



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.

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.



Parish Office Zuzy Webster (*Secretary*)
Monday to Wednesday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Parish Bulletin Thursday
9:00am – 3:00pm

WEEKEND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

THIS MONTH – JUNE

Yass Mass Saturdays 6:00 pm 4th & 18th
Yass Mass All Sundays 10:15 am
M'bateman Mass Saturdays 6:00 pm 11th & 25th
Gunning Mass Sundays 8:30 am 12th, 19th & 26th
Gunning Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Sundays 8:30 am 5th

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
(starts 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 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays Yass 10:00 am - 10:30 am
Sundays Gunning 8:00 am - 8:15 am

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

25th & 26th June, 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight, since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

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, Tue, or Wed.)

MARRIAGES

By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

School Enrolments

Mt Carmel School: Kindergarten to Yr 6.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



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

1. We intend to help young families whose children were baptised in the last 12 months in our Parish. A co-ordinator is needed for this group. Can you fill this role?
2. Extraordinary Ministers training course has just completed. Thirteen people are willing to minister the Eucharist to people who need Holy Communion at home. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of any people who are in need of the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
3. The PPC will hold a meeting on Tuesday 28 June 2022, 6.30pm at the Hartigan Centre.
4. The Vocations Dinner and Holy Hour will be at 6:30pm on the 7 July (1st Thursday of the month at the Archbishop's House).
5. The Parish is going to hold a meeting with acolytes in the church. Details will be notified soon.
6. Catechists are still needed. Training will be given. Please consider being part of this Ministry. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

Fr Peter

HOMILY

In his excellent book, *Things You Get For Free*, Michael McGirr tells the story of going on pilgrimage to Rome with his mother. Maureen McGirr had always wanted to see St Peter's. Michael records the big day.

'One of the features of a visit to St Peter's is the modesty inspection. This is the kind of examination which most Australians on a visit to Bali would flunk. You aren't allowed to wear shorts or sleeveless garments. No swimming costumes, either, unless they have long legs and sleeves. No singlets. The modesty inspection has a point. It keeps out nudists and other undesirables... I would be more comfortable if the signs warned against coming in with a closed mind or an angry heart.

'When you get inside, however, St Peter's strips you bare. Mum took a few steps forward into the cavernous gloom and stopped. I looked up into the dome that Michelangelo designed late in life: he never lived to see it finished. In that moment, hundreds of visitors rushed past.

"What on earth are they trying to prove?"

I wasn't sure if Mum was talking about the building or all the people rushing past. Officials were still clearing away the cheap plastic stacking chairs which come out for big masses. They were not part of the original design. I was distracted by the noise.

"When you think," said Mum, leaving her sentence unfinished...

"When you think what?" I asked...

c/f

Cont.....

"I don't know. When you think." "What?" I was getting testy with her. Mum drew in breath to say something important. "When you think that Jesus had nothing."

'It was a naked response. For 70 years, this building had stood as the physical centre of Mum's religion. This was her pilgrimage to Mecca. Yet her response was almost revulsion. I wanted to put a brake on her reaction and jolly her along and tell her that Jesus would rather have had this as a monument than the Empire State Building or the Crown Casino.'

No matter how much we try to ignore it, or play it down, the call to simplicity of lifestyle and detachment are important elements in the teaching of Jesus and the way he lived his own life.

In Luke's gospel and in his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, the obligations of the haves to the have-nots are regularly underlined. Scholars think Luke's gospel keeps this teaching most alive because it was a community divided by wealth.

In today's Gospel this obligation is put in its starkest form. To 'bury the dead' in first-century Palestine sometimes meant having to take on their responsibilities – farm, fishing or family. To have 'nowhere to lay one's head' gave as much freedom then as it does today; and to be detached, without regret, has always been a sign of God's kingdom.

Some preachers can blast off into loopy-land when they start drawing out lessons from this teaching. While Jesus' words have a radical edge which must not be blunted, if all Christians everywhere were to live this teaching literally we would constitute a family of happy but homeless people, surrounded by decomposing loved ones! There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the rich get fatter and all-consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.

Some Christians are given the gift of living very simply and to the degree that this gift brings life to them, and those around them, it is a wonderful sign of God's kingdom. All the rest of us, who struggle to embrace this gift, or a desire to ever want it, must face up to the challenge of Jesus' teaching here. But it's not just about money. We are also called to detach ourselves from memories, which can be cluttered with anger and revenge; from the demands of work which keep us from being with those we love; and to be generous with our time, talent, hospitality and compassion.

Previous generations strayed from the demands of this gospel. Grand cathedrals, courtly behaviour and princely mansions were meant to reflect on earth the reign of God. These are our legacy, but may it not be said of us, what Michael McGirr says of St Peter's, 'any sense of the Divine completely disappears under the materialism of it all.' Rather, may our generation show the kingdom of God most visibly in the way we live simply, fight for justice for all people everywhere, and the detachment we have to everything but the essentials.

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Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

Religious Education

Fr Peter spoke to Mt Carmel students about his story as a refugee and how he travelled from Vietnam to Australia by boat. Thank you for sharing your amazing story, Fr Peter!





FIRST EUCHARIST 2022

Congratulations to the young people in our parish who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday. The joy and reverence they displayed made it a prayerful celebration.

Thank you to everyone involved with the ceremony: the parents and communicants who prepared so well over the last few months; Fr Peter, Kassie Miller and Mandy Leahy who assisted with the preparation day last Friday; Peter Cleary for the lovely decorations on the altar; Peter, Charlotte Alexander and Mackenna Leahy for acolyte and altar serving; Anne Eade, Annabelle O'Connell, Michael Green, Jan Harvey, Linda Swadling, Deanna Dorris and the children from Mt Carmel who played and sang so beautifully at Mass; Kassie, Linda, Mandy, Eva and Annabelle who helped with making the stoles; the teachers, parents and students from Mt Carmel, and the parishioners, who prayed for the communicants, attended Mass and assisted with morning tea in support of their special day.

Finally, I would like to thank the present and past members of the Sacramental Team in Yass and Gunning; and all the families I have worked with over the last twelve years. It was a privilege and pleasure working with you and guiding the young people of our parish as they prepared for approximately 750 sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation.

Dianne Carey
Sacramental Team Leader

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

World Meeting of Families | 22 - 26 June 2022

- Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations.



However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness." You can discover local Australian events or explore the resources with your own family by visiting: www.family.catholic.org.au

Archdiocesan Celebrations of the World Meeting of Families 2022 will be held in the following locations in our Archdiocese:

- Sunday 26th June Manuka for the Canberra region
 - Sunday 10th July Cootamundra for the Western Deanery
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Financially Speaking - HEATING THE CHURCH

An alternative cheaper way of heating the church has been investigated. The cost would be approximately \$20,000 utilising infrared heaters. A leaflet giving more information is available at the rear of the church in case you missed getting a copy which was inserted in last weekend's bulletin.

The Parish has received a pledge of \$2,000 from a parishioner towards the installation cost and further pledges have been received totaling \$1,000. If others are also able to assist with this initial investment please talk with Fr Peter, Paul O'Mara (0437 359 316) or ring the Parish Office. Any donations received would be most appreciated and would make a difference to the possibility of the Parish being able to afford the heating.

Thank you

YOUTH ARISE is a local youth group run by the combined churches of Yass. It's on a Friday night during school terms from 4.30pm -6pm. It's for kids in Year 5 to Year 8. We have fun, games, food and help young people to Arise and be the people God has destined them to be.

For more information, you can head to our Facebook page or call 0423 799 962

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Promises To Keep

Whose woods these are I hardly know,
his house is in the village though;
he will not see me stopping here
to watch his woods fill up with snow.
My little horse must think it queer
to stop without a farmhouse near,
between the woods and frozen lake
the darkest evening of the year.
He gives his harness bells a shake
to ask if there is some mistake;
the only other sound is the sweep
of easy wind and downy flake.
The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
but I have promises to keep;
and miles to go before I sleep,
and miles to go before I sleep.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First Reading *Is 66: 10-14*

The Lord will prosper Jerusalem.

Second Reading *Gal 6:14-18*

Paul boasts of the cross of Christ.

Gospel *Lk 10:1-12, 17-20*

Jesus sends forth the seventy-two.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

MAKING DONATIONS

- On the plate during Mass
- Planned Giving Envelopes – become a member and obtain your envelopes by contacting Zuzy at the Parish Office
- 'Tap Machine' – (Smart Terminal) Located at the back of the church. Set up for \$5, \$10 or \$20 donations with an option for other amounts.
(These donations are split 30% to the 1st Collection and 70% to the 2nd Collection)
- EFT - Using your home computer or phone.

Bank Details are:

1st Collection (To the Archdiocese)

BSB: 062-786
Account No: 000019611
Account Name: St Augustine's Parish, Prebytery

2nd Collection (For the Parish)

BSB: 062-786
Account No: 000013002
Account Name: St Augustine's Parish, Church

- Credit Card on regular basis. (Contact Zuzy at the Parish Office to arrange this).

Monies donated are distributed between the Parish (2nd Collection - to assist in operating expenses, eg. gas, electricity, rates, wages etc.) and the Archdiocese (1st Collection - support of Parish Priests).

Thank you for your donations

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Barbara Samuel Pope, Leslie Smith,

Prayers For

Giuse, Anna, Phero, Maria and Phero, James MacQuillan, Barbara & Ron Merriman, Ethel & Cecil MacQuillan

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

Doreen (Pat) McKenna (1/6), Mary (Mollie) O'Brien (1/6), Aileen Wales (10/6), Guiseppe (John) DeMartin (10/6), James MacQuillan (13/6), Nance O'Connor (14/6), Damien Broderick (15/6), Gordon Butt (17/6), Don Bayley (17/6), Eileen Jackson (18/6), Francis 'Noel' Agnew (20/6), Gerald Honner (26/6), Audrey Pearce (27/6), Susan O'Connor (27/6), Peter Doyle (27/6), Raymond Bayley (28/6), Maria Doemling (28/6), Cliff Doust (29/6) and Margaret Morrissey (30/6).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1	=	1 st Reading & Responsorial Psalm				
2	=	2 nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful	3	=	Acolyte	
26 th Jun	Susan	Bucknell	1	Reginald	Bucknell	2
	Greg	Minahan	3			
2 nd Jul	Joe	Morrissey	1	Sue	Morrissey	2
	Anthony	O'Connell	3			
3 rd Jul	Alan	Oakey	1	Kate	Walker	2
	Peter	Walker	3			

ALTAR SRVERS

26 th Jun	Clare	Broers	Mackenna	Leahy
3 rd Jul	Grace	Miller	Imogen	Maher

ALTAR CLEANERS

24 th Jun	Mary	Yates
8 th Jul	Kath	Moore

Designing Windows

Curtains, Pelmet, Tracks & Rods

All types of blinds including;

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Venetians & Shutters

Cushions, Accessories and much more.....

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