



# 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.

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|--------------------------|--|----------|
| 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  |
|                          | Monday to Wednesday<br>9:00am – 3:00pm |          |
| Parish Bulletin          | Bianca                                 | Nash     |
|                          | Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm                 |          |

## SUNDAY MASSES:

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| <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 |
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### Horton/Warmincton

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues (monthly) | Yass | 11:00 am |
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*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,<br>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

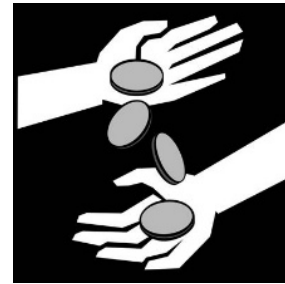
By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

## School Enrolments

Mt Carmel Central School: Kindergarten to Yr 6. Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. **R**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R**

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **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!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



**MASS ON MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AT 9:00AM, THURSDAY & FRIDAY AT 6:00PM, SATURDAY & SUNDAY AT 10:00AM WILL BE VIA ZOOM UNTIL 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.**



Catholic Archdiocese of  
Canberra & Goulburn

## Archdiocesan Protocols COVID-19 NSW Parishes Only

### Current Situation in open LGA areas

1. Masks are **mandatory**, except children under 12.
2. Gatherings are to observe the **4sqm rule**.
3. No singing.
4. *Service NSW app* to be used for *COVID Safe Check-in*.
5. Parish Offices Open.

### Beginning Monday 11 October 2021

6. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 apply.
- 7. MASS ONLY FOR THOSE WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED.**
8. Weddings for those unvaccinated restricted to 5 guests, otherwise apply 4sqm rule or 50 people whichever is less.
9. Funerals for those unvaccinated restricted to 10 people, otherwise apply 4sqm rule or 50 people whichever is less.

### Beginning Monday 18 October 2021

10. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 apply.
11. Mass, Weddings, Funerals: for all.

### Liturgical Protocols

#### a. Holy Communion

- i. The Body of Christ offered and received, not the Precious Blood.
  - ii. Received in the hand, not on the tongue.
  - iii. Sign of Peace – no touching.
- b. *Music*: Permitted and encouraged.
  - c. *Singing*: Not permitted.
  - d. *Cash Collections*: Encouraged, with touching minimised.

## HOMILY

### The Loving Gaze

Let's go straight to the protagonist in this story who at the end is called a man of great wealth. In that society this meant a landowner with extensive holdings.

But this wealth had corrupted his whole personality and way of thinking. There was no deep down hunger because whenever he craved anything, he knew he could buy it or use his status or power to bend others to his will.

The man boasts about all the commandments he has kept but Jesus is not satisfied with that minimum. Jesus is not a minimalist. Jesus tunes into the man's wavelength and says: 'There is one thing you *lack*.'

That would have got the rich man's attention: the suggestion that he was missing something.

(Con't)

### 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> )      |
| <i>Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My</i>    |  |

(Con't)

But to his shock he was to hear that what he was lacking was a big heart, a very big heart: 'Go, sell everything you own and give everything to the poor.'

He had to get rid of his possessions and the security and status they bought because they were shrivelling up his heart.

Jesus is saying to you and to me: 'Yes, you keep the commandments, more or less. At least you try. Okay. But that is really the bare minimum. The real question is: What do you have to do to expand your heart: to become big hearted enough to allow my heartbeat to become your heartbeat?'

We each know what is holding us back from being one heart with Jesus Christ.

For some, to be a true follower will require giving up all possessions, as with St Francis of Assisi. For others, a real hurting redistribution of wealth is required. Our taxes do a fair bit of that, and then our voluntary response to need and injustice on top of that.

But at some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know what it is we are hanging on to: the one thing we cannot or will not give up. The one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get up and get rid of it.

There is only one factor that can give us, give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed.

Note in the Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.'

St John of the Cross, the Spanish mystic, says that: 'With God, to gaze at is to love', desiring to imprint grace on the one held in the loving gaze (*The Spiritual Canticle*, stanzas 32, 33).

'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.'

Those eyes, that gaze, is directed at you, and at me personally, totally, directly, but most of all lovingly. It is not the glare of the critical eye but the look full of the possibility of who you could be as a follower of Jesus Christ.

That, and only that, can give you the courage.

So close your eyes and envisage our Lord Jesus Christ gazing steadily on you and say:

'Lord, I know there is something you want me to do to enlarge my heart.'

'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable this to happen.'

'Lord, give me courage and trust.'

'Lord, look steadily at me and love me.'

'Amen.'

Fr Michael Tate

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.**

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

- **Credit Card:** As per 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection instruction

- **EFT:**

Direct deposit into the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> (Clergy) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (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/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>

NOTE: Zuzy is on leave for 2 weeks



### **URGENT HELP REQUIRED**

The carpet for the St. Augustine's Church will be arriving in the next couple of weeks, therefore we will need lots of help to remove all the furniture around for the carpet layers to do their job which will take approximately about 2 weeks, during which time we will also be moving furniture around as required. When the carpet laying has finished, all furniture not back in place will have to be put back and the cleaning up of the church.

I have made a set of wheels to move the pews around, so very little lifting is needed but many hands will make things easier for everyone.

Please bring along small jimmy bars, hammers, chisels, screwdrivers, shifting spanners, as we move the pews out they need to be tipped over for the removal of the old heaters.

**The church will be CLOSED for Mass from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October till Friday afternoon 12<sup>th</sup> November. Church will open again on Saturday morning 13<sup>th</sup> November for the 9:00 Mass.**

Anyone who can help in any way at any time from this Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and during the following 3 to 4 weeks please contact me on 0418 691 423 to let me know what times you are able to help out.

*Bob Nash*

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

### **POSTPONED**

The Sacramental Team met on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the upcoming Sacrament of Reconciliation. Due to the current Covid restrictions and lockdown, the team decided to postpone preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation till Term 1 next year. It is anticipated that the current 2021 Year 3s will commence their preparations for Reconciliation in Term 1, 2022 when they are in Year 4. A date has yet to be finalised. The 2022 Year 3 group will complete their Reconciliation in Term 4, 2022.

*Dianne Carey  
Sacramental Team Leader*

### **THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL – 3<sup>rd</sup> TO 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**Archdiocesan Plenary Masses** with Archbishop Christopher Prowse

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

*When:* Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October

*Time:* 8:00am.

#### **National Plenary Mass**

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

*Opening Mass:* 2:00pm AEDT (Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October)

*Daily Mass:* 9:30am AEDT (Monday – Saturday)

*Closing Mass:* 10am AEDT (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October)

**Live-streamed summaries** of the previous day's proceedings

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

### **VOLUNTEER WITH THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO – 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will also recommence sending volunteers to Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands.

Applications close October 30<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Enquire today: [www.cagliari.org.au](http://www.cagliari.org.au).

### **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT – 13<sup>th</sup> TO 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER (or 19<sup>th</sup> TO 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022)**

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life.

For further information visit: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au).

Choose any of the Weekends: November 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 or February 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

### **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)

### **WORLD MISSION MONTH**

The month of October – a time when the Church celebrates World Mission Month - let us turn our hearts, minds and even our financial affairs, to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world including Thailand. Consider your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will.

For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, or for any information, please go to [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au) or contact our Diocesan Director in Canberra & Goulburn, Karen McKerrow on 0411 924 288 or email at [kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au)

# GOSPEL FOCUS

## Sacrifice

Sacrifice is a term that gets used quite a lot in religion and yet it's a term with which modern society is very uncomfortable. We're not really 'into' sacrifice. We're much more into feeling good about ourselves and comfortable in our existence. Jesus called on the rich man to make a sacrifice – to let go of what he really loved and valued. What Jesus really called the man to do was to place his trust in Jesus and not in material wealth – that was the sacrifice he was called to make. Ultimately, the man couldn't do that! He couldn't let go of certainty and security and entrust his life and soul to Jesus.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

#### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

##### First Reading

Through suffering, the Lord offers his life.

Is 53:10-11

##### Second Reading

Jesus faced the same temptations as us.

Heb 4:14-16

##### Gospel

Whoever aspires to greatness must serve the rest.

Mk 10:35-45

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*



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### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



#### Recently Deceased

Vicente, Audrey Dawes, Gregory Brown, Kerry Molesworth

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

Joan Bartlett (1/10), Coral Davis (1/10), Marie O'Mara (3/10), Theresa Epple (4/10), Peter Stinson (5/10), Charles Harris (8/10), William Grace (9/10), Emily Skillin (10/10), Arthur Bush (12/10), Cheryl Harris (13/10), Kevin Denny (14/10), Jayne Kemp (17/10), Bryan Perryman (19/10), Grant Hanrahan (19/10), Reginald Cassidy (22/10), John Richmond (23/10), Allan Fitzpatrick (23/10), Frederick Leslie (23/10), Terence McGann (24/10), Rita Slattery (26/10), Cecil MacQuillan (27/10), Harold Carey (27/10), Sylvia McCarthy (29/10), Grace McGann (30/10), Edward Cassidy (31/10) and Patricia Fagan (31/10).

**Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered**

### OLD LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Ray Burn, Dr Hanna Burn-Petersen  
Dr Shyama Gonakumbura  
Dr Ann Stephenson – Psychiatrist  
Ruth Sneesby – Foot Nurse

#### Monday - Friday

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (by appointment)  
(Closed for lunch 1pm – 2pm)

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