Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

Bowning, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gunning, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

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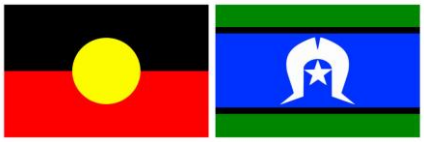
ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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, Tuesday and Wednesday *9:00 am – 3:00 pm*
Parish Bulletin	Friday *9:00 am – 3:00 pm*

WEEKEND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass	**6:00 pm**	Uniting Church Hall Murrumbateman
Sunday Mass	**8:30 am**	St Francis Xavier Church Gunning
Sunday Mass	**10.15 am**	St Augustine's Church Yass

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, *(starts with 8:40am Rosary)*	Yass	9:00 am

EXPOSITION

Saturday after 9:00am Mass until 10:00 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. However, due to COVID/lockdowns, please check with each location first that you can attend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays	Yass	10:00 am - 10:30 am
	Murrumbateman *(First Saturday of the month)*	5.15 pm - 5.45 pm
Sundays	Gunning	8:00 am - 8:15 am

3rd SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR A

11th & 12th March 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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

FROM FR PETER

1. Thank you to Fr Dominic and the Redemptorist Fathers from Galong for looking after the parish in my absence.
   Also, 'thank you' to Peter Cleary and his team for celebrating Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on the usual weekday Mass times.
2. Many thanks on behalf of the poor in Vietnam for your wonderful generosity in donations given for the Bible Project before I went on leave.
   I can report that 600 bibles were delivered.
   Children are in need of 200 more bibles and so far $1480 has been collected towards the purchase of these.
3. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet for the first time in 2023 next Tuesday 14 March, 6.30pm at the Presbytery. We are looking at the renewal of the Pastoral Council for the next three year term.
4. The Finance Committee met last Tuesday. Various issues to do with the repairs and maintenance of Parish buildings were discussed. It is good that the heating of the church is now complete.

WORD OF GOD - *A small quiz each week on*

'HOW WELL DO WE KNOW THE SCRIPTURES'

This week's quiz:

1. According to Matthew and Luke, how many temptations did Jesus face in the wilderness – 2, 3 or 5?
2. What is the name of Job's friend who says "How much longer are you going to talk like this and go blustering on in this way? Eliphaz or Bildad?
3. In which book of the Bible is the story of the Garden of Eden found. Exodus, Genesis, Leviticus or Numbers?

Answers to last week's quiz:

1. 40 Days 2. They represent repentance and mourning for sin.
3. They remind us of our mortality and need for repentance.

Thank you to the Majellan media (A ministry of the Redemptorists of Oceania) who have kindly given permission for the quiz to be used each week.

Parish Finance Committee Members

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

Ex Officio Members:
Father Peter My and Zuzy Webster (Parish Secretary)

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Mandy	Leahy	Youth	Peter	Cleary	Liturgy
Michael	VanWanrooy	Welfare	Anna	Healey	Social Justice
Lourdes	O'Keefe	Social	Genevieve	Colbert	Education
Bryan	Coleborne	*and*	Jennie	Fischer	Ecumenism
VACANT	Maintenance				

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lord Jesus,
Let your light shine in them
so that they may k ow their sins;
let your love and grace bless them
so that they may trust in your mercy;
let your strength encourage them
so that they may confess truthfully;
let your forgiveness change their hearts
so that they may make a new start.

AMEN.

GOSPEL REFLECTION - Transformation

The woman has obviously come to the well to draw water for herself. Her encounter with Jesus is a moment of transformation for her. At first, she fails to comprehend his reference to 'living water' and never being thirsty again. However, in the end 'the woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town.' Leaving her water jar behind was a sign of the transformation that had taken place within her. She had indeed drunk of the living water of Jesus and no longer paid attention to the need for water that had brought her to the well.

Our Parish School – Mt Carmel

Year 3 students have been focusing on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, their Lent journey and using Christian Meditation to pray.

A few students were asked what the Sacrament of Reconciliation means to them. Some of their answers are below:

Jess: Forgiving is a good way of being nice.
Claire: It is about saying sorry to God
Vinnie: I say sorry to God when I do something wrong.

3ER have been learning to pray using Christian Meditation.

3ML are also preparing for their St Patrick's Day prayer service.

to any new parishioners and visitors to the Parish Family of St Augustine's.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST 2023

The St Augustine's Catholic Parish will offer the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in 2023. Registration of children by the due date and willingness to participate in the Commitment Masses and preparatory programs are essential prerequisite for reception of the sacraments. The broad timetable is:

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday 23rd March 6.30pm at St Augustine's

FIRST EUCHARIST

Registration
Return completed form by Friday 14th April

Commitment Masses
6th/7th May

Sacrament of First Eucharist
Sunday 11th June 10:30am at St Augustine's

Detailed timetables and blank registration forms can be downloaded from St Augustine's website http://staug-yass.org.au/wp/ under Sacraments under the Resources heading.

Saturday 25th March is the NSW state election and as the Uniting Church Hall is being used as a polling booth it has necessitated a change of venue for the Vigil Mass at Murrumbateman that weekend.

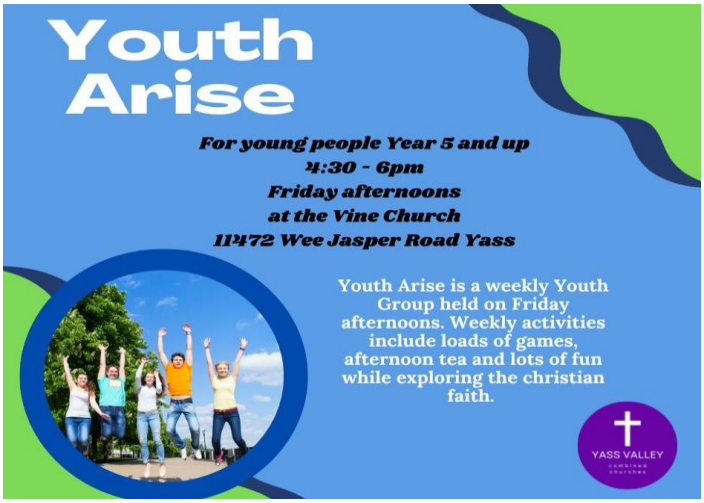
6.00PM VIGIL MASS AT MURRUMBATEMAN SATURDAY 25 MARCH TO BE HELD AT THE ANGLICAN CHURCH (10 Hercules Street)

CHRISM MASS – Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 3 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated.

Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

CALL TO CONNECT PRAYER GROUP.

'Call To Connect' Prayer Group gathering is on Wednesday 22 March. Enquiries to Lourdes O'Keefe on 0413 096 413.



A Parish *MORNING CUPPA'*

will be held after Mass on
Sunday 19th March
in the church grounds.

Stay and have a 'Cuppa' and chat

PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE.

ALL WELCOME

PROJECT COMPASSION
11th & 12th March

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the back of the church, by contacting the Parish Office, by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion,

MUSIC MINISTRY FOR EASTER

Lent is upon us and next thing we know it will be Easter!
We would love you to come and join our little choir
and participate in our Easter liturgies.
Please let Anne know on 0407940043 or email

eade4@netspace.net.au

We will have some practices. ALL ARE WELCOME.

HOLY TRINITY 'SHOW 'N SHINE': North Woden Parish & the ACT Street Maching Assoc invite you to a display of cars of bygone years in the parish grounds, 10am – 3pm, Sun 26 Mar, 3 Strangways St, Curtin. Monies raised support Camp Quality. Enquiries 0418 208 129.

AS OF THE 1ST MARCH 2023
A NEW WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE
WILL BE INTRODUCED

Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass will be celebrated ***every weekend*** at **Murrumbateman** Uniting Church.

There WILL NOT be a Vigil Mass in Yass.

Sunday 8.30am Mass will be celebrated **every weekend**. at **Gunning** in St Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Sunday 10.15am Mass will continue to be celebrated **every weekend** at Yass in St Augustine's Catholic Church.

The above change is on the instruction of the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Anyone who drinks the water that I will give
will never be thirsty again.

So much in life we want, desire, need:
food and drink,
friendship and love,
sex and acceptance;
Jesus, what have you to offer?
What does it mean that
anyone who drinks the water that I will give
will never be thirsty again?

Human wants and desires are confused;
we want happiness and look in the wrong places;
we're like the woman at the well,
looking for happiness in a place we can't find it,
and open to the love Jesus offers:
anyone who drinks the water that I will give
will never be thirsty again.

I thank you, Lord, for faith,
for the roots of my life which nobody else can give;
I thank you for a meaning in life
which makes me strong from birth to death;
I thank you for the Eucharist
which nourishes all life's moments;
I thank you for forgiveness,
which means I need never stay stuck in faults.

Thank you for this living water:
anyone who drinks the water that I will give
will never be thirsty again.

READINGS NEXT WEEK
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

First Reading *1 Sm 16: 1, 6-7. 10-13*
Samuel anoints King David.

Second Reading *Eph 5:8-14*
Live in the Light.

Gospel *Jn 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38*
On the Sabbath, Jesus cures a man who was blind from birth.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

TWO POSITIONS VACANT AT THE GOULBURN MISSION OFFICE (Goulburn Parish Office)

1. Parish Office Secretary: Part time 24 hrs per week, Tuesday to Friday, 9am – 3.30pm.
2. Administration Officer, St Peter & St Paul Restoration Committee and Sacramental Program: Part time 14 hrs per week, 6 hours Restoration Committee & 8 hours Sacramental Program.

Employment conditions are subject to the Clerks Award. Phone Fr Joshy on 0403631797 or email joshy.kurien@cg.org.au for further details on the above positions.

MAKING A DONATION TO THE PARISH

Located at the back of the church is a 'Tap Machine' setup for donations using your debit card or credit card Give it a try should this be a more suitable way of giving for you.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Recently Deceased

Nikkita Drazevich

Prayers for

Bill & Joseph McManus, Adam Darmody and Sam Turner

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

Leslie James (1/3), Bernard Cleary (2/3),
Patricia Smith (6/3), Sam Dyball (6/3), Peter Grieves (7/3),
Ruby O'Brien (8/3), Stan Walmsley (8/3),
Bridget Cooke (8/3), Jarrod Sheather (9/3),
Garry Delbridge (9/3), Ronald Connors (9/3),
Betty Schutz (9/3), Phyllis Walmsley (12/3),
Kathleen (Kay) Winter (13/3), Noel Quinn (13/3),
Irene Wailes (14/3), Donald Bell (16/3), Daphne Irwin (19/3),
Robyn O'Mara (19/3), Justin Moller (20/3),
Adam Darmody (22/3), Bill Patrick (22/3), Joe Rigby (23/3),
Robin Woods (24/3), Elsie McGregor (24/3),
Barbara Merriman (27/3), Roderick Connors (27/3),
Dixie Byrne (27/3), Michael Freebody (28/3)
and Harry Cooke (28/3).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

12th Mar	Eva	Karakotas	1	Linda	Swadling	2
	Frank	Grace	3			
19th Mar	Reginald	Bucknell	1	Susan	Bucknell	2
	Greg	Minahan	3			

ALTAR SERVERS

12th Mar	Charlotte	Alexander	Heath	Wood
19th Mar	Mackie	Leahy	Imogen	Maher

ALTAR CLEANERS

20th Mar	Mary	Yates

Designing Windows

Curtains, Pelmets, Tracks & Rods
All types of blinds including;
Roman, Vision, Roller, Cedar,
Venetians & Shutters
Cushions, Accessories and much more.....

Extensive range of fabrics and every budget catered for.
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