



# 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>	

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R**

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

### 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/Warlington

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:** Saints Joachim and Anne  
**Thu:** Saint Martha  
**Sat:** Saint Ignatius of Loyola

## HOMILY

### A young lad and the hungers of humanity

Have you one of those friends who asks you a question with a deadpan expression? You take it seriously, and then realise you have been led up the garden path: the question turns out to be a mischievous challenge to the way we normally think.

This is what happened to the disciples in today's gospel.

Confronted with a crowd of hungry people, Jesus asks his disciples: 'How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?' Philip falls into the trap and starts answering in market economy terms: 'Two hundred denarii wouldn't be enough.'

Jesus actually wasn't interested in a buying and selling answer. Jesus hoped that his followers, who had been with him for a while now, would have got beyond thinking that the way to satisfy people's hunger for food (or anything else) is always going to be in market terms.

It was a young lad, maybe a boy of nine or ten, who put the disciples to shame and fulfilled Jesus' expectations.

What does the gospel tell us? 'There is a lad here with five barley loaves and two fish.' So what? As Andrew put it: 'What is that amongst so many?'

If the boy had adopted the disciples' attitude he would have sold them and made a small fortune from some ravenous few of the hungry crowd.

But something about Jesus' compassion set this boy's heart beating to the same rhythm as that of Jesus. The boy simply handed over the five loaves and two fish.

It was the generosity of this young boy which triggered something which allowed Jesus to feed the crowd. It was because this young lad was open-handed that a divine generosity and open-handedness rippled through the crowd.

We don't know quite what happened. Suffice it to say that Jesus' divine compassion was made effective in the world through that boy's initial response.

You may say, that is all very well for the young boy but it would be madness if we all handed over what we owned to the poor.

There is a record of such madness in the very earliest days of the Christian community in Jerusalem. St Luke writes in the Acts of the Apostles:

'The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ with great power. . . . None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned houses or land would sell them and bring the money from them and present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.' (Acts 4:32-35)

I discussed this passage with students at the University Chaplaincy recently. One young woman said: 'But that is Marxism!' And it is true that one of Karl Marx's maxims was: 'From each according to his ability, to each according to his need.'

Unfortunately that maxim was implemented by Lenin by brute and vicious force leading to the creation of totalitarian Communist regimes which after a hundred years have largely collapsed except in North Korea and to a lesser extent in China and Cuba.

But the *voluntary* radical renunciation of property and the *voluntary* sharing of wealth is still part of the Christian story after

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## 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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two thousand years. St Francis of Assisi is only the most extraordinary exemplar. There are thousands of monasteries, convents and abbeys where the original way of life recorded in the Acts of the Apostles is maintained.

These little oases can stimulate our imagination and action so that we become more like the little boy in the gospel. We need to respond by personal donation or by supporting those political processes which provide funding for internal and overseas aid for those in need.

These responses may not be as radical as that of Francis of Assisi. But the passage in the Acts of the Apostles haunts me personally and should haunt the Catholic Church. Why?

Because it makes it clear that *only* when we personally, and institutionally as a church, engage in the redistribution of wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied, will we be able to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ *with great power*.

Do not let the young lad in the gospel put us to shame!

*Fr Michael Tate*

## Gift of love

We meet Jesus today in a situation of need. The crowds have followed him and they are hungry. Jesus challenges his disciples to provide a meal for them. When they object that they don't have enough money, and only a tiny amount of food, Jesus uses what they have to pull off a remarkable feat (and feast).

For us, this Gospel might bring to mind the situation of migrants and asylum-seekers who experience hunger and hardship today. We are left in no doubt about our obligation to protect and care for those in need, just as Jesus provided for the hungry crowds. This feeding account also has the elements of a Eucharistic meal, with Jesus taking the food, giving thanks, and distributing it to everyone. Jesus doesn't produce this meal from nothing, but transforms what the disciples provide into a blessing for many.

Sharing in Eucharist means sharing our resources. It means ensuring people are not left to fend for themselves in crisis situations. When we receive the body of Jesus, it is a gift of love. But if we do not give and love in return, we are wasting the gift. Where people are in need, it is our responsibility, as followers of Jesus, to share and to provide. God will provide beyond our imagining, no matter how little we think we have to give, but we are invited to take the first step.

'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world... We cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need wherever and whoever they may be.' (*Pedro Arrupe SJ*)

*Triona Doherty*

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## NOTICE

### CARPET LAYING DELAYED

Due to the unavailability of sufficient carpet tiles at the moment, the carpet laying has been delayed until the end of August.

The manufacturer will be running a special run of the tile so the same dye is used on all the tiles.

Parishioners will be informed when the church will be closed for the works to be carried out.

A BIG THANK YOU to those parishioners who were making themselves available for the pre-works needed. I hope you will be available again later in August.

*Bob Nash  
Maintenance*

### INAUGURAL TIM FISCHER ORATION ON ETHICS IN PUBLIC & POLITICAL LIFE – 26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

*Speaker:* John Anderson  
*Venue:* Parliament House, Canberra  
*Tickets:* \$30 [www.tfo.org.au](http://www.tfo.org.au)  
*Inquiries:* [jeanie.alberto.cg.org.au](mailto:jeanie.alberto.cg.org.au), Ph: 6239 9801

### ARCHDIOCESAN WOMEN'S TASKFORCE DINNER – 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER

6:30pm

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

If you require a refund please contact [elisabeth\\_doherty@hotmail.com](mailto:elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com) or phone 0432 608 310.

Limited tickets still available.

Three course meal \$65.

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

### 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.**



### 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.*

### 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 [cgatholic.org.au/alpha](http://cgatholic.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.

# LIVING THE GOSPEL

## Plenty for all

*The feeding of the multitude is a profoundly political statement. Quite simply, there is sufficient food in our world to ensure that no one should ever be hungry. Sadly, the distribution of that food is such that there are some in our world whose bellies are expanding from an excess of food while others' are distended from the lack of it. We can easily feed the entire world. It is the responsibility of those of us in the developed world with more than we need to bring about a more equitable distribution with those who don't even have enough to live.*

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### He fed the crowd

A mother and small child stood in line for communion;  
the child was too young for communion  
so just trailed up by the hand.

An then looked up at the minister  
with a big open mouth.

And the gospel came alive  
with the need of the people for food,  
and mouths open for the bread of life.

The image of this child  
is an image of the gospel,  
as Jesus feeds the people.

The gift of the bread of life is  
about being open and being fed;  
people hungry from their journey  
and hungry for the bread of life.

Only in the face of the child was the mouth so open;  
but aren't we all gasping for the bread of life?

What is it that Jesus gives that we need?

A meaning to life that is full,  
a love that somehow gives fulness.

There's a lot of emptiness around,  
superficial meetings and the need for real love,  
selfish fantasies and the need for real fulness,  
various addictions and the need for real self-love;

And don't we need to be like the child –  
not afraid to open the mouth,  
wide and spontaneous.

Just the open mouth said more than all the words,  
a gesture which symbolised the world,  
That's how we are before God.

Lord, I need to ask for the bread of life.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

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

#### First Reading

Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

Manna from heaven.

#### Second Reading

Ehp 4:17, 20-24

Lay aside your former way of life.

#### Gospel

Jn 6:24-35

Jesus is the bread of life.

*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>24/25 Jul</b>	Peter	Gibbs	1	Gaye	McManus	2
	Chris	Gold	3	Greg	Minahan	4
<b>31/1 Ju/Au</b>	Debbie	Valencic	1	Mark	Valencic	2
	Russell	Hill	3	Bob	Nash	4

#### ALTAR SERVERS

**24 Jul** Wendy Morton Grace McPherson

**31 Jul** Ella & Clare Broers

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

**24 Jul** Kath Moore **31 Jul** Geraldine Doyle

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### **Recently Deceased**

John Taylor, Fr Brian Maher

### **Prayers for**

Holy Souls, Kevin Dawes

### **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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