



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 DECEMBER

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

***CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES, 24th & 25th DEC.
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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

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- YEAR A

3rd & 4th December, 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

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

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

BAPTISMS

Yass	Saturdays	10:30 am
Gunning Parish	2nd Sunday of the month	8:30 am (during Mass)

Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Mon, Tue, or Wed.)

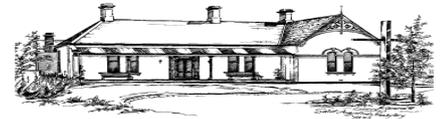
MARRIAGES

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
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

Wed. 7 Dec: Saint Ambrose

Thu. 8 Dec: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

From Fr Peter

1. Don't forget Christmas Carols Community Carols on Saturday 11th December. See details on Page 3.
2. Yass Christmas 7pm Vigil Mass will be an open-air Mass in the school grounds. Children will be coming dressed in the theme of the Nativity.
3. Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be leading a pilgrimage to the 16th International World Youth Day which is to be hosted by Pope Francis in the great European city of Lisbon, Portugal next August.

Young adults who work as part of our Catholic schools, healthcare providers, and social welfare agencies are especially invited to consider joining the Archbishop for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. However, please feel free to also forward this invitation to any family, friends, colleagues or anyone who you think would be interested in joining the pilgrimage. Costings and itineraries are still being finalised but should be known shortly.

Please contact the Parish Office or wyd@cg.org.au for more details.

HOMILY by Richard Leonard SJ

Even in Church circles these days it is quite common to engage a management consultancy company to help find people for a particular diocesan job. This is a good idea and often these companies find excellent people for the task.

I recently saw a consultancy profile, however, for a diocese seeking a lay chancellor. We all know these people must be upright citizens, but I am convinced that Jesus himself may have been challenged to fill this job description! Apart from having degrees in civil and canon law, the desired applicant had to have 'outstanding Catholic faith, an exemplary moral character and have nothing in his or her background that could cause the Church embarrassment or scandal in the future.'

A couple of days later I came across a tongue-in-cheek summary of a management consultant's report on those who had applied to lead the earliest Christian Church:

'John: Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and picks fights in public with religious leaders.

'Peter: Has a bad temper, even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive. A loose cannon.

Cont...

'Paul: Powerful, CEO type of leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.

'Jesus: Has been popular at times, but once when his following grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and it dwindled down to some faithful women and his best friend. Seldom stays in one place very long.

'Judas: His references are solid. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. Great possibilities here.'

In today's Gospel we hear what a fierce character John the Baptist was. He lets the Pharisees and Sadducees have it with both barrels. These groups were the publicly devout churchgoers of their day. They were often hypocrites, professing one thing and doing another. We know they regularly demanded observances of ordinary Jews that they did not live out themselves. No wonder John disliked them so much.

Their religious observance was a charade, focused on their needs, their souls, their salvation. They were going to get to heaven, and everyone else be damned! They even come out to the wilderness to get baptised. This was like going to salvation mega-store. They buy a little of everything, just to be sure. John attacks them violently and in doing so condemns their privatised religion and lack of social responsibility.

In Christianity there is an important distinction between personal and private faith. Personal faith knows that God is close and intimate, which is what we celebrate at Christmas. For Christians, however, there is no such thing as private faith. We should always be careful of hymns that only ever speak about 'me and Jesus against the world'. Inheriting the promises made to Israel and seeing them as intended for all God's children, we believe we are saved AS A PEOPLE. For us, it is 'we and Jesus for the world.'

If we have no interest in justice, development and peace for our world. If we don't care to know our fellow parishioners. If all we want is to be left alone, to come to Mass, say our prayers and save our souls, then we need to hear the story of Christmas all over again.

May this Advent, then, see John the Baptist do what he does best: 'comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.'

LIVING THE GOSPEL – PREPARE YE!

John the Baptist's call to 'Prepare the way of the Lord' is a summary of the purpose of the season of Advent. Every year, as we celebrate the Nativity, we celebrate once again the presence of God in our world. God became incarnate in the world through Jesus but also always was and continues to be incarnate in the world through each person. If we are to accept this reality and live it out, we need to remind ourselves this Advent to prepare the way for the Lord to be present in and through us every day of our lives.

Greg Sunter

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Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

ADVENT

1AH led a beautiful Advent Prayer Service on last Monday morning. Advent means 'coming' and it is a time of preparation, waiting and praying for the arrival of Jesus Christ.

KNB will lead our Week 2 Advent Prayer Service on Monday morning at 9am in the PAC. **Parents and families are welcome to attend.**





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 place it on the plate at Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

at Mass on Sunday
11th December at 10.15am



- **PLEASE VOLUNTEER** to be part of this important ministry.
- **Thank you** to Jaclyn Green who is presently carrying out the role of leading the young children to learn about the Readings and Gospel for Sunday Mass and the children are enjoying it.
- If eight people could help, there would be a leader and an assistant and **they would be called upon only once every two months.** Mums, dads, grandparents are all welcome to come on board. Program and resources will be provided.
- For this parish initiative to continue into the future volunteers are needed.
- For further information contact Mandy Leahy 0408117471 or Peter Cleary - 0427 608 765 or ring the Parish Office.

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	and	Jennie Fischer	
(Ecumenism)			
Bob Nash	(Maintenance)		

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

A Parish 'MORNING CUPPA'

will be held next Sunday after Mass in the church grounds.



Stay and have a 'Cuppa' and chat

Please bring a plate to share

ALL WELCOME

ADVENT 2022 – PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY

"You don't become who you hope to become, you only become what you do!"
Prepare for Christmas this Advent (starting November 27th) with a new Daily Devotional series. Each day, you will receive a short inspirational video from Bruce Downes, full of inspiration, real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

https://BruceDownes.org/Advent or Email: info@brucedownes.org

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 8th December

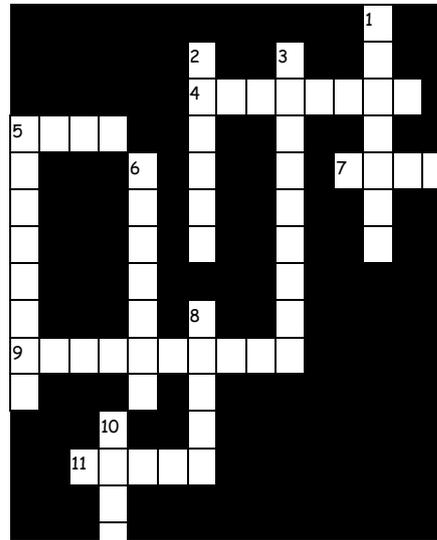
Where: Yass Soldiers Club,
Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 10.00 am



ALL WELCOME

FOR THE KIDS



Across

- 4: yelling, speaking loudly
- 5: bad deeds
- 7: a route for travel
- 9: during baptism God is present in this form (2 words)
- 11: a baptism symbol

Down

- 1: popular footwear in biblical times
- 2: The prophet who spoke of a man who would prepare the way for Christ's coming
- 3: assessment of someone's actions
- 5: not crooked
- 6: John was known as the
- 8: where John baptised
- 10: John wore clothes made of camel's ...

YASS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

VICTORIA PARK YASS

Activities start 4.40pm

Market Stalls/ Jumping Castle/ Kids Games/Hot Food/Coffee & more



CAROLS START 6.00PM

Mark your calendar!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022



Sat 24th December
5.00 pm Vigil
7.00 pm Vigil
8.30 pm Vigil

Sun 25th December
8.30 am
10.15 am

St Francis Xavier
Mount Carmel School Grounds
Uniting Church

St Francis Xavier
St Augustine's

Gunning
Yass
Murrumbateman

Gunning
Yass

COMMUNION REFLECTION

O Friend, forgive your mortal foe,
 nor ever strike him blow for blow.
 For all the souls on earth that live,
 To be forgiven, must forgive.
 Forgive him seventy times and seven,
 for all the blessed souls in heaven
 are both forgivers and forgiven.

READINGS NEXT WEEK – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

First Reading Is 35 1-6

The desert will rejoice and blossom.

Second Reading Jas 5: 7-10

Be patient, even in suffering.

Gospel Mt 11: 2-11

John asks, 'Are you the one who is to come?'

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

MAKING DONATIONS

- **On the plate during Mass** – cash & Planned Giving envelopes.
- **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. In making donations **it is very important to put Yass as the reference and if PG please add your envelope number and surname.**

Bank Details are:-

1st Collection

To the Archdiocese:- (support of Parish Priests)

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

2nd Collection

For the Parish:- (to assist in operating expenses, eg. gas, electricity, rates, wages etc.)

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

- **CREDIT CARD** on regular basis. (Contact Zuzy at the Parish Office to arrange this).

Thank you for your donations

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



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

Betty Barber (1/12), Jessica Walker (1/12),
 Eric Bernard (1/12), Eric Bell (1/12),
 Beulah (Bubbles) Garry (3/12), Neville Bonnette (5/12),
 Rae O'Brien (8/12), Mary Wicks (8/12),
 William Freebody (5/12), Mary Warren (9/12),
 Patricia (Jeannie) Merritt (9/12), Judith Woods (13/12),
 Valerie Hanrahan (13/12), Lorna Fing (19/12),
 John Gray (21/12), Jessamine Williams (21/12),
 Nataline Parkin (29/12), Michael Cooke (26/12),
 Gary Teale (30/12) and William Jefcoate (31/12).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful

3 = Acolyte

3rd Dec	Kate Walker	1	Dianne Carey	2
	Peter Walker	3		
4th Dec	Alan Oakey	1	Jaclyn Green	2
	Greg Minahan	3		
11th Dec	Linda Swadling	1	Steve Scroope	2
	Peter Cleary	3		

ALTAR CLEANERS

9th Dec Geraldine Doyle

19th Dec **CHRISTMAS CLEAN – PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN**

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