



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838
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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.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

9th & 10th April 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIphon

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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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

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Holy Week

Thursday	8:30am-9:00 am, 5:00 - 5:30pm
Friday	8:30-9:00am, and after the Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	10:00 – 10.30am

EASTER SERVICES 2022 – HOLY WEEK

Monday	Mass of the Chrism	5.00 pm	St Christopher's Cathedral
Wednesday	Mass	5.30 pm	Lovat Chapel
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>(Replaces morning Mass)</i>	7.00 pm	St Augustine's Church, Yass
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross Commemoration of the Passion	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Murrumbateman & Gunning St Augustine's Church, Yass
Holy Saturday	Service Practice for Acolytes, Altar Servers and Readers Easter Vigil Mass	2.00 pm 7.00 pm	St Augustine's Church, Yass St Augustine's Church, Yass
Easter Sunday	Mass	8.30 am 10.15 am	St Francis Xavier Church, Gunning St Augustine's Church, Yass

Thoughts from the Presbytery



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Youth Worker	Clare	Healey
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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

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.



LOWLY PRINCE OF PEACE

Today is the only Sunday we hear two Gospels proclaimed. One is of the *entry* of Jesus into Jerusalem. The other is of the *expulsion* of Jesus from Jerusalem.

The *entry* is accompanied by shouts of praise: 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

The *expulsion* is accompanied by the baying for blood: 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'

We are all familiar with the story. Many in Jerusalem had been hoping for a Messianic Liberator in the great warrior tradition of King David. Surely he would enter Jerusalem on a magnificent warhorse, signalling the start of the overthrow of Roman rule?

But, what did they get? A lowly figure riding on a donkey.

Nevertheless, the disciples and the crowd applauded him, laying palms on the road before him, singing out 'Hosanna in the highest'.

'Hosanna' means 'Save us'. Our Lord wanted to save them, of course: to save them from their impulse to destroy others which would eventually end up destroying themselves.

However, this Jesus on a donkey wanted to bring peace on earth, as the angels had sung at his birth. For him, this had to be achieved by non-violent means.

But the supporters and opponents of Roman rule preferred that a convicted terrorist – Barabbas – be set free. They knew *his modus operandi*. They knew what box to put him in. They had plenty of experience of his type.

But they could not deal with the practitioner of active, revolutionary non-violence. So the inevitable unfolded.

As we know, the disciples harboured an informer – Judas. The disciples themselves found that their courage and bravado crumbled in the face of the temple guards and Roman soldiers.

Jesus was arrested and subjected to various show trials. The crowd proved fickle. Jesus was left exposed to Pontius Pilate who had Jesus *expelled* from the city and apparently from life.

The charismatic Jesus could have organised armed resistance but he demanded that Peter put his sword back in its scabbard. Why?

I think largely because he knew how the innocent suffer terribly in these conflicts, particularly women. What does he say to the women of Jerusalem as he laboured up the hill of Calvary? Jesus says:

'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me. Weep rather for yourselves and for your children...'

Jesus saw that it is women who suffer grievously in warfare:

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Father	Peter My	Stan	Waldren
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VACANT (Youth)	Peter Cleary (Liturgy)
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Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My

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the loss of fathers, husbands, sons and lovers killed on the battlefield;

the sexual abuse of women as an instrument to terrorise the civilian population, or enforced prostitution, sexual slavery.

Jesus knew all this and his heart broke: 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me. Weep rather for yourselves and for your children...'

As they certainly did forty years later when the Romans ruthlessly put down armed rebellion. Jerusalem was laid waste and the Temple destroyed.

No doubt we can admire Jesus for going to martyrdom in this way. But deep in our hearts do we not fear following him in his non-violent resistance to evil. We could be killed, or those we love or should protect could be killed.

This creates a humanly impossible tension for us – the tension between imitating Christ in this regard and following our natural human instinct to deal with an aggressor threatening lethal violence.

A good starting point for reflection is that the Church was profoundly pacifist for its first three hundred years.

Perhaps it is for the Church of the 21st century to rise to the challenge.

Perhaps it is for a Pope who has chosen the name of Francis (of Assisi) to rise to the challenge issued by the One who *entered* Jerusalem borne on a donkey the One *expelled* from Jerusalem bearing a cross,

Jesus of Nazareth

revolutionary non-violent activist

Divine Prince of Peace.

Fr Michael Tate

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

Parish Office	Zuzy Webster <i>Monday to Wednesday</i> 9:00am – 3:00pm
Parish Bulletin	<i>Friday</i> 9am – 3.00pm

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 (start with 8:40am Rosary)	9:00 am

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
during Mass 8:30am 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.

Please Note!

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES

A reminder to bring your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes back on Hoy Thursday to the Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Thankyou.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 15. This collection provides welfare assistance to local Christians in health, education, housing, orphanages and medical centres. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Next weekend we will welcome into our Church community:

Henry Patrick child of Joseph & Megan



Do you enjoy flower arranging? Then you may be able to assist with the flower decorating of the church altar.

Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist in this important ministry.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

One with the lost

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is portrayed as not only the champion of the poor and outcast, but indeed being one with them. The witnesses to his birth in this gospel are lowly shepherds, not the wise men from the East. His parables and actions are addressed to the lost and the lowly. He eats with sinners and other outcasts – to the horror of Jewish leaders. Finally, at his death, Jesus is crucified as a criminal with other criminals. This gospel in particular addresses the message and ministry of Jesus to those on the margins of society.

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.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Walking on wounded feet

The crowd cheered him,
'Blessings on him,' they roared,
waving flags of palm,
'For he comes to us in God's name.'
And a few days later they cheered again,
this time for his death,
and blessings on a public robber, Barabbas.

A fickle people.
We wonder why?
What changed them?

Like Peter later,
they would say,
'I don't know the man,'
for the man they saw later in the week
was, in their eyes, a different man.

The king had become a spectacle,
bloodied, mocked, rejected.
Who wants a leader like that?

Jesus didn't want acclamation,
he had been trying to say all along
that he was a different type of king.

And so he chose a donkey,
as his chariot.
They saw their own hopes
for a leader who would overthrow their oppressors,
and didn't see the real Jesus.

The leadership of Jesus has lasted longer
than any of the public leadership of the time,
because he was a king of love and compassion,
and walked the way of the cross –
carried by his wounded feet and the help of a friend,
and guided by the hand of God, his Father.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading

Acts: 10-34, 37-43

Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.

Second Reading

Col 3: 1-4

Set your heart on the greater gifts.

Gospel

Jn 20: 1-9

Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Peter Bindon, Fred Patmore and
Brenton Hallam (Gunning)

Prayers For

Adam Darmody

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

10 Apr PALM SUNDAY ROSTER 1,2,3
17 Apr EASTER ROSTER

ALTAR SERVERS

10 Apr Louis & Fergus Green
PALM SUNDAY
17 Apr EASTER ROSTER

ALTAR CLEANERS

16 Apr Kath Moore
23 Apr Coral Carroll

NOTE: Easter Clean cancelled.

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