



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 Friday
9:00am – 3:00pm

WEEKEND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Yass Mass Saturdays 6:00 pm 3rd & 17th
Yass Mass All Sundays 10:15 am
Yass Mass CONFIRMATION 10.30 am 11th
M'bateman Mass Saturdays 6:00 pm 10th & 24th
Gunning Mass Sundays 8:30 am 11th, 18th & 25th
Gunning Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
Sundays 8:30 am 4th

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/Warlington

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

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR C

27th & 28th August, 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

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

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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.
Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

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	Anne	Mattappallil
RCIA	Genevieve	Colbert

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Paul	O'Mara	Mark	Valencic
David	Garland	Trish	Gibbs
Irene	Carr		

Ex Officio Members:

Fr Peter My and Zuzy Webster (Parish Secretary).

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Mandy	Leahy (<i>Youth</i>)	Peter	Cleary (<i>Liturgy</i>)
Michael	Van Wanrooy (<i>Welfare</i>)	Anna	Healey (<i>Social Justice</i>)
Genevieve	Colbert (<i>Education</i>)	Lourdes	O'Keefe (<i>Social</i>)
Bryan	Coleborne (<i>shared with</i>)	Jennie	Fischer (<i>Ecumenism</i>)
Bob	Nash (<i>Maintenance</i>)		

Ex Officio Members: Fr Peter My, Michael Green (Principal) and Zuzy Webster (Parish Secretary)

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon. 29 August: The Passion of Saint John The Baptist
Sat. 3 August: Saint Gregory The Great

From Fr Peter

1. **'THANK YOU'** to Mt Carmel School for co-ordinating last Saturday's Vigil Mass. The Mass was truly enhanced by the attendance of our parish school, with the students being involved in all of the liturgy.
2. Remembering next Sunday is Father's Day.
3. RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you are interested, or know someone, who would like to learn about the Catholic faith please contact the Parish Office or talk with Genevieve Colbert.

REFLECTION

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

Dianne Bergant

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

28 August, 2022

This year the **Social Justice Statement** is entitled:

**RESPECT: CONFRONTING VIOLENCE
and ABUSE**

Anna Healey, our new PPC member for Social Justice, will give a short talk at both the Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses about this year's Statement.

Some copies of the Social Justice Statement are available from the back of the church. It can also be downloaded at:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Humility and Honour

Jesus' comments about taking the place of honour at a table are introduced as being a parable. Because it is identified as a parable, we know that there is a richer meaning below the surface. In talking about places at a feast, Jesus is referring to the kingdom of God. We know that Jesus has already identified that the lowly in this world will be in a place of honour in the kingdom. His message is that those who humble themselves in this world and give hospitality to the lowly will be lifted up – exalted – in the kingdom.



Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

Our Mini Vinnies team did a great job running the box challenge to raise awareness of homelessness. There was lots of collaboration and problem solving to make shelters using cardboard boxes. Students enjoyed the experience and had lots of fun!





to any new parishioners to the Parish Family of St Augustine's. Please make your- selves known.

At the back of the Church there is a "New Parishioner Information Card" – it would be appreciated if you could complete and return this card either to the Parish Office at the Presbytery or on the plate at Mass.



ANOINTING MASS

Saturday
3rd September, 2022 at 9.00am

Financially Speaking

HEATING THE CHURCH

As you can see the heaters are now installed in the church. A bit further work is still to be done and, hopefully, will be finalized by the end of next week.

Once again 'Thank You' to those who have donated to this project.

Should anyone wish to make a donation, this can still be done.

*Any amount of donation assists in this project by **cash on the plate at Mass (placed in a sealed envelope and 'Heating the Church' marked on the envelope), dropping it off to the Parish Office, or by EFT and making the reference 'Yass Heating of Church'. These references are most important.***

Thank you very much for your donations.

PALMS AUSTRALIA

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

[Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 and [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our [13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th](#).

Jesus and Leisure

Jesus said to the disciples, 'You must come away to a lonely place all by yourselves and rest a while.' (Mark 6:31) When we stop running and doing, we give God time to break into our lives and remind us of who we are and where we are going.

'God is more than any mind could know,
More than any heart could love,
God is mystery,
Sacred mystery,
All the wonder
And beauty of life.'

Author unknown

Please pray for the children as they prepare for their Confirmation on the 11th September.



Esther Adie	Mia Gibbs
Alex Bell	Zara Hillman
Georgina Burke	Molly Jarratt
Mia Buser	Grace McPherson
Caelan Cassidy	Tiana Pidding
Hugo Dunstan	Montana Pidding

O God, loving Father, in this confirmation year, take special care of the confirmandi and guide them so that they may know and do what is right.

O Jesus, my Brother, in this confirmation year, take their hand and walk beside them so that they may see how to help those in need.

O Holy Spirit, in this confirmation year, open their heart to receive your gifts so that they may be filled with joy and peace. AMEN.

The Sacramental Team would like to invite all parishioners to bring a plate of food to share and join with Father Peter, Mt Carmel School, and the Sacramental team to welcome the new candidates and their families into our parish.

Expressions of Interest for appointment to the Catholic Education Commission of the Archdiocese

The Archbishop is seeking to appoint up to two new members from the beginning of 2023 and further members from mid-2023.

Any enquiries and Expressions of Interest should be directed to the Chair of the Commission, Dr Patrick McArdle, Patrick.mcardle@cg.org.au. The Expression of Interest should include a brief statement outlining the applicant's interest and relevant experience together with a curriculum vitae.

Closing Date for Expressions of Interest is Friday 14 October.

28 OCTOBER WOMEN'S TASKFORCE ANNUAL DINNER

The Archdiocese Catholic Women's Taskforce annual fundraising dinner **October 28th 6.30 pm, Woden Southern Cross Club. Guest speaker is Dr Ursula Stephens, Former Senator and CEO Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited.** Funds raised go to MacKillop House, a place of safety for women and children in need. Earlybird tickets \$65.

Book via <https://womenstaskforceacg.org> or call 0487388873.

Modesty: The art of encouraging people to find out for themselves how wonderful you are.

Source Unknown

COMMUNION REFLECTION

FEAST OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

28th August

(Taken from the Confessions of St Augustine)

Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new;
late have I loved you!

For behold you were within me, and I outside;
and I sought you outside and in my ugliness
fell upon those lovely thoughts that you have made.

You were with me and I was not with you.

I was kept from you by those things,
yet had they not been in you,
they would not have been at all.

You called and cried to me and broke upon my deafness:
and you sent forth your beams and shone upon me
and chased away my blindness:

you breathed fragrance upon me,

and I drew in my breath and do now pant for you:

I tasted you, and now hunger and thirst for you:

you touched me,

and I have burned for your peace.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Kerry Brown

Prayers For

Anna and Phero,

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

*Frances Todkill (1/8), Catherine Wallace (1/8),
Frances Cassidy (1/8), Eric Runnacles (5/8),
Thomas Heaney (5/8), Robert Field (6/8),
Beverley Beeten (7/8), Tilly Ward (7/8), Dennis Hoey (11/8),
Susan Gibson (11/8), Paul Ryan (13/8), Val McDonald (7/8),
Josef Kuszko (13/8), Helen Hird (15/8), Robert Wade (15/8),
Irene Diver (15/8), Samantha Darmody (15/8),
Margaret Neumann (16/8), Brendan McPhillips (16/8),
Emma Bainbridge (18/8), Majorie Shields (18/8),
Gweneth Besgrove (19/8), Thomas Hilly (21/8),
Florence Davis (21/8), Brian Hepple (22/8),
Kevin McKenzie (23/8), Peggy Kennedy (25/8),
Bernard Robinson (27/8), Catherine Walmsley (27/8),
Valda Connors (28/8), Peter O'Brien (28/8)
and Joan Perrot (31/8).*

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

READINGS NEXT WEEK

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First Reading

Wis 9: 13-18

Who can know the will of God?

Second Reading

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Paul sends Onesimus, formerly a slave, back to Philemon as a brother.

Gospel

Lk 14: 25-33

Disciples must renounce all possessions.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful

3 = Acolyte

28 th Aug	Eva	Karakotas	1	TBA	2
	Anthony	O'Connell	3		
3 rd Sep	Peter	Cleary	1	Steve	Scroope 2
	Russell	Hill	3		
4 th Sep	Sue	Morrissey	1	Joe	Scroope 2
	Greg	Minahan	3		

ALTAR SERVERS

28 th Aug	Molly	McPherson
	Grace	McPherson

ALTAR CLEANERS

2 nd Sep	Mary	Yates
16 th Sep	Kath	Moore

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