



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 – MARCH

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/Warmington

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

5th & 6th March 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



Parish Priest	Father	Peter My
Youth Worker	Clare	Healey
Chair Finance Committee	Paul	O'Mara
Chair Parish Council	Bryan	Coleborne (
acting)		
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			

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.



Last week we welcomed into our Church community:

Cruz John child of Harley & Madison

This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Henry Douglas child of Anthony & Melissa

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion boxes are ready for collection at the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00pm every Friday during Lent

HOMILY

Temptations

At his baptism in the River Jordan, Jesus clearly had a great religious experience. 'You are my beloved son, my favour rests on you.' He was confirmed in his sense of identity. But what then?

Would it be back to the carpentry shop? Would he join the Essenes, perhaps?

No. Listen to what happened: Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where the devil was waiting to put him to the test. What was the test?

The test was to realise that, even as the Beloved Son, he was not to be insulated from all the struggles and difficulties and setbacks of life. He would be challenged to live a life – in harmony with the will of God, – in which there would be no shortcuts to success.

Jesus was offered three shortcuts:

1. When he was hungry: bread out of stones, using miraculous powers for self-interest, to satisfy his own cravings.
2. When he wanted to change the world: absolute political power, to be handed to him by the devil to whom he should bow the knee.

3. When he needed to take risks: that angels would keep him safe – that the ordinary rules of gravity would be suspended just for him!

These were the three Temptations of Christ.

And His answer? 'I will persevere in my ministry, not expecting exceptional powers for myself. I will hold on to what I realised in a special way at my baptism. I am precious and loved by my Heavenly Father.

Each of us at our baptism heard those same words in the depths of our hearts – the core of our emerging personalities.

'You are my beloved son.'

'You are my beloved daughter.'

'My favour rests on you.'

This does not insulate us from the difficulties and hardships of persevering and trying to live a life in harmony with God's will.

Which means that you and I can expect, have experienced, Temptations.

And it probably won't be that hoary old preoccupation with sex. It *might* be, but, as we can see from the Gospel, even then it is likely to show signs of the threefold pattern. Think of any temptation in an important matter and look for this pattern:

1. I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, *or*
 2. I want to exercise power over others, coercive or manipulative, *or*
 3. I want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed/unharmful, *or*
- all three!

What must we do when such temptations assail us?

First, realise that such temptations come from an enemy already defeated by Christ – in his own time of temptation and definitively on the Cross. They are much less powerful than they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil.

Second, really believe that you are a beloved child of God through the gift and privilege of the Sacrament of Baptism.

Imagine if you and I really believed that and integrated it into our lives – then, as a consequence of living out that belief,

Then, the hungry would be fed, not having to pray for stones to be turned into bread.

Then, politics would change, abandoning the diabolical use of power to divide people.

Then, the infantile fantasy that someone will always come to the rescue would give way to taking risks with our lives as adults willing to face the consequences.

In the presence of temptations, hang on to the belief/faith in your true identity.

I am, you are, we are, beloved sons and daughters of God.

Fr Michael Tate

First Reconciliation



23rd March 2022

Please pray for . . .

Darcy Bell	Egan Bradley
Billy Buser	Chloe Caldwell
Addison Cooke	Declan Cooke
Sofia Da Deppo	Jessica Davis
Fletcher Douglas	Isabella Dunstan
Charlie Field	Ava Leighton
Zali Lenon	Lucy Miller
Natalia O'Connor	Isabelle Pidgeon
Christine Raniga	Olivia Scanlon
Zoe Seselja	Josephine Streatfeild
Phoenix Streatfeild	
Amber Watson	
Heath Wood	



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

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 10th March

Where: Yass Soldiers Club,
Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 10:00am



ALL WELCOME



MUSIC MINISTRY

WANTED

SINGERS AND MUSICIANS FOR EASTER CEREMONIES.

If any parishioners would like to help out with the singing or just learn the songs that we will be doing, please email or phone Anne Eade eade4@netspace.net.au or 0407 940 043.

Practice times to be advised but most likely after Mass on Sunday for approximately 1 hour.

All are welcome.

CARITAS UKRAINE APPEAL

Caritas Ukraine is on the ground during the unfolding humanitarian crisis.

Caritas' appeal for the Ukraine will help provide assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and support to people affected by this crisis.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

VIGIL FOR UKRAINE – 11th MARCH

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Vigil for Ukraine is a secular event that is open to all, and a chance to reflect on our hopes for a peaceful Ukraine.

Location: Rotary Peace Bell in Nara Peace Park, Yarralumla.

The bell will ring out, and there will have a minutes' silence.

Contact: jatcanberra@gmail.com or call on 0407 212 885.

CATHOLICCARE / ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM – 9th 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

PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH, 2022

Caritas CEO Kirsty Robertson & Archbishop Prowse have launched Project Compassion virtually this year at this link: tinyurl.com/caritascg22.

If you need resources or wish to hear more about the work of Caritas, contact your new Diocesan Director Beth Doherty on 0432 608 310 or Elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com. Visit the website at: www.caritas.org.au.

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

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

Closure date: 25 March 2022.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Following the way of Jesus

As we set our feet on the path of Jesus, temptations will come to follow our paths, to give our energy and commitment to other ways, to look for life and happiness away from God.

The temptation to Jesus was to live for himself; like the instinct in each of us to see ourselves as number one.

Jesus' conviction, spread in his works of healing the sick in mind and body, of consoling people in all sorts of situations, and teaching the way of God, and finally in his death on the cross is that true fulfilment is in being men and women of God for others.

He was Son of God for us, not for himself; the temptation was to turn the spotlight on himself, and accept a life of comfort, concerned with honour, wealth and power.

The gifts of personality that each of us has are to fit us for our journey of life, and to be shared with all we meet on the journey of life we share.

Our wealth, learning, talents — all we have received in our upbringing, all we have received from God — are to enrich not only ourselves, but are given for the life of the world.

Called by God to be men and women for others, we may be tempted to use our love and our talents, even faith and religion, just for ourselves.

May we walk in the path of true life, may we create a world of equality and justice, where the dignity of people is valued as much as the dignity of God.

In Jesus we are brothers and sister, men and women for others. Together may we walk on the path of life eternal.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

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

Prayers For
Sam Turner

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

Leslie James (1/3), Bernard Cleary (2/3), Patricia Smith (6/3), Sam Dyball (6/3), Peter Grieves (7/3), Ruby O'Brien (8/3), Stan Walmsley (8/3), Bridget Cooke (8/3), Jarrod Sheather (9/3), Garry Delbridge (9/3), Ronald Connors (9/3), Betty Schutz (9/3), Phyllis Walmsley (12/3), Kathleen (Kay) Winter (13/3), Noel Quinn (13/3), Irene Wailes (14/3), Donald Bell (16/3), Daphne Irwin (19/3), Robyn O'Mara (19/3), Justin Moller (20/3), Adam Darmody (22/3), Bill Patrick (22/3), Joe Rigby (23/3), Robin Woods (24/3), Elsie McGregor (24/3), Barbara Merriman (27/3), Roderick Connors (27/3), Dixie Byrne (27/3), Michael Freebody (28/3) and Harry Cooke (28/3).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

READINGS NEXT WEEK: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

First Reading Gen 15:5-12. 17-18
The Lord establishes a covenant with Abraham.

Second Reading Phil 3:17-4:1
Our citizenship is in heaven.

Gospel Lk 9:28-36
Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Reader 2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Acolyte

06 Mar	Debbie Valencic	1	Mark	Valencic	2
	Peter Cleary	3			
13 Mar	Kate Walker	1	Rod	Perceval	2
	Peter Walker	3			

ALTAR SERVERS

06 Mar Louis & Fergus Green **13 Mar** Ella & Clare Broers

ALTAR CLEANERS

12 Mar Geraldine Doyle **19 Mar** Kath Moore

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