



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

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

SUNDAY

Yass: 10:15am
Gunning: 2nd, 4th 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 2nd 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

12th & 13th March 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? R

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' R

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. R

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! 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

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPOH

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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

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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00pm every Friday during Lent

PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving envelopes are ready for collection at the presbytery.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion boxes are ready for collection at the church.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the 40 people who did the survey.

PARISH ASSEMBLY ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY

Please pray for our Parish Assembly and come together on the day.

HOMILY

Transfigured Bodysouls

One often hears the conventional wisdom: 'All religions are the same.' Somewhat different packaging but, really, they all believe in the same things.

But, do they, even about the human person?

What if you believed that the most vital part of a person was 'the soul', more or less trapped or imprisoned in the body? The best thing would be for the soul to be freed from the body, leaving the old carcass behind, and enjoying heaven as a soul.

Well, that may put you in an ancient Greek tradition, but it is certainly not Christian.

What do we believe?

There is a hint in the pictures of the Stations of the Cross. Notice the haloes of light, a golden glow, around the head of our Lord Jesus Christ. Artists down through the centuries have tried to portray the Divine Light which suffuses the body of Christ (and of the Saints).

These portrayals hark back to today's Gospel.

Jesus' body was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. This was an utterly bodily experience with Jesus' body totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory.

That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, bodysoul. That is our *ultimate* destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

We have all heard of St Francis of Assisi or Padre Pio. Both saints exhibited the stigmata. Their devotion to the crucified Lord was so intense that they exhibited the wounds of the Cross in their bodies.

But, what if a saint, what if you or I, was intensely devoted to the transfigured Christ? Could one share in that transfigured experience?

Here is a story from the Russian mystical tradition.* It is a passage taken from 'The Revelations' of Saint Seraphim of Sarov, written at the beginning of the 19th Century. One of his followers was conversing with him on a winter morning when the Saint appeared to his follower to be as dazzling as the sun. Saint Seraphim whispered to him:

'Why then, my friend, do you not look me straight in the face? Look freely and without fear; the Lord is with us.'

The story goes on in the words of the follower:

'Encouraged by these words, I looked and was seized by holy fear. Imagine in the middle of the sun, dazzling in the brilliance of its noon tide rays, the face of the man who is speaking to you. You can see the movements of his lips, the changing expression of his eyes, you can hear his voice, you can feel his hands holding you by the shoulders, but you can see neither his hands nor his body – nothing except the blaze of light which shines around, lighting up with its brilliance the snow-covered meadow, and the snowflakes which continue to fall unceasingly.'

"What do you feel?" asked Father Seraphim.

"An immeasurable well-being," I replied.

"But what sort of well-being? What exactly?"

"I feel", I replied, "such calm, such peace in my soul, that I can find no words to express it."

"My friend, it is the peace our Lord spoke of when he said to his disciples: 'My peace I give unto you,' the peace which the world cannot give; 'the peace which passeth all understanding.' What else do you feel?"

"Infinite joy in my heart."

My friends, that is the promise our Heavenly Father gives to you and to me personally and individually.

You and I can be, with God's grace will be, radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with 'immeasurable well-being', 'infinite joy in our hearts.'

* I took this story from 'The Mystical Theology of the Eastern Church' by Vladimir Lossky, St Vladimir's Seminary Press, Crestwood, New York 10707, 1976, pages 227-229.

Fr Michael Tate

First Reconciliation



23rd March 2022

Please pray for ...

Darcy Bell	Egan Bradley
Billy Buser	Chloe Caldow
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	



Baptisms

This week we welcomed into our Church community:

Jessica Clare & Isabelle Katherine
children of Joseph & Katherine

106 MEEHAN STREET

(former residence of the Sisters of Mercy Yass)

We are pleased to advise that the above property has now been leased.

We kindly ask if everyone would please **not park in the driveway** when attending Mass.

Thank you.



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.

CATHOLIC CARE / ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM – 23rd MARCH

5:00pm

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

CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY PLANT STALL

– 31st MARCH

8:00am – 4:00pm

A huge range of succulents, perennials, indoor plants and more will be available. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff.

For further information: Jan 0437 790 980

CHRISM MASS – 11th APRIL

5:00pm

Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated.

Everyone is most welcome.

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.

INTERNATIONAL SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Participate in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation.

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

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.

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

