7),
 Ben Van den Bulk (9/7), Kevin Dawes (9/7), Cliff Hoey (9/7),
 John O'Connor (9/7), Bernard Howard (9/7),
 Harry Wales (10/7), Judith Ticehurst (10/7),
 Frans Broers (13/7), Dulcie Finn (14/7),
 Thomas Wales (14/7), Helen Bunting (14/7),
 Justin Hayward (16/7), Joan Bray (17/7),
 Adrian Cooke (17/7), Brett Irwin (18/7), Gerald Doyle (18/7),
 Ron Merriman (18/7), Henry Burgess (18/7),
 Len Longley (19/7), Stan Irwin (21/7), Robyn Cox (21/7),
 James McGinley (22/7), Catherine Wallace (22/7),
 Patricia Dobbin (22/7), Teri Bates (23/7),
 Maureen Yates (23/7), Marie Grace (24/7),
 Angela Waters (24/7), Eric Hobday (26/7),
 Joyce Ryan (26/7), Nita Hogan (27/7),
 Ronald Howard (27/7), Gordon Todkill (30/7),
 Glenice Doyle (30/7) and Justin Bell (31/7).

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