



# 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 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Gunning
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Murrumbateman
All Sundays	10:15am	Yass
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	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)

<b>Gunning:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> of the month	6:00pm
<b>Murrumbateman:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> of the month	6:00pm

### SUNDAY

<b>Yass:</b>		10:15am
<b>Gunning:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> 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)

2<sup>nd</sup> Tues (monthly) Yass 11:00 am

### Horton/Warmington

4<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Yass</b>	Saturdays	10:30 am
<b>Gunning Parish</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **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!

I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

# Thoughts from the Presbytery



Parish Priest	Father	Peter My
Youth Worker	Father	Peter My
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	Genevieve	Colbert

## 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			

Parish Pastoral Council meets Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## HOMILY

### Learning the Language of Heaven

Imagine going to a foreign land and finding yourself amongst a people whose language you don't know, and whose customs you don't understand. You don't even know how to greet them, to eat with them politely, and so on.

And let us suppose that you had been born with a good ear for other languages, but had resolutely refused to cultivate it. You had spent your life in such a way that you never learned to speak that language.

Now, how unhappy you would be, how unfulfilled, how empty. Where you are might be a paradise, you might be surrounded by the most wonderful people, but there is no way you could share their life.

Some people say: 'Everyone will get to Heaven.' But I say: 'What would be the point for someone who could not speak the language, who couldn't live the life, who couldn't share the companionship of the other inhabitants?'

He or she might *be* there, but would be reduced to muttering to themselves, which would be hellishly miserable.

So, the task of life is to learn the language of heaven before we get there.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, challenges us to unlearn the language of the world – the everyday clichés and expectations and reactions, and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing.

'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.'

'To the man who slaps you on the cheek, present the other one too.'

'Lend without any hope of return.'

'Do not condemn.'

Etc, etc.

Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model, which is why we keep reading the Gospels.

Jesus *is* the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. Jesus *is* the Word of God in human history.

When men prepared to stone to death a woman taken in adultery, he refused to condemn her, and saved her life.

When others kept prostitutes and collaborators at a distance, he shared a meal with them.

When he was tortured and crucified, he cried out: 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do.'

*That* is embodying the language of Heaven.

*That* is the person with whom we have to be able to talk at the moment of death.

When we become aware of language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become *really* tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again.

We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune.

Then, when at the moment of death we are on the borders of Heaven we won't be filled with trepidation as though we are entering a foreign land whose dialects and customs are so peculiar that we are utterly alone in the crowd – which is Hell.

Our intended destiny is not incommunicado, but comunicado, holy comunicado, holy conversation with God and with every creature.

If you want to be a conversation partner with God after death, practise the language of Heaven and 'walk the talk' every day.

*Fr Michael Tate*

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### Compassion

*The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN  
AS THEY PREPARE FOR  
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lord Jesus,  
let your light shine in them  
so that they may know their sins;  
let your love and grace bless them  
so that they may trust in your  
mercy;  
let your strength encourage them  
so that they may confess truthfully;  
let your forgiveness change their heart  
so that they may make a new start.  
AMEN.

## SACRAMENTS 2022

**RECONCILIATION** (Year 4 and above)  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 6:00pm St Augustine's

**FIRST EUCHARIST** (Year 4 and above)  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 & ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH ASSEMBLY - 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Time: 2:00pm  
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Cliff Street, Yass  
Contact: Ruth 0429 505 593

### LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
Where: Yass Soldiers Club,  
Meehan Street, Yass  
Time: 10:00am



ALL WELCOME

### POSITION VACANT: PARISH OFFICE COORDINATOR – SACRED HEART CHURCH – 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

Part-time, 2 days per week during school terms, 9am to 3pm.  
12 month contract with option to extend. General Office  
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Applications close Friday 25 February with a start date in  
March. Contact wodenouth@cg.org.au for a duty statement:  
attention Melanie Kerr Office Manager.

### SYNOD OF BISHOPS – 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

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>

### CATHOLICCARE / ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM – 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH

5:00pm – 9:00pm

Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor.

Information and registration at [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

### ONE DAY LENTEN RETREAT BY FR RONI GEORGE VC AND FR JOBY GEORGE VC – 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH

9:30am – 4:30pm

Venue: St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy,  
Narrabundah, ACT 2604, Australia

Admission is FREE, BYO lunch. Boxed lunch available at nominal cost

RSVP by 9th March, 2022 to [p1.rebello@gmail.com](mailto:p1.rebello@gmail.com)

For enquiries please contact: Parveen: 0439 642 571; Winnie: 0451 015 527; Prakash 0406 381 446

### WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – 22<sup>nd</sup> TO 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869

General information at : [www.romefamily2022.com](http://www.romefamily2022.com)



### TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process.

You can be assured that your privacy will be respected.

Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on 6239 9813 or email [tribunal@cg.org.au](mailto:tribunal@cg.org.au)

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

Unconditional is your love for us, O God,  
in Jesus, the Teacher who befriended sinners,  
the Saviour who died praying for executioners.

Form us in the image of this Jesus,  
slow to judge and swift to forgive,  
a people compassionate and generous.

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:

#### EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

##### First Reading

Speech shows state of mind.

Sir 27:4-7

##### Second Reading

Death has no victory.

1 Cor 15:54-58

##### Gospel

Take the plank from your eye.

Lk 6:39-45

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Warwick Stansfield, Fr Laurie Blake, Phillip Ranyard

**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

<b>20 Feb</b>	Steve	Scroope	1	Tom	Considine	2
	Anthony	O'Connell	3			
<b>27 Feb</b>	Tom	Considine	1	Dianne	Carey	2
	Russell	Hill	3			

### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>20 Feb</b>	Molly & Grace	McPherson			
<b>27 Feb</b>	Grace	Miller	Imogen		Maher

### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>26 Feb</b>	Coral	Carroll
<b>5 Mar</b>	Kay	Perceval

**MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** 1½ HOURS / WEEK ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS ANYTIME BEFORE WEEKEND MASS. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.



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