



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

26th & 27th March 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **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 and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

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.



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.

HOMILY

Bright and early on a Monday morning, in times that were much less ecumenical, Mick and Paddy, a pair of Irish ditch diggers, were repairing a Dublin road directly across the street from a house of ill repute.

Soon, they saw the Protestant Minister lurking about the place and then ducking into the house.

'Would ya look at that Mick!' said Paddy.

'What a shameful disgrace. That Protestant Minister sinning in the likes of that place!'

'Well', said Mick, 'he's got a ticket to hell anyway Paddy, so that's only getting' him an upgrade on the seat.'

A short time later they watched as a Jewish Rabbi looked around cautiously and, when he was satisfied no one had spied him, darted into the house.

'Did ya see that Paddy?', Mick asked in shock and disbelief. 'Is nothing holy to those Jewish people?'

'God in heaven above', Mick replied, 'Do they have "half price Monday" for the clergy at that sinful place?'

'Well, all I know Paddy is that a man of the cloth indulging himself in sins of the flesh is a terrible shame, I tell ya!'

Not long had passed when they saw a third man, Fr O'Donovan, their parish priest, lurking about the house looking around to see if anyone was watching and then quietly sneaking in the door.

'Mick, look it's Father O'Donovan', said Pat removing his cap.

'Ah Mick', said Paddy, taking off his own cap, 'one of the poor girls musta died ...'

Often our history colours everything about us, even those toward whom we can give the benefit of the doubt, be compassionate and forgive.

What is so shocking about Jesus' parable of the prodigal son is, that as the story goes, everything about the Jewish culture of first century Palestine set the boy up for a fall: he was greedy for his father's inheritance; we can assume he left the chosen land for the far country where he squandered his inheritance recklessly; he ended up eating with the unclean pigs; and then he had the temerity to return and ask for forgiveness.

This was the least likeable kid in town. He did not deserve to be treated better than a slave. That's what makes the boy's father so magnificent in love. He was derided by his faithful older son for this folly of the heart and he would have been considered a fool by his neighbours. And this is the model of compassion Jesus gives us to emulate.

Richard Leonard SJ

REFLECTION

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

Dianne Bergant CSA

Judith Williams has resigned from decorating the Church with flowers.

Thank you Judith for your contribution over many years.

We now need a volunteer for this. Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

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.

Please note that the Easter cleaning has been cancelled.

Thank you.

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.



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.

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.

LIGHT OF THE NATIONS – 14th TO 17th APRIL

LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with up to 1,000+ as we celebrate the Easter Triduum.

Held in the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.

Visit www.lttan.org.au for more information

DISCIPLES SCHOOL OF MISSION – 20th APRIL

Are you aged between 18-40 and searching for an adventure in 2022?

If so, then join us for the Disciples School of Mission.

This 4-day live in course, held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville, calls people from across Australia and beyond to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT – VARIOUS DATES

How prepared are you for marriage?

Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life.


For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au.

Choose any of the Weekends: 30th April to 1st May
 6th to 7th August
 12th to 13th November

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.



Have you thought?
The Prodigal

Because the only context in which most people ever hear the word prodigal is in relation to this parable, there is a common misunderstanding of the word. Because the parable is also referred to as the parable of the lost son, many people think prodigal means lost. However, to be prodigal means to be wastefully extravagant. When the son took his father's money he adopted a prodigal lifestyle. However, the irony of the story that is often lost is that the father too was prodigal in the extravagant welcome he gave. The father's extravagance echoes God's extravagant and abundant grace and love.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

The prodigal son came home empty-handed. He had no trophies to show his father, no achievements with which to earn his praise, his welcome, and his love. He was a failure. Worse - he was a sinner. He deserved to be punished - and he knew it. Yet punishment was the last thing he needed. To punish him would be like pouring water on a dying fire. What happened? When the father saw his lost son coming towards him, his heart went out to him, and next minute they were in each other's arms. It is an extraordinary experience to be loved in one's sinfulness. Such love is like a breeze to a dying fire, or rain falling on parched land. Those who have experienced this kind of love know something about the heart of God.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

First Reading

God has done and will continue to do great things.

Is 43:16-21

Second Reading

Paul forfeits all for Christ.

Phil 3:8-14

Gospel

The Pharisees confront Jesus with an adulteress.

Jn 8:1-11

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Mary Waldren

Prayers For

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

2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful

27 Mar	Lourdes O'Keefe	1	Gaye McManus	2
	Greg Minahan	3		
03 Apr	Joseph Morrissey	1	Susan Morrissey	2
	Anthony O'Connell	3		

ALTAR SERVERS

27 Mar Molly & Grace McPherson

03 Apr Grace Miller Imogen Maher

ALTAR CLEANERS

02 Apr Kay Perceval

09 Apr Geraldine Doyle

OLD LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Ray Burn, Dr Hanna Burn-Petersen

Dr Shyama Gonakumbura

Dr Ann Stephenson – Psychiatrist

Ruth Sneesby – Foot Nurse

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9:00 am – 5:00 pm (by appointment)

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