



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

19th & 20th March 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for 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

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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.



MASS WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH

Due to First Reconciliation, Mass will be in the Church on Wednesday 23rd March.

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.

PARISH ASSEMBLY ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY

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

HOMILY

Politics, Economics, and the Gardener

The caste system still controls the lives of hundreds of millions of people in India. What does this fundamental aspect of Hinduism mean? What is its effect?

What it says is that there is a hierarchy of castes, and, if you are found to be living in squalor, suffering the diseases of poverty, exhausted from doing the most backbreaking and menial tasks in society, then you were fated to be born into that lower caste because of your failures in a previous existence – in our parlance, you are suffering because of your sins.

There is an iron rule at work – you are at the bottom of the social heap because of your previous wrongdoing or shortcomings. 'You suffer? You brought it on yourselves!'

How convenient for the members of the upper caste! No responsibility on their part for the wretched conditions of those suffering. That is why Mother Teresa's active compassion made a stir.

We see the vicious aspect of India's caste system so clearly – but it was also part of the religious mind of Our Lord's day.

Pilate massacred some Galileans whilst they were offering sacrifices in the Temple. And some said 'Oh, those Galileans must have been sinners!' Jesus adamantly repudiated that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything *they* did.' It was clear to

Jesus that they were the victims of an imperial power moving its occupying army to deal with the activities of a religious system they didn't begin to understand. That's where responsibility lay.

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. And some people said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus adamantly repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything *they* did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder. That's where responsibility lay.

We hardly realise the revolution that Jesus' teaching makes to the functioning of society. Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or simply the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised. And that may include us, especially given the fact that we live in a democracy.

We can try to influence international affairs where we know that the innocent are still massacred by the Pilates of this world. We can try to influence the workings of our financial system where people suffer whilst others take the profits, like the builders of the Tower of Siloam.

Does it all seem too difficult, and in any case not showing much evidence of any impact?

Jesus then turns to us with a metaphor and he says to you and says to me:

You are like a fig tree.

You may not be bearing much fruit just now, but, I am a terrific gardener:

I will water you,

and dig around you,

and make sure you are well nourished

and I am confident that

you will bear the fruits I desire.

And, how does Our Lord do that?

He waters us with the waters of baptism

He digs around us by disturbing our complacency

He prunes us, especially during Lent

He nourishes us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

What a gardener!

The original Garden of Eden went wrong. The Book of Revelation pictures the New Jerusalem, through which flows the River of Life, on either side of which are the Trees of Life yielding twelve fruits, and the leaves of which are the healing of the nations.

Let us allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create that heavenly botanical garden of the whole of humanity.

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	



POSITION VACANT

– BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT – CLONAKILLA WINES

This opportunity would suit someone with a variety of experience in bookkeeping/accounting. Offering flexible arrangements (number of days, hours and working from home).

Please contact Tim Kirk for more information 0404 805 082.

INVITATION

Parishioners are invited to the launch of Bob Nash's book "Walking Through The Gates of History" a light hearted story of events and history in one's lifetime in St. Augustine's Parish Yass. The book will be launched at the Lovat Chapel at 7:30pm Friday 1st April by Fr. Mick Burke.

It would be appreciated if you would let us know if you are coming to allow for catering by Tuesday 29th March on 0418 691 423 or email bob_nash@live.com.au

Light refreshments provided.



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.

CATHOLICCARE / 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.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Bad Things/Good People

Today's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

- First Reading** Jos 5:9-12
The Lord removes the reproach of Egypt.
- Second Reading** 2 Cor 5:17-21
All is new in Christ.
- Gospel** Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Parable of the prodigal son.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Mary Waldren, Brid Hagain, Fr Henry Byrne

Recently Deceased

Adam Darmody

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

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Reader
3 = Acolyte

20 Mar	Peter Gibbs	1	Steve	Scroope	2
	Frank Grace	3			
27 Mar	Lourdes O'Keefe	1	Gaye	McManus	2
	Greg Minahan	3			

ALTAR SERVERS

20 Mar	Charlotte McPherson	Mackenna	Leahy
27 Mar	Molly & Grace McPherson		

ALTAR CLEANERS

26 Mar	Coral	Carroll
02 Apr	Kay	Perceval



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