



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.

Parish Priest	Father Peter My
Youth Worker	Clare Healey
Chair Finance Committee	Paul O'Mara
Chair Parish Council	Bryan Coleborne (<i>acting</i>)
Principal of the School	Michael Green
School Community Council	Amber Maher
Sacramental Team Leader	Dianne Carey
RCIA	Genevieve Colbert

Parish Office	Zuzy Webster Monday to Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm
Parish Bulletin	Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm

WEEKEND MASSES THIS MONTH – APRIL

Saturday 2 nd & 30 th	6:00pm	Gunning
Saturday 9 th & 23 rd	6:00pm	Murrumbateman
All Sundays	10:15am	Yass
Sunday 10 th , 17 th & 24 th	8:30am	Gunning

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 nd Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am

Horton/Warlington

4 th Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
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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 - 10:30 am,
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 School: Kindergarten to Yr 6. Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

23rd & 24th April, 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R**

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



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.



HOMILY - Thomas the Doubter seeing the wounds.

There is something attractive about Thomas the Doubter – something about his obstinate integrity. He did not too readily accept the other disciples' report that they had seen the Risen Lord.

What is more attractive is that the other disciples – now the 'true believers' – did not expel Thomas for his doubting but kept him within their circle. Perhaps a lesson there for the Church not to too quickly raise the barriers excluding those struggling with belief in the Christian faith or some aspect of it.

Doubt and questioning are a proper part of being human. It is how we mature and make progress in the faith, as much as in other areas of life. A point may come where a person may not remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this Gospel story.

But the special attraction of this gospel story for Thomas and therefore for us, lay in what he saw.

He was granted the special gift of seeing the risen Lord bearing the wounds of his crucifixion. I believe the seeing of the risen body of Jesus bearing those wounds told Thomas something vital about his own destiny.

Do you want to spend eternity as the clone or replica of some saintly model? I don't. I want to be me – identifiably me. I don't want to be drained of all the effects of my time on earth, even the ones which have wounded me, because they have made me who I am. I don't want to be bleached of all colour.

I think that is what Thomas realised: that he would retain his identity in the next life, even bearing the wounds of his life, but wounds transformed. What sort of wounds? The wounds unjustly or unfairly inflicted by others or just by the vagaries and chances of life:

But there are the wounds unjustly or unfairly inflicted by others or just by the vagaries and chances of life:

the sense of desolation when abandoned by a member of the family or a friend;

the hurt maliciously inflicted, maybe physical, maybe an attack on one's good character; a great capacity to love or to be loved unfulfilled;

the death of someone we love dearly, the void, the heartache;

the chronic physical or mental illness which saps our strength.

These leave their mark imprinted on our character. These are the wounds which shape our lives. They make us who we are at the moment of death. At that moment, I will be, you will be, the wounded person whom, we pray, God will love without reserve.

What Thomas saw was that *those* sorts of wounds will be transformed, transfigured. We will be liberated from their evil effects, from their disabling effects on our personality, from their crippling effects in many dimensions.

Cont....

All that history, that personal history, is healed because Our Risen Lord adopts, incorporates, them as his own. I believe that that is what Thomas realised when he saw Our Lord's wounded hands and side.

But, that is only the beginning! As St Paul teaches, the body one receives when fully sharing the resurrection life of Christ is animated by the Spirit of God (1 Cor 15:44). That body will manifest in full perfection the human being which God intended in creating you or me. This is holistic redemption of one's humanity. But that lies over the threshold of death.

In the meantime what does this gospel mean for us? In reaching out towards the wounded body, Thomas realised the true identity of Jesus Christ and was able to exclaim: 'My Lord and My God'.

According to Pope Francis, we are constantly invited to touch the wounds of Christ in those who, in our own era and within our reach, are bearing wounds of all descriptions. That is a sure way of understanding the true identity of Jesus Christ.

Let us see with the eyes of faith the Risen Lord in the wounded of this world. Then we may hope to hear: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Fr Michael Tate

Have you thought?

Does he mean us?

When Thomas made his declaration of faith, Jesus said, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy (or Blessed) are those who have not seen and yet believe.' (v29) Because this gospel was written 60 years or so after the time of Jesus, there were indeed many who believed but had not ever seen him. The blessing is on all those who believe without the benefit of a physical encounter of Jesus. Whilst the gospel was written as an acknowledgement of those at the end of the 1st Century, it is also a blessing and encouragement for believers of today!

READINGS NEXT WEEK

First Reading

Acts: 5: 27-32, 40-41

The Sanhedrin tells the apostles not to mention Jesus.

Second Reading

Rev 5 :11-14

John hears the voices of angels.

Gospel

Jn 21: 1-19

Jesus questions Peter.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Father Peter My Stan Waldren
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The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a new online training program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Classes start April 27.

For further information see our website <http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training> or contact the Centre on (02)9701 4751 or CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

VACANT (Youth) Peter Cleary (Liturgy)
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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



This weekend we will welcome into our Church community:

Jake Beau child of David and Kellie

WESTERN DEANERY WOMEN'S CURSILLO

Thursday 12 May 4.00 pm to Sunday afternoon 15 May. To be held at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong.

If you are interested in attending please contact Di Franks – DMFranks@bigpond.com or phone 0418 619 740.

FEDERAL ELECTION

Read the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Download a copy from www.catholic.org.au

APRIL "ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT WEEKEND"

A two day marriage preparation program from 30 April - 1 May in Sydney which provides engaged couples with deeper insights into each other and into married life. \$290 not including accommodation. Information & registration at www.marriagefamily.org.au

ANZAC DAY – Monday 25 April

Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am in St Augustine's Church.



THERE IS NOW ANOTHER WAY TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PARISH

Located at the back of the church is a CBA Smart Terminal setup for donations using your debit card or credit card.

This Smart Terminal has been installed as with the changing times of people not wanting to carry cash and use cards only the Parish has decided to try out this alternative way of giving at Mass. The plate for donations by cash will still be used.

Have a look and 'Give it a go!' if this way of giving suits you.



St Augustine's Church will be closed from Tuesday 26 April until Monday 9 May due to maintenance of the church wall.

Mass during this time will be held at Mt Carmel's Performing Arts Centre.

FOR THE KIDS

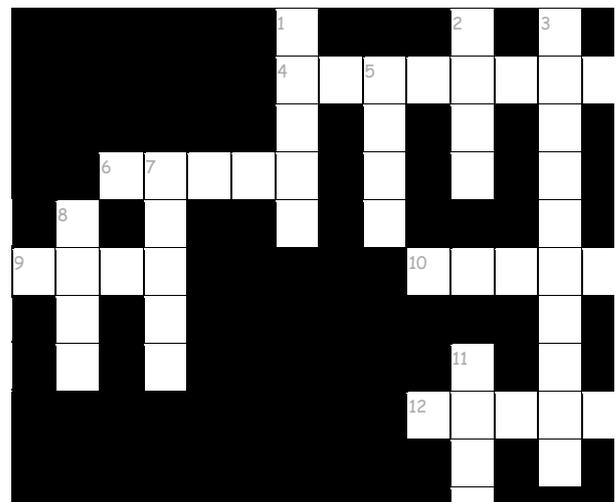
Crossword - Easter – Jn 20:1-9

Across

- 4: the front opening of a building
- 6: this covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
- 9: without light
- 10: a piece of fabric
- 12: a type of cotton fabric

Down

- 1: Jesus' disciple who was also known as Simon
- 2: the front part of the head
- 3: sacred texts
- 5: burial chamber
- 7: removed
- 8: she was the first to notice that Jesus' body was missing
- 11: the opposite of death



COMMUNION REFLECTION

THINGS CAN CHANGE

Things can change:
water can become wine,
families can be reconciled,
justice can replace violence,
peace can cover the land.

And people can change
when they get a chance.
Love can change
hardness of heart to compassion,
prayer can change
a selfish style of life into generosity.

With the touch of Jesus
water can change to wine,
and men and women can change,
and become more like God.

God sees us as we are,
and as we can be.

As the water was changed
at the word of Jesus
and the prayer of Mary,
so too the world can change
at the word of Jesus,
made active through us,
and the prayer of Mary and his followers.

We are not stuck in the present,
nor are we prisoners of the past.
The followers of Jesus
are people with a future.
We are people of the resurrection.

And so this day we make a prayer
for justice where there is inequality,
for peace where there is violence,
for love where there is hate.

And all this can happen,
when we try to put on
the mind and heart of God.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Peter Bindon

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

Gail Hayward (1/4), Patricia Cooke (3/4),
Joan Darmody (5/4), Denise Meritt-Bell (7/4),
Raymond Waters (8/4), Faye Freebody (8/4),
Nancy Carey (9/4), Grace Stansfield (9/4),
May Luchetti (10/4), Joanne Stuart (10/4),
Warwick O'Brien (11/4), Valerie Kemp (11/4),
Sam Turner (12/4), Jack Davis (12/4), Karen Maher (14/4),
Alice Pinferi (15/4), Beverly Wales (15/4), Joan Carey (16/4),
Sr Cora Carey (16/4), Ray Hamilton-Smith (16/4),
Thomas Palmer (17/4), Ronald (Joe) Kelly (17/4),
Gerry Winter (18/4), Cameron Croker (18/4),
Noel Todd (19/4), Veronica Wade (19/4),
Carmel O'Brien (21/4), Glen Murphy (21/4),
Agnes Watson (23/4), Sophie Rowe (24/4),
Henry Dyball (24/4), Joe Monteleone (26/4),
Stella McNally (28/4) and Dulcie Weekes (30/4).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Reader
3 = Acolyte

2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful

24 Apr	Tom Considine	1	Rod Perceval	2
	Peter Walker	3		
1 May	Deb Valencic	1	Mark Valencic	2
	Frank Grace	3		

ALTAR SERVERS

24 Apr	Charlotte McPherson
	MacKenna Leahy
1 May	Molly McPherson
	Grace McPherson

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St. Augustine

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