



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</i>	
	<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

10th & 11th July 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **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!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Thu: Saint Bonaventure

HOMILY

The Big Picture sets you free

You may have seen on television scenes from Thailand with the Buddhist monks going out every morning with a bowl which is filled with food by devoted householders. That is the monks' food for the day. A monk only eats if people are generous. To take that risk, to have that interior freedom, the monks need a 'Big Picture' which they derive from Buddhist philosophy.

Today's gospel portrays the early disciples as itinerant preachers totally dependent on the hospitality of others – 'take no purse, no haversack' – utterly relying on the generosity of the households who provide safe houses as they make their way on their mission.

What was the 'Big Picture' which gave them the interior freedom to take the risk of living that way? What gave them freedom from anxiety about the future?

They got it from a deep-down sense of identity, the Big Picture as sung about only a few years later at the beginning of St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, the second reading. It is a hymn to early Christian disciples.

You are Christian disciples. St Paul is speaking to you: 'Blessed be God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed you with all the spiritual blessings of Heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose you, chose you in Christ, to be holy and spotless and to live through love in his presence.'

Before the world was made, He chose you.

Before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, *God conceived of you, 'God chose you in Christ'.*

From that perspective, it is not too much to say that the universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy, that creatures were drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally and individually, might enjoy a wonderful destiny.

That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God's presence.

It is almost impossible to grasp the immensity of this fact perceived by faith. But the Big Picture becomes even more stupendous. It portrays more than the destiny of human beings. St Paul wrote elsewhere (Romans 8:19-22) that the whole of creation is yearning to share in the destiny which is yours. The most distant galaxy is aching, the furthest star is longing to be transformed by the glorified, risen humanity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

That is God's plan revealed to us in the second reading. When this phase of cosmic history is ended, God will bring 'everything together under Christ as Head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.'

Everything. *Every thing:* you and every other element of creation.

That is the Big Picture, the 'Very Big Picture'. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. You will have a freedom to dare to be different.

When you listen to the Word of God, listen to your body, listen to your intuition, listen to your gut feeling; when you get your body, mind and spirit in harmony with the Big Picture of revelation, then you will find you have a freedom which will allow

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Father Peter My	Stan Waldren
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Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My

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you to do great things to further God's plan for human history and the whole cosmos.

As St Paul concludes in the second reading: 'You have been stamped with the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of your inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own.'

My dear friends, you *are* free because 'Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.'

Fr Michael Tate

The first mission

Two phrases come to mind as I read about the disciples heading off on their first mission: 'baptism of fire' and 'to be thrown in at the deep end'. We use these expressions to describe a difficult introduction to a new job or activity, when we are expected to learn as we go and cope with whatever obstacles we face. In today's Gospel, Jesus sends the Twelve out on their first mission. It is a challenging one and his instructions are brief and very specific: they are to bring nothing but a staff - no food or money - meaning they will have to rely on the hospitality of others for all their needs. They are to stay wherever they are welcomed, rather than move around from house to house, so they can't be choosy about their lodgings. Simplicity is key - no baggage, no luxuries, no distractions, nothing but the task of reaching to people. It might not be plain sailing, but Jesus offers advice for those difficult times too.

It appears their mission of preaching and healing was successful, as we are told the disciples came back eager to fill Jesus in. Imagine the experiences they must have had during this time - the people they met and helped, the generosity of those who welcomed them, the conversations on the road, the chance to share their excitement at everything Jesus was doing. They were certainly thrown into a challenging situation, but they returned with a fresh perspective and strengthened faith. Jesus calls us to step out into the unknown, his words as our guide and his bond with us unbreakable.

'A boat is safe in the harbour, but this not the purpose of a boat.' (*Paulo Coelho*)

Triona Doherty

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Living the Gospel – Travelling Light

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the 'haves' and 'have nots' the 'haves' are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the 'things' with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

Greg Sunter



HELP WANTED

Starting Monday 26th July 2021 at 9:30am

As announced last weekend, St. Augustine's Church will close after the Sunday morning Mass on 25th July 2021 for the installation of new carpet throughout the church.

The church will be closed until Friday 27th August 2021 and will reopen for the Saturday morning Mass at 9:30am 28th August 2021.

ALL MASS'S WILL BE HELD IN THE LOVAT CHAPEL DURING THIS TIME.

From Monday 26th July the removal of furniture and pews will be started. I would like all the help the parishioners can offer in getting the church ready for the carpet installers to start the following Monday 2nd August 2021.

It will take all the week and possibly the weekend to have everything ready to move things around as required and as the carpet layers move through the church.

Please contact me if you can help out in anyway and the times you can help especially during the first week.

All you will need is a hammers, spanners, screwdriver and jimmy bar if you have one. Other tools will be on hand as needed.

Contact Bob Nash 0418 691 423 anytime



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.



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Bella Maree child of Bruno & Tiffany

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.

BLACKFRIARS LECTURE SERIES - HOMER AMONG THE HEALTH WORKERS: METIS, CULTURE AND CLOSING THE GAP, A PERSONAL REFLECTION – 20th JULY

6:00pm

The lecture is being presented by Craig Ritchie, Chief Executive Officer of the Australia Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). In this lecture Craig will draw on his extensive career in Aboriginal health to explore the question of policy impact in the Closing the Gap agenda.

Registration: ocd.canberra@acu.edu.au.

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

INAUGURAL TIM FISCHER ORATION ON ETHICS IN PUBLIC & POLITICAL LIFE – 26th AUGUST

Speaker: John Anderson

Venue: Parliament House, Canberra

Tickets: \$30 www.tfo.org.au

Inquiries: jeanie.alberto.cg.org.au, Ph: 6239 9801

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>

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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

Save the Date

FIRST RECONCILIATION

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

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Sent out in pairs

In the centre of our lives,
of every day and week,
in work and in home,
we live in a circle of our relationships.
We know that problems are diminished
and burdens lightened,
by sharing them with another.
Decisions come more easily when we talk them over,
suffering is lessened by the comfort of another.
And whenever we meet
in the name of Jesus,
in the name of love,
in the name of justice, he is with us.
To preach his word,
he sent his disciples in pairs,
for we do not live our faith alone.
Like a river that gathers its fullness
from the smaller rivers flowing into it,
we grow in faith from the faith of others.
In prayer together,
in sharing struggles of faith,
in helping another in sorrow,
in gathering together to work for justice –
whether in pairs or larger groups,
we are engaged in the work of Jesus,
the one who worked with and sent others
on his work of God.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Fr Brian Maher

Prayers for

Holy Souls, Kevin Dawes, Joe Kelly, Phero, Phero

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 Dobbins (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).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

First Reading

The Lord will appoint new shepherds. *Jer 23:1-6*

Second Reading

Christ removes the barriers between peoples. *Ehp 2:13-18*

Gospel

Jesus pities the crowd, sheep without a shepherd. *Mk 6:30-34*

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

10/11 Jul	Gaye	McManus	1	Debbie	Valencic	2
	Bob	Nash	3	Peter	Cleary	4
17/18 Jul	Tom	Considine	1	Rod	Perceval	2
	Peter	Walker	3	Frank	Grace	4

ALTAR SERVERS

10 Jul Louis & Fergus Green
17 Jul Grace & Charlie Miller

ALTAR CLEANERS

10 Jul Kay Perceval
17 Jul Coral Carroll

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