



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
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Principal of the School	Michael	Green
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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 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – YEAR B

14th & 15th August 2021



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house.

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So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king.

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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!
Mary is taken up to heaven,
and the angels of God shout for joy.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

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

Sun: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri: Saint Bernard
Sat: Saint Pius X

HOMILY

The Gift of Resurrection Life

Many mothers will tell you that the nicest gift that they can get from their child is a little card or some small object which they have made themselves. It far outweighs some very expensive, glittery present.

Why? Because it gives something of the son or daughter – something personal, something of their life.

I think mothers especially appreciate this because a mother carries her child in her womb for nine months, giving that child a share in her own life. Here is an extraordinary thought – what if a child were really able to share its life with the mother? A sort of reversal of roles.

That is what we believe happened between Our Risen Lord and his mother, Mary.

It is our faith that Mary, the Mother of our Lord, has been gifted by her Son with a share in His new state of life. He now nourishes her with his Resurrection life, and that means that her bodysoul, her total humanity, is suffused with divine glory.

With Mary, the Tradition inspired by the Holy Spirit tells us that at the end of her earthly life, she grace-fully made the transition from earthly to heavenly existence without the wrenching apart of body and soul which we may expect.

That is what we mean by 'The Assumption'. It has been believed and celebrated since the early centuries of the Church.

I have visited the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, allegedly the place where Jesus was buried. Naturally, it is a great place of pilgrimage.

Isn't it remarkable that there is no site revered as the tomb or grave of the Mother of Jesus?

Deep in the Christian consciousness was the whisper that something extraordinary had happened at the end of Mary's earthly life. And the Roman Catholic, Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches have handed on the belief of the ancient church that Mary entered heavenly existence in a way which was unique to her.

We call this transition: 'The Assumption'. Why was it only proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in 1950?

I think because of the dreadful degradation of the human body in the first half of the twentieth century. Tens of millions were killed in two world wars, bodies torn apart by primitive munitions in trench warfare or evaporated by nuclear bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Millions of Jews were transported like cattle to death camps where they were gassed. Millions died in Russia and China with the imposition of communist dictatorship.

The Holy Spirit needed to remind the world that human beings are bodysouls made for transfiguration, not disfiguration by starvation, torture, massacre and disposal like animal carcasses.

Mary was the first to be transfigured, immersed in Divine Glory. We hope to follow.

You may say: 'It seems fitting that our Lord would bestow this gift on the mother whom he loved very much.' What is extraordinary is that He desires nothing less than to share this

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Parish Finance Committee Members:

Father Peter My	Stan	Waldren
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Annabelle O'Connell (Youth)	Peter Cleary (Liturgy)
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Sarah Johnston (Social Justice)	Zuzy Webster (Secretary)

Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My

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gift of His resurrection life with us, (who are apparently much less lovable!).

The fact is that our Risen Lord loves each one of us, you and me, with the same intensity with which he loves Mary of Nazareth. We can hope to receive the gift of transfigured bodies at the end of history.

In the meantime we celebrate with Mary's cousin, Elizabeth: 'Blessed art thou among women.'

Let us join the tradition of the Church in reciting together

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God

pray for us sinners,

now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Fr Michael Tate

The slow work of God

'Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.' (*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*)

These beautiful words from French philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ speak to the sometimes-tortuous experience of waiting. In it the author gives us permission to not have all the answers, to allow our faith time to grow and develop. Above all, he invites us to do that most difficult of things: live in the present moment, and surrender ourselves to God in that moment.

This poem comes to mind as I think about today's celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, when we recall Mary's role in the life of Jesus and in salvation. In our Gospel extract we meet Mary, pregnant and celebrating with her relative Elizabeth. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable if she was unsure and fearful. Her future is uncertain, as is that of her soon-to-be-born son. She cannot yet comprehend the enormity of what is to come. But Mary seems content to wait. When Elizabeth proclaims Mary as 'blessed', Mary bursts into prayer, praising God for his greatness and for 'looking upon his lowly handmaid'.

In modern terms, it is a lesson in mindfulness. When we find ourselves impatient, struggling to comprehend or to trust God's ways, let us turn to Mary who accepted God's plan with trust and hope, allowing it all to unfold one step at a time.

Triona Doherty

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To protect the people of NSW from the evolving COVID-19 outbreak, anyone in NSW who has been in the Australian Capital territory (ACT) since Thursday 5 August must stay at home and only leave their residence with a reasonable excuse.

Everyone in NSW, including those in NSW areas along the ACT border, must continue to comply with all relevant public health orders that are in place in NSW.

More information can be found at

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20210812_01.aspx

CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BOOK FAIR – 18th TO 19th 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.

FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA – 26th AUGUST

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Australian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) extends an invitation to a second online convocation, *Outcomes & Actions for the Plenary Council*.

Opened by Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann (Senior Australian of the Year 2021).

Speakers: Jesse Rogers, Debra Zanella, Robert Fitzgerald, John Warhurst.

All welcome.

Register at accr.com.au

MARY MAGDALENE DINNER – 3rd SEPTEMBER

The Mary Magdalene Dinner is the inaugural event of its kind, organised by the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce. The keynote speaker for the evening is Dr Margaret Beirne RSC.

Dr Margaret Beirne RSC is a Sister of Charity who, following doctoral research at the Ecole Biblique, published her thesis *Women and Men in the Fourth Gospel, a Genuine Discipleship of Equals*. For the past twelve years, she has been senior lecturer in Biblical Studies at St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College in Sydney.

When: 3rd September

Where: Canberra Southern Cross Club, Woden

Time: 6:30pm

Cost: \$65 per person, three course meal

Book: <http://bit.ly/MaryMagdaleneDinner>

Enquiries: 0432 608 310

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

PLENARY COUNCIL SEEKS TECH SUPPORT:

Anyone willing to work as a Teams Support Person for the Assembly please contact olivia.lee@catholic.org.au

Anyone comfortable with Zoom and basic tech experience would be able to navigate this role and great training is provided.

Save the Date

FIRST RECONCILIATION

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

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Feast of the Assumption

Since the 5th Century there has been an active tradition and belief around the assumption of Mary. The tradition states that Mary was physically 'taken up' into heaven at the end of her life. It is believed that her soul and her body remained united. This ancient belief was defined as an infallible teaching of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950. It is one of only two infallible statements that have been defined as such and both related to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The feast is celebrated on August 15 and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Saying "Yes"

In a world that is increasingly selfish and negative, there is a trend towards isolation from family, neighbours and community. In the face of social isolation, the call to a Christian life is a call to say "Yes" to life itself and all it offers. To say "Yes" to life is to say "Yes" to life-giving relationships and decisions and "No" to life denying relationships and decisions. To say "Yes" to life is to say "No" to those things that harm self and harm others. A "Yes" to life is a "Yes" to hope; to possibility; to love; to God; and to yourself.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

You have the message of eternal life

We pick up messages about what will give us a full life, from many daily sources.

We're told to seek the fullness of life in keeping the body young, or in knowing yourself, or in prayer and fasting, or in wealth and health, or in being well insured.

We're told to seek the fullness of life in avoiding pain, in doing good, in loving others.

And Jesus says to seek the fullness of life, in knowing and living by the truths that God, our Father, loves us, that we are brothers and sisters, and that good overcomes evil.

Jesus lived like this himself, aware of his Father's love, of his love for others, and courageous in his victory over evil.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Susan Gibson, Sr Marie Jeanne Graham RSJ,
Frank Woods

Prayers for

Phero, Phero, Phero, Anna

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).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

First Reading *Jos 24:1-2. 15-18*
The tribes of Israel choose the Lord above all other gods.

Second Reading *Eph 5:21-32*
Family members in Christ must defer to one another.

Gospel *Jn 6:60-69*
Many disciples desert Jesus.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Reader
3 = Saturday Acolyte

14/15 Aug	Kate Walker	1	Peter Gibbs	2
	Greg Minahan	3	Russell Hill	4
21/22 Aug	Steve Scroope	1	Rod Perceval	2
	Frank Grace	3	Chris Gold	4

ALTAR SERVERS

14 Aug Wendy Morton Grace McPherson
21 Aug Louis & Fergus Green

ALTAR CLEANERS

14 Aug Coral Carroll
21 Aug Kath Moore

OLD LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Ray Burn, Dr Hanna Burn-Petersen
Dr Shyama Gonakumbura
Dr Ann Stephenson – Psychiatrist
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Monday - Friday

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (by appointment)
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