



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 9:00am – 3:00pm</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/Warlington

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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

11th & 12th September 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living .

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **R**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **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!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



Lock-down, due to COVID-19, has once again caused the closure of churches and many businesses. If you are able to continue supporting the Parish during this period your donations can be made in the following ways.

Please note it is very important to include the notation.

2nd Collection

- **Credit Card:** Please send an email to the Parish Office giving your name and phone number. Zuzy will then contact you to arrange your donation.

Office email address: yass@cg.org.au

- **EFT:**

Direct deposit into the Parish Account. Details:

BSB: 062 786

Account No: 13002

Account Name: St Augustine's Parish Church Account

Notation: PG stating Env No. or donation

1st Collection

- **Credit Card:** As per 2nd Collection instruction

- **EFT:**

Direct deposit into the 1st Collection A/c. Details:

BSB: 062 786

Account No: 0000 29248

Account Name: ACG Central Presbytery

Notation: Yass plus your name

Payments can be made for both 1st (Clergy) and 2nd (Parish) Collections, using the answers to questions asked whilst parishioners are processing the payment the CDF can determine the account to credit on receipt of the funds.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDA RCHDIOCESEOF CANBERRA>

Gospel Reflection

'But you, who do you say I am?' This would have to be one of the most powerful questions of the gospels. It echoes down the centuries and is just as relevant today as it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?' Our answer to that question is perhaps the most revealing statement of our faith. Our answer no doubt changes over time as we grow in understanding and as we experience the ups and downs of life, but nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel passage, our answer remains a clear statement of our faith. 'Who do you say I am?' Just a good guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role model? A friend? God made flesh? The Word come down from heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually answer the question yourself. It is a confronting question, 'Who do you say I am?' It's confronting because, as Christian people, we believe that our actions are a reflection of our beliefs and values. It's confronting because whatever we say in answer to that question has implications for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?' You see, the question is in the present tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you say I AM?' The very question asks us to recognise that Jesus was not just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather someone who continues to be a presence in our lives today. And he stands before each and every one of us today and asks that same, demanding, confronting, purposeful question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'

Greg Sunter

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 (Youth)	Peter Cleary (Liturgy)
Bryan Coleborne (Ecumenism)	Michael Green (School)
Genevieve Colbert (Education)	Lourdes O'Keefe (Social)
Bob Nash (Maintenance)	Michael Van Wanrooy (Welfare)
Sarah Johnston (Social Justice)	Zuzy Webster (Secretary)
Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My	

REFLECTION

Peter: earthquaked and then upside down

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

Fr Michael Tate

CATHOLIC MISSION VIRTUAL APPEAL

We were going to run an appeal for Catholic Mission this year, however this is proving impossible with Covid restrictions. The appeal for 2021 focuses on the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok. Many vulnerable mothers have nowhere else to turn when they most need love and care. Sr Chalaad provides accommodation, loving care and education for them and their babies.

Please give generously to help continue this life-giving program. You can go online at catholicmission.org.au/Thailand, donate through the Qr code on your app, by scan the QR code below, or call Karen McKerrow (the Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission) on 0411 924 288 or email kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au.



Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah really means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, "Get behind me, Satan!" It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

First Reading

The wicked put God to the test.

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading

Wisdom versus jealousy and strife.

Jas 2:16-4:3

Gospel

Jesus teaches that to rank first, disciples must serve all.

Mk 9:30-37

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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Recently Deceased

Joan Oakey, William Cranfield, Marlene Rutledge, Jasmine McNab

Prayers for

Joseph, Maria, Peter

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

Elizabeth Holmes (2/9), Maureen Carey (3/9),
Cyril Wailes (4/9), David Hingston (4/9),
Maurice Fitzgerald (6/9), Frances McGrath (6/9),
Rebecca Hicks (9/9), Brenda Longley (10/9),
Kenneth McCann (10/9), Gwen Richmond (13/9),
Gladys Delbridge (14/9), Margaret Müller (14/9),
Catharina Kuster (15/9), John Ockwell (16/9),
Ruby Robinson (18/9), Col Perrot (18/9),
Ethel MacQuillan (19/9), Kathleen Richmond (20/9),
Kerrie Blyss (20/9), William Renehan (22/9),
Donald Hoffmann (23/9), Denis Rowe (23/9),
Bill Richmond (24/9), Joe Monteleone (24/9),
Rodney Wales (24/9), Bernard Williamson (29/9)
and Ronald Bray (29/9).

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