



# 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

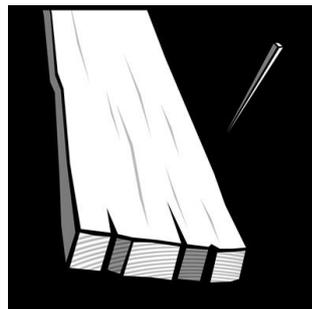
By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

## School Enrolments

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

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **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!  
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord 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	VACANT	
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:

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

8:00am	St Francis Xavier	Gunning
9:10am	Mt Carmel School	Yass * SCHOOL ONLY *
6:00pm	St Augustine's	Yass

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion boxes are ready for collection at the church.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00pm every Friday during Lent

## COVID UPDATE FROM NSW GOVERNMENT WEBSITE

### Weddings, funerals and religious ceremonies

Anyone can attend a wedding, funeral or place of worship.

- You are not required to be fully vaccinated or carry vaccination evidence.
- Face masks are not required for indoor premises.
- COVID-19 Safe Check-in is not required at places of worship, funerals, memorial services, or gatherings afterwards.

From 18 February 2022, there are no restrictions for singing and dancing at hospitality venues.

Standing while drinking is permitted but it is strongly discouraged by NSW Health.

## HOMILY

### Disciples or Mask-Wearers?

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which obviously concealed their true face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that.

As did Jesus. He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the deep-down personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk, and how prone we are to do so! As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts *our* vision.

Our Lord is teaching us that our seeing into the heart of someone is obscured both by the masks people wear, and the defects in our own perception. Only God really knows the heart and we should certainly leave final judgment to God.

But Our Lord is realistic enough to know that, in the interim, we need to discern the character of people and, as a rule, he knows that a person cannot 'put on a big act' for ever. Eventually, the carefully constructed dam will burst and 'Each person speaks [and acts] from the overflow of his heart'.

This will generally enable us to 'see' the person behind the mask. But what criteria can we use to make our interim judgment of that person? Our Lord says: 'No disciple is above his Teacher.' So, what criteria did *The* Teacher teach us who sit at his feet to be taught?

A read-through of the Sermon on the Mount in St Matthew's Gospel (Mt 5-7) gives us various yardsticks by which to evaluate others, for good or for ill. But it will also be disconcerting because, as we read it, we are more and more conscious of the plank in our own eye! We become aware that our perception, seemingly so clear, could be impaired. So we should not rush to judgment.

In any case, the fact remains that only the gaze of God can penetrate to the heart of someone. And we know from various episodes in the Gospels that the gaze of Jesus, Who is the body language of God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God who alone truly knows the heart.

Finally, we should reflect on the dying moments of our Teacher. Jesus was only too aware of the actions of the brutal squad of soldiers torturing him to death. He was only too aware of the actions of the political and religious establishments which conspired to condemn him to that death.

But his loving gaze penetrated beyond the actions and the masks of his tormentors and focused on their hearts and he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We shall claim in a few moments in the Mass that we are willing to 'be formed by Divine *teaching* so as to pray the *Our Father*. Are we really all that willing when we pray: 'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'?

This is the hardest part of that prayer. Let's face it, we often enough fall short of the teaching and practice of the Master in that regard. But we take consolation from the fact that Our Lord looks beyond our masks and our actions and his loving gaze falls on our hearts.

And that loving gaze will eventually make us whole-hearted disciples of The Teacher.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land in which we meet.

We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future.



## 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

## CALVARY AUXILIARY PLANT STALL – 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH

8:00am – 4:00pm

The Auxiliary will hold a plant stall on the lawns outside the Main Entrance, Calvary Public Hospital, Hayden Drive, Bruce. A huge range of succulents, perennials, indoor plants and more, will be available at bargain prices.

All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. For more information: Jan 0437 790 980.

## ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST – 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH

7:30am – 9:00am

7 Bindel Street Aranda. St Vincent's Parish Centre 'Orana'. \$20 Breakfast and barista coffee

Guest speaker: St Clare Condon. "Was it worth it? Fifty years of advocacy".

Contact: 0487 388 873

## 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

## 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)

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN FINANCE COUNCIL

The Archbishop extends an invitation to persons of good standing in the community who have the requisite qualifications and experience to nominate for membership of the Archdiocesan Finance Council.

The goal of the AFC is to ensure that the stewardship and administration of the temporal goods of the Archdiocese is in keeping with the spirit of the Gospel, the teaching of the church and the provisions of the Code of Canon Law. Meetings are held every three months with additional meetings as required.

For further information and the lodgement of expressions of interest please contact Ms Helen Delahunty [helen.delahunty@cg.org.au](mailto:helen.delahunty@cg.org.au)

Closure date: 25 March 2022.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

Into the depth of the human heart, O God,  
 you alone can see;  
 only in your judgements  
 do justice and mercy meet in perfect measure.  
 Restrain us from passing judgement on our neighbour,  
 that we may centre our zeal instead  
 on bearing a harvest of goodness  
 from the abundance of our hearts.  
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 God for ever and ever.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

**First Reading** Dt 26:4-10  
 Moses tells the Israelites of God's care for them.

**Second Reading** Rom 10:8-13  
 All who call upon the Lord will be saved.

**Gospel** Lk 4:1-13  
 Jesus is tempted in the desert.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

## DESIGNING WINDOWS

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## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

*Brid Hagain, Fr Henry Byrne, Warwick Stansfield,  
 Fr Laurie Blake*

**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	2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Acolyte	
<b>27 Feb</b> Tom Considine 1 Dianne Carey 2	
Russell Hill 3	
<b>06 Mar</b> Debbie Valencic 1 Mark Valencic 2	
Peter Cleary 3	

### ALTAR SERVERS

<b>27 Feb</b> Grace Miller Imogen Maher
<b>06 Mar</b> Louis & Fergus Green

### ALTAR CLEANERS

<b>05 Mar</b> Kay Perceval
<b>12 Mar</b> Geraldine Doyle

**MORE CLEANER 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  
 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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