



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

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

10th & 11th December, 2022



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

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

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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.)

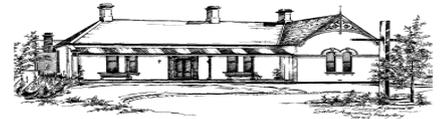
MARRIAGES

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

Parish Finance Committee Members:

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

Ex Officio Members: Fr Peter My & Zuzy Webster (Parish Secretary).

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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

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

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Tue. 13 Dec: Saint Lucy
Wed. 14 Dec: Saint John of the Cross

From Fr Peter

1. Mt Carmel School end of year school Mass will be celebrated this coming Thursday, 15 December at 9.30am in St Augustine's Church. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend. This Mass will be in place of the usual 7.30am Mass.
2. This month the usual 4th Tuesday of the month Mass at Horton House will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, i.e. Tuesday 20th December at 11.00am. Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass with the residents.
3. The next PPC meeting will be on Tuesday 13 December, 6.30pm in the Presbytery. Should you have any items you would like to have discussed please talk to any member of the PPC.
4. 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. There are times available for Reconciliation. Please see the Christmas Mass Timetable on page 3.
There will not be a 9.00am Mass on Saturday 24 December.
5. 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.

REFLECTION

Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus, the one who prepared for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.

Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time.

Dianne Bergant CSA
Creative Ministry Resources



SPECIAL APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Supporting the work of Mudra Sprava, a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. There are three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages and Shelter.

A special collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Donations can also be made by a card payment via CBA Bpoint through the QR Code at the right.



Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel



ADVENT

Last Monday KNB led a beautiful Advent Prayer Service. The second candle of Peace was lit as a symbol of the peace and goodwill to all that having faith in Jesus brings.

KJG will lead our Week 3 Advent Prayer Service next Monday morning at 9 am 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.

A Parish 'MORNING CUPPA'

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

Stay & have a 'Cuppa' & chat
Please bring a plate to share



ALL WELCOME

YASS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

THIS SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

AT VICTORIA PARK YASS

Activities start 4.40pm



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

CAROLS START 6.00PM

CHRISTMAS CLEAN - CHURCH ALTAR AREA

Monday 19 December 2022 9am

We need your help please for the Christmas clean. It would be greatly appreciated if all those who could help on the day could please come along

Financially Speaking



Collections Received in November 2022

1st Collection: \$ 2,040.00

2nd Collection: \$ 6,256.95

Includes:

Loose at Mass, Planned Giving, EFT, Direct Debits and Credit Card

Thank you very much for your donations.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

at Mass this Sunday
11th December at 10.15am

- **PLEASE VOLUNTEER** to be part of this important ministry. For this parish initiative to continue into the future volunteers are needed.
- If eight people could help, there would be a leader and an assistant and **two of them would be called upon only once every two months.** Mums, dads, grandparents or any adult is welcome to come on board. Program and resources will be provided.
- **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.
- For further information contact Mandy Leahy 0408117471 or Peter Cleary - 0427 608 765 or ring the Parish Office.

ADVENT:

Seasonal Colour: Mauve or purple is the colour for Advent. It is a symbol of the call to repentance and conversion (particularly the waiting for the coming of the Lord) in response to John the Baptist's invitation.

An Advent Suggestion: Home. Part of many people's Christmas is preparation to gather family together to celebrate in some way. How can we use Advent to get closer to God, our spiritual "home".

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

	Sat 24th December	5.00 pm Vigil	St Francis Xavier	Gunning Yass Murrumbateman
		7.00 pm Vigil	Mount Carmel School Grounds	
		8.30 pm Vigil	Uniting Church Hall	
	Sun 25th December	8.30 am	St Francis Xavier Church	Gunning
		10.15 am	St Augustine's Church Yass	

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

	Thu 22nd December	10.00 am - 10.30 am	St Augustine's Church	Yass
		5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	"	"
	Fri 23rd December	8:30 am - 9:00 am	"	"
		5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	"	"
	Sat 24th December (No Morning Mass)	10:00 am - 10:30 am	"	"

COMMUNION REFLECTION

John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind.
 A reed swaying in the wind is a symbol
 of those who are easily influenced,
 who go along with whatever is popular,
 and who have no convictions of their own.
 But the humble reed can teach us something.
 The fact that it is light means that it is
 at the mercy of every wind that blows.
 But it has great strength too.
 The greatest storm cannot uproot it.
 Even when the giant oaks come crashing down,
 the slender reed still stands secure.
 Lord, teach us that there is strength
 in weakness and suppleness,
 and give us the wisdom to know
 when to bend and when to stand firm.

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

READINGS NEXT WEEK – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

First Reading *Is 7: 10-14*
 Prediction of Immanuel, born of a virgin.
Second Reading *Rom 1:1-7*
 Paul spreads the news of the Son of God.
Gospel *Mt 1:18-24*
 An angel visits Joseph, who takes Mary as his wife.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week



**THERE IS NOW ANOTHER WAY
 TO MAKE A DONATION
 TO THE PARISH**

Located at the back of the church is a
 CBA Smart Terminal
 setup for donations using your
 debit card or credit card.

This Smart Terminal has been installed as with the changing times of people not wanting to carry cash and use cards only the Parish has decided to try out this alternative way of giving at Mass. The plate for donations by cash will still be used.

Have a look and 'Give it a go!' if this way of giving suits you.

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm
 2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful 3 = Acolyte

11th Dec	Linda Swadling	1	Steve Scroope	2
	Peter Cleary	3		
17th Dec	Eva Karakotas	1	Lourdes O'Keefe	2
	Russell Hill	3		
18th Dec	Susan Bucknell	1	Reginald Bucknell	2
	Frank Grace	3		

ALTAR CLEANERS

19th Dec CHRISTMAS CLEAN – PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

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