



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.

WEEKEND MASSES THIS MONTH – FEBRUARY

Saturday 5 th & 19 th	6:00pm	Gunning
Saturday 12 th & 26 th	6:00pm	Murrumbateman
All Sundays	10:15am	Yass
Sunday 13 th & 27 th	8:30am	Gunning

Parish Office Zuzy Webster
Monday to Wednesday
9:00am – 3:00pm

Parish Bulletin Bianca Nash
Friday
9:00am – 3:00pm

SUNDAY MASSES:

VIGIL (SATURDAY)

Gunning:	1 st , 3 rd , 5 th of the month	6:00pm
Murrumbateman:	2 nd , 4 th of the month	6:00pm

SUNDAY

Yass:		10:15am
Gunning:	2 nd , 4 th of the month	8:30am

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

(start with 8:40am Rosary)

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,
Sundays	Gunning	8:00am - 8:15 am

Baptisms

Yass	Saturdays	10:30 am
Gunning Parish	2 nd 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

5th & 6th February 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your 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!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



Parish Priest	Father	Peter My
Youth Worker	Father	Peter My
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Chair Parish Council	Sarah	Johnston
Principal of the School	Michael	Green
School Community Council	Amber	Maher
Sacramental Team Leader	Dianne	Carey
RCIA	Genevieve	Colbert



Thank you to Fr Bernie Hennessy for looking after our Parish while Fr Peter was on leave.

There is a Northern Deanery meeting at Yass on Thursday 10th February.

HOMILY

Fish in the Sea of Divine Life

Is there anything more irritating than someone telling you what to do in your own area of expertise or responsibility? It gets under my skin. I usually tell such a person to 'mind your own business, thank you very much, and I'll get on well enough with mine.'

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret.

But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a good catch, a very good catch.

He realises that this is due to Divine Presence accompanying him in his fishing.

He thinks he is unworthy to have such a Divine Companion in his work.

'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.'

But, Jesus wants to be Peter's companion, starting with fishing. So, don't imagine that the first stage of becoming a follower of Jesus is to engage in flights of mystical ecstasy, or to plan grandiose schemes of missionary activity.

Rather, it is to let Jesus into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives, to allow Jesus to have a directing influence in our own area of expertise or competence or responsibility.

But it's true that surprising things may happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings.

All metaphors can help us appreciate the truth in a way that plain, flat language cannot. It is possible to press this metaphor of fishing too far, but, consider for a moment:

I was down on the wharf a little while ago. They were selling whole Trevalla, magnificent fish – but very definitely dead. That is what the fishermen deliver to the docks. They fish the fish out of the sea and kill them.

Is that what Jesus had in mind when he challenged Peter and some other fishermen on the Lake of Gennesaret to become fishers of human beings? What sort of destiny is that for us who have been caught up in the net of Christianity? Is it to be a deadening experience?

St Luke was very conscious of this when he was incorporating this story into his gospel and so he changed the word we find in

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>)
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Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My			

the gospels of Mark and Matthew. He used a particular Greek word *zograín* which means 'to catch alive'. It is the word used for netting fish for an aquarium.

You will be pleased to learn that we who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'.

The best analogy I can think of is the phenomenon of the stranding of pods of whales on the west coast of Tasmania, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved.

People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

At times, you and I have been like those whales. Certainly, there are millions like those thrashing about in the shallows of life. Alive? Yes, but barely existing.

Our task, as followers of Jesus, is to be captivated by Our Lord and then to captivate others into Christianity, in order to guide them into life-giving waters:

the waters of baptism, initially, eventually to swim with us in the great tide who is Jesus Christ right into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

Fr Michael Tate

Whom Shall I Send?

In a short time, Jesus had become wildly popular. In a town where, admittedly, not much ever happened, it was now dangerous for Jesus to speak in public. For his own safety he waded over and sat in the boat of a fisherman whose nightshift had just ended. Jesus asked if Simon would be so kind as to give him a little distance from the shore to buffer him from the press of the crowds. It's important to note they had just met. Simon the fisherman had yet to become Peter the disciple, the Lord's right-hand man.

As Jesus preached from his boat, Simon washed his nets and couldn't help but hear what Jesus was saying. Exhausted from a fruitless night's work, Simon wondered if such fine words could make a difference to his life. When Jesus asked him to take the boat out deeper and fish again, it was as if the preacher had read his thoughts. The resulting catch was so astonishing, it nearly sank two boats. But if Simon thought he could make a buck off this gospel, he was in for a surprise. He'd just signed on to serve a different fleet entirely.

What difference has the gospel of Jesus made in the way you "do business"?

God is calling you, with your gifts and flaws, to serve in the catch of your life. Pray the prayer of Isaiah: *Here I am, Lord, send me!*

Even then, my work didn't amount to all that much. It was God giving me the work to do, God giving me the energy to do it.



This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Willow Harper child of Anthony & Cheryl

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION MARCH 2022

The Catholic Parish of St Augustine's, Yass, invites children baptised in the Catholic tradition, Year 4 or older, to continue their journey in faith by preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for their First Holy Communion in June. If you believe your child is ready to take this next step and you are prepared to be involved in the journey, please enrol your child at St Augustine's Presbytery on Wednesday 16th or Thursday 17th February between 5:00-6:00pm.

For further details and to print an enrolment form (please complete prior to arriving at the presbytery) please visit the parish website www.staug-yass.org.au/wp/sacraments or contact Dianne Carey 0419 276 889 Sacramental Team Leader.

Please note the Reconciliation program offered in March is only for students in Year 4 or above, as they missed out as Year 3s in 2021 when we had to postpone the celebration in November. We will have a second Reconciliation program in November for the Year 3s of 2022.

CLAIM THE DATE - SACRAMENTS 2022

RECONCILIATION (Year 4 and above)
Wednesday 23rd March 6:00pm St Augustine's

FIRST EUCHARIST (Year 4 and above)
Sunday 19th June 10:30am St Augustine's

CONFIRMATION
September – date to be confirmed

RECONCILIATION (Year 3 and above)
November – date to be confirmed

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH ASSEMBLY - 19th MARCH 2022

Please save the date and join in a day of stimulating discussion and spiritual renewal as we discern future directions for our parish.



A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA:

Each month ACN highlights a project of the month that helps support projects in need of your support. This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE (ACU CANBERRA):

Accommodation for an ACU student at the Canberra campus (Signadou) is available for share with another ACU student commencing in February 2022. Preferences are for a country student, female (18-21 years old) and in their first year of study of a Bachelor of Education or Bachelor of Nursing at Canberra. House is fully furnished. Optional to have your own bedroom furniture. Rent \$150 per week includes electricity and internet. Located 3mins walk from ACU in Watson. References would be helpful. For further details please phone Chris on 0427 491461 or email christine.baron@bigpond.com

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – 22nd TO 26th JUNE 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness" In our Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn it is envisaged that celebrations will happen in three locations: one in Canberra, one in the Eastern Deanery and one in the Western Deanery.

For more local information contact lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

General information at : www.romefamily2022.com



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SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians.

Submissions close on February 27.

Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Living the gospe

Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Lord God, all-holy One,
you came among us in Jesus,
who sat teaching among the fishermen.
He would not depart from us sinners
but invited us to follow him
and become his disciples, his friends.

Place on our lips
this good news of salvation,
and in our hearts a welcome
from which no one is excluded,
a love that delights in befriending all.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Go for ever and ever.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

First Reading

Jer 17:5-8

Blessed are they who trust in the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Christ is raised, the first fruits.

Gospel

Lk 6:17. 20-26

The beginning of the Sermon on the Plain (Mount).

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Phillip Ranyard, Theresa Lawrence

Prayers For

Dorothy Dickson

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

Barbara McKeown (1/2), Roger Vanden Bulk (1/2),
Helaine Hallahan (1/2), Nola Cooke (5/2),
Kingswell Brown (6/2), Eileen Power (7/2),
Erzsike Devrieze (10/2), Catherine Ryan (13/2),
Faye Kaveney (13/2), Bill McManus (15/2),
Jakob Oakey (19/2), Bill Patrick (20/2), Denis Maher (20/2),
Betty Carey (20/2), Isabella Polyak (22/2),
Sydenham Dobbins (22/2), Bruce Simpson (23/2),
Muriel Hobday (23/2), Robert Ryan (23/2),
Mary Morris (24/2), Olive Dyball (25/2), Allan Field (25/2),
Harry Cooke (25/2), Reginald Bainbridge (26/2),
John Murphy (28/2), Thomas Barber (28/2)
and Marija Ivanisevic (28/2).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Reader
3 = Acolyte

2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful

6 Feb	Gaye	McManus	1	Steve	Scroope	2
	Frank	Grace	3			
13 Feb	Susan	Morrissey	1	Joseph	Morrissey	2
	Greg	Minahan	3			

ALTAR SERVERS

6 Feb	Ella & Clare Broers			
13 Feb	Charlotte McPherson	Mackenna	Leahy	

ALTAR CLEANERS

12 Feb	Geraldine Doyle	19 Feb	Kath Moore
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MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. 1½ HOURS / WEEK ON A
ROTATIONAL BASIS ANYTIME BEFORE WEEKEND MASS. PLEASE
HELP IF YOU CAN.

OLD LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Ray Burn, Dr Hanna Burn-Petersen
Dr Shyama Gonakumbura
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