



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 OCTOBER

Yass Mass	Saturdays	6:00 pm	1 st & 15 th
Yass Mass	All Sundays	10:15 am	
M'bateman Mass	Saturdays	6:00 pm	8 th & 22 nd
Gunning Mass	Sundays	8:30 am	2 nd , 9 th & 23 rd
Gunning Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion	Sundays	8:30 am	16 th

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 (starts 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 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR C

1st & 2nd October, 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

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

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

BAPTISMS

Yass	Saturdays	10:30 am
Gunning Parish	2nd Sunday of the month	8:30 am (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
Principal of the School	Michael	Green
School Community Council	Amber	Maher
Sacramental Team Leader	Anne	Mattappallil
RCIA	Genevieve	Colbert

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Tue. Saint Francis of Assisi
Fri. Our Lady of the Rosary

From Fr Peter

1. The "YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER". On the weekend of 30/31 July a letter from Archbishop Christopher Prowse was inserted into the Bulletin for parishioners to read regarding the way forward for us in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. Two important events will be taking place in October and I draw your attention to these in the notices below.
2. The Archbishop has announced a new in-coming Vicar General of the Archdiocese. He is Fr Richard Thompson and he should commence this role mid January 2023.
3. The parish Statue of Our Lady has been visiting homes of parishioners for over thirty years but was stopped due to COVID. The Statue will be blessed at Mass this Sunday and recommence visits this month.
4. All children are invited to the special Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month commencing on Sunday 23 October.
5. 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.

YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER 2022 EVANGELISE ONLINE CONFERENCE

20-22 October 2022

Catholics around Australia are invited to a unique, national event that will inspire, transform and revitalise faith communities! With presentations and workshops hosted by some of Australia's most renowned Catholic speakers, 'Evangelise' will cover a range of mission and ministry topics, from cultural engagement to liturgy and Sacraments. Participants will have the opportunity to gather in parish hubs or on their own individual device. Find out more, including the event program and keynote speakers at <http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au/>

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YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER MARIAN PROCESSION

Sunday October 23 - Begins at 11am

Join local parishes, ethnic communities, clergy and religious for a unique multicultural family day of prayer and festivities. Located on the scenic grounds of St Clements Retreat Centre in Galong, we will gather for Mass, to pray the rosary and be inspired by speakers. BYO lunch, enjoy a sausage sizzle or bring a plate to share. There will be faith-based activities for children and an opportunity to meet new and old friends within our Archdiocese as we journeying through Mary to Jesus. <https://bit.ly/MarianProcession2022>

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

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

HOMILY by Richard Leonard SJ

Today's Gospel highlights what a different world Jesus and the earliest Christians lived in by comparison with us today. Jesus and Luke's community unquestionably believed in slavery. In all the Gospels Jesus regularly draws on the image of a slave to make points about duty, respect or responsibility. In other passages Jesus and St Paul advocate for the just treatment of slaves or servants, but it was an institution in their world that they never questioned. They never told the slaves to make a bid for freedom. They never told Christian slave owners to set their slaves free.

Like society generally, the Church, for most of its history, followed this line. Much to our shame, when the tide rightly turned against slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Church was, generally, very slow to be converted to the emancipation movement and take a stand against the colonialism and racism that slavery enshrined.

Our movement on the question of slavery is a wonderful study in the development of doctrine. Not all social realities that Jesus assumed in his day continue to be relevant to our world. It took Society 1800 years, and the Church a bit longer still, to see slavery for what it is – an assault on the children of God – both servant and master. It shows how we have to keep carefully discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in the light of new thinking.

The image of the slave in today's Gospel is invoked to underline our response to God's goodness. Our work for God is seen to be totally disproportionate to the gifts we have been given. Holding, as we do, that life, creation, all talents, gifts, and, in our case, security and peace are fruits of God's love, Jesus is right to highlight which side of the ledger is more generous.

To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere. As respondents to many surveys tell us, they may like who Jesus is and his teaching in the Gospel, but the stumbling block for their joining us is the way they see that faith lived out in the Church.

Many of us, however, struggle on heroically to serve God as best we can. Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out.

May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

We cannot love God unless we love each other,
and to love each other we must know each other.

We know him in the Breaking of the Bread,
and we know each other in the Breaking of the bread,
and we are not alone any more.

Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too,
even with a crust, where there is companionship.

We have all known the long loneliness and we have
learned that the only solution is love,
and that love comes with community.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman is cured of leprosy.

Second Reading 2 Tm 2: 8-13

If we die with Jesus we will live with him.

Gospel Lk 17: 11-19

Jesus cures ten lepers, one returns with thanks.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

PRAYER FOR PEACE

"Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on the earth. I beseech You to guide all the nations and their leaders in the way us of justice and peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war. Help us to put away mistrust, bitterness and hatred. Teach us to cease the storing and using of implements of war. Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom. Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honor and praise." Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

AUSTRALIA: In 2021 alone, 565,000 religious books were produced and distributed with the help of ACN. Often in poor countries, the child's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently it is the only picture book that the little ones can get hold of in their entire lives. Can you help us continue this important work in distributing religious books throughout the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO:

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2022. Send us an inquiry to: www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

*Suzanne Bullman, Myra Healy, John Meston,
and Hope Grieves*

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

*Joan Bartlett (1/10), Coral Davis (1/10),
Marie O'Mara (3/10), Theresa Epple (4/10),
Peter Stinson (5/10), Charles Harris (8/10),
William Grace (9/10), Emily Skillin (10/10),
Arthur Bush (12/10), Cheryl Harris (13/10),
Kevin Denny (14/10), Jayne Kemp (17/10),
Bryan Perryman (19/10), Grant Hanrahan (19/10),
Reginald Cassidy (22/10), John Richmond (23/10),
Allan Fitzpatrick (23/10), Frederick Leslie (23/10),
Terence McGann (24/10), Rita Slattery (26/10),
Cecil MacQuillan (27/10), Harold Carey (27/10),
Sylvia McCarthy (29/10), Grace McGann (30/10),
Edward Cassidy (31/10) and Patricia Fagan (31/10).*

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful

3 = Acolyte

1 st Oct	Alan	Oakey	1	Peter	Cleary	2
	Anthony	O'Connell	3			
2 nd Oct	Kate	Walker	1	Lourdes	O'Keefe	2
	Peter	Walker	3			
9 th Oct	Eva	Karakotas	1	Peter	Gibbs	2
	Frank	Grace	3			

ALTAR SRVERS

2nd Oct TBA

8th Oct TBA

ALTAR CLEANERS

14th Oct Kay Perceval

28th Oct Coral Carroll

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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 place it on the plate at Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

at Mass on Sunday
23rd October at 10.15am

All children welcome to attend



MUSIC MINISTRY WANTED SINGERS AND MUSICIANS

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 before Mass on Sunday for approximately 1 hour. All are welcome.

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 13 October
Where: Yass Soldiers Club,
Meehan Street, Yass
Time: 10.00 am



ALL WELCOME

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

"Living Sunday well": that's how Ordinary Time can be summed up. It's not a period equivalent to weekend partying, but more in keeping with the mature faithfulness and perseverance of "Monday to Friday". It does not have the urgency of a short, sharp period of preparation for a feast, but needs the loving steadfastness of the long haul.

It is a time for the slow growth of the seed, for cultivating and pruning, for regular watering and fertilization in preparation for the harvest. It is a time for: retaining the vision, living on the plains, regular prayer, maintaining oil in the lamps, attention to Jesus' teaching, and living out our Christian mission in family, workplace and the world.



Save the date



Mass on Sunday 16 October 2022 will be in recognition of all our volunteers, especially those who have stepped down from their roles after many years of involvement, organisation and giving greatly of their time. Following Mass a Thanksgiving Morning Tea/Sausage Sizzle will be held to say 'Thank You' for their contribution. **All volunteers please attend**

PRAY WITH OUR LADY

Recommencement of the roster for the parish Statue of Our Lady will begin this month. The Statue will be blessed at Mass this Sunday.



Should you wish to be included please add your name/phone number to any vacant spot on the roster at the back of the church.

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.

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 - Friday 14 Oct.

save the date

Sts Peter & Paul's Old Cathedral Goulburn

Reopening and Blessing of the restored Cathedral

Wednesday 30 November 2022

11am Mass and Celebration

For information/booking contact: adminppoc.com.au

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Servants & Slaves

When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.