



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
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School Community Council	Amber	Maher
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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>	

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

30th & 31st October 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, It seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **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!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Yass:	St Augustine	10.15 am
Gunning:	St Francis Xavier	8:30 am
Murrumbateman:		
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday	Lovat Chapel, Yass	5:30 pm
Thursday	Lovat Chapel, Yass	7:30 am
Friday	Lovat Chapel, Yass	12:00 noon
Saturday	Lovat Chapel, 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,

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

Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Mon, Wed. or Fri.)

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



MASS THIS COMING WEEK (25-31): FROM WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY MORNING AT LOVAT CHAPEL, 6 PM SATURDAY AT MURRUMBATEMAN, 8.30 AM SUNDAY AT GUNNING AND 10.15 AM SUNDAY AT YASS SCHOOL HALL.

HOMILY

One Monday, three priests, a Franciscan, a Dominican and a Jesuit were having a hard time on the golf course. The golfers in front of the priests were the slowest and worst they had ever seen. Golf balls were going everywhere. Against golfing etiquette, the group never asked the priests to 'play through'. By the 18th hole the priests were furious. At the clubhouse, just as they were going over to blast the group, they were told that the men were blind.

The Franciscan, moved with remorse at how they had spoken about the group, said to the Dominican and the Jesuit, 'I am going to say Mass every day that God may grant them a miracle and restore their sight'. The Dominican, equally filled with regret, told the Jesuit and the Franciscan that he was going to get the blind men an appointment with the best eye surgeon in town. The Jesuit, however, looked at the Franciscan and the Dominican and declared, 'I can't see why they don't play at night!'

To have any type of disability in first century Palestine not only meant financial hardship, but social segregation. Because Jesus' contemporaries did not understand the causes of disability and illness they assumed it was, to some degree, a curse sent by God in punishment for sins. They also thought the curse could be caught. So the blind, the lame, the crippled, the leper and the bleeder were desperately poor and socially outcast. Incredibly in our day, with all our supposed sophistication, some Christians have made similar statements about God cursing gay people with AIDS. Given the way Jesus acts toward those he encounters with illness, we know that God never sends disease as a curse for sin. Bartimeaus is, however, a desperate man and in the story he acts desperately, calling out until he is heard. And in one of the strangest questions in the Gospel, Jesus asks a blind man what it is he wants. Maybe Jesus wants Bartimeaus to name his deepest desire. Maybe Jesus knows that it is, often, the unseen hurt that is the most diseased and needs healing first. Whatever of his motives, Jesus' question gives the man dignity.

American dramatist, Michael Moynahan, has written a moving play entitled *Bartimeaus* which centres around that pivotal question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. The action of the parable, as we have it in the Gospel, freezes when Jesus puts the question.

As Bartimeaus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight. The poor remind him that, 'once before you could see and what you saw disgusted you'. The hungry ask, 'do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?'. The elderly inquire whether he wants to see those 'put away because we remind you of the frailty of life'. The captives challenge him to see those 'unjustly bound and oppressed'. And finally the Self wants to know, 'Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness and light?'. It's a gripping scene.

It reminds us all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot, however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing

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Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My

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the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

Michael Moynahan's play finishes, like the Gospel story, with Bartimeaus requesting from Jesus the gift of sight. But in the play, in a powerful twist, as Bartimeaus follows Jesus on the path, he stops, turns and sees the human faces behind the challenging voices. He goes back, embraces them and together they walk the Christian path.

In this Eucharist, then, the same question is put by Jesus to us, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. And if our answer is to have sight or insight, then let's also pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with every gift.

Richard Leonard

GOSPEL REFLECTION

This passage from the Gospel of Mark draws to a close a significant section of the gospel. It stretches from 8:22 to this passage, 10:52. Like other examples in the Gospel of Mark, the stories at the beginning and end of the section are related and shed light on what they surround. Like this passage, the event at the beginning of the section is an account of the healing of a blind man. Contained within the two healings of blindness, as we have seen over the last six weeks, is an extended lesson on discipleship. Within this section, Jesus speaks about his upcoming death on three occasions and each time the disciples display their own form of blindness when they fail to understand what Jesus is trying to tell them quite explicitly. In this section, we have heard that discipleship involves suffering and hardship; it means placing one's own needs last and the needs of others first; and that discipleship is all about faith.

In this healing of blind Bartimeaus, we see all the hallmarks of what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples in the preceding episodes. As a blind man, Bartimeaus would be regarded as 'imperfect' – incomplete – and consequently in a permanent state of uncleanness. He would not be allowed to live within the bounds of normal society, nor have contact with people. So it is that Jesus encounters Bartimeaus on the side of the road, outside the city walls as he is leaving Jericho. Learning that it is Jesus passing by, Bartimeaus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimeaus to him and, placing the needs of the other first, asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' When Bartimeaus makes his request, Jesus announces that it is his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored. Bartimeaus, like a good disciple, then follows Jesus on the road.

Greg Sunter



The carpet for the St. Augustine's Church will be arriving soon, 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 8th October till Friday afternoon 12th November. Church will open again on Saturday morning 13th November for the 9:00 Mass.

Anyone who can help in any way at any time please contact me on 0418 691 423 to let me know what times you are able to help out.

Bob Nash

St Augustine is hosting "Crazy whist" cards afternoons for the next four weeks, any help with catering (cakes, slices etc) as well as helping on Monday afternoons between 2 and 4pm, at the seniors citizens hall, would be appreciated. Come along and join in a pleasant afternoon of cards every Monday much fun to be had.

Thank you

Lourdes O'Keefe



In response to the Bishops' Social Justice Statement, 'The Cry of the Earth, The Cry of the Poor', as a parish, we can take some simple but effective steps to be more earth-friendly and lessen negative impacts on those in poverty.

Each week in the bulletin, there will be a handy earth-friendly hint, a prayer, a song, a notice about an event, etc.

If you have something to contribute, please see Linda Swadling or Annabelle O'Connell, ph 0412 919 856.

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
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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.

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ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT

– 13th TO 14th NOVEMBER (or 19th TO 20th February 2022)

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For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au.

Choose any of the Weekends: November 13th to 14th 2021 or February 19th to 20th 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

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 or contact our Diocesan Director in Canberra & Goulburn, Karen McKerrow on 0411 924 288 or email at kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

First Reading Dt 6:2-6

Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and strength.

Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

The priesthood of Christ lasts forever.

Gospel Mk 12:28-34

The wise scribe asks Jesus which is the greatest commandment.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Maureen Mc Kendry, Anne Marie Wilson, 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).

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