



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.

Parish Priest	Father	Peter My
Youth Worker	Clare	Barry
Chair Finance Committee	Paul	O'Mara
Chair Parish Council	Sarah	Johnston
Principal of the School	Michael	Green
School Community Council	Amber	Maher
Sacramental Team Leader	Dianne	Carey
RCIA	Sister	Aileen
Parish Office	Zuzy	Webster
	<i>Monday and Wednesday</i>	
	<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

SUNDAY MASSES:

Yass:	<i>St Augustine</i>	
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm
Gunning:	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	8:30 am
Murrumbateman:		
<i>To be held at Yass until further notice</i>		10:15 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday	Yass	5:30 pm
Thursday	Yass	7:30 am
Friday	Yass	12:00 noon
Saturday	Yass	9:00 am

Nursing Home/Hostel

Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)

2 nd Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
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Horton/Warminsteron

4 th Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
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Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass with the residents at both locations.

Exposition

Saturday after 9:00am Mass until 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays	Yass	10:00am -10:30am, 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sundays	Gunning	8:00am – 8:15 am

Baptisms

Yass	Saturdays	10:30 am
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Gunning Parish 1st Sunday of the month
8:30am (during Mass) or 12:30 pm
Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Mon, Wed. or Fri.)

Marriages

By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

School Enrolments

Mt Carmel Central School: Kindergarten to Yr 6. Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

1st & 2nd May 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

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

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon: Saints Philip and James

Bound together

Have you ever visited a vineyard, with its rows of vines, heavy with clusters of ripe grapes? If you're not familiar with vines, think of an apple tree laden with apples, or a fruit bush ripe for picking. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine to describe his relationship with his disciples. He tells them that he is the vine, and they are the branches. The life of Jesus flows into us and sustains us, and this is the reason our lives can bear fruit in love, in kindness, patience, compassion and welcome.

The symbolism of the vine works on many levels. If a branch is separated from the vine, it cannot flourish on its own. It must be connected to the vine from which it gets its nourishment. Each of us must be firmly rooted in Jesus and nourish that relationship. He invites us to 'remain' in him - to rest in him, to be part of him. And if you look at a vine plant, often its branches are so entangled, it can be hard to know where one ends and another begins. We note that Jesus is addressing the disciples as a group rather than as individuals: 'you are the branches'. We are a community, and we grow together, bound together by the love of God.

Today, we reflect on what it means to be so intimately connected with Jesus, the true vine. We bring to mind the many gifts he has given us, and the ways in which his love bears fruit in our lives.

Triona Doherty

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HOMILY

Spiritual Drink

One of the prayers of the Mass I most like to recite aloud is the one over the chalice of wine:

'Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.'

I like it for several reasons. For starters, we don't offer grapes – simply fruit of the earth. We offer wine – work of human hands. The Creator wants us to bring the result of our human ingenuity, resourcefulness, hard work to the central action of the Mass.

Nature humanised by our labour is the prelude to the gracious action of God whereby the wine becomes 'our spiritual drink'. What is this spiritual drink?

This drink was first offered at the Last Supper which is usually depicted as a Passover meal.

There is a Jewish belief that the Passover cup of wine 'absorbs' the life story of the freeing of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. It is that life story of liberation by God which is drunk at the Passover.

We might say that at the Last Supper the cup of wine absorbed the life story of the Divine Liberator, Jesus of

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Parish Finance Committee Members:

Father David Paul Lara	Peter My Garland O'Mara Kirk	Stan Mark Trish Irene	Waldren Valencic Gibbs Carr
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Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Annabelle O'Connell (<i>Youth</i>)	Peter Cleary (<i>Liturgy</i>)
Bryan Coleborne (<i>Ecumenism</i>)	Michael Green (<i>School</i>)
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Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My	Sarah Johnston (<i>Social Justice</i>)

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Nazareth. To drink from this chalice would be to drink the life story of Jesus of Nazareth. But more than the life story – the very life itself.

Over the chalice of wine, Jesus said 'This is my blood.' What can this mean? There are many dimensions, but here is a good starting point. For Jewish people, as for many others, the method of slaughtering an animal is to slit its throat. As the blood drains out, so does the life. So blood and life are inseparable.

So when Jesus says 'This is my blood', He is saying 'This is my life-force. This is my very life. This is my total self given unreservedly to you.' To drink of this blood would be to imbibe spiritual drink indeed.

When we do that in Holy Communion, the life of Jesus, the life of the Risen Lord, courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches.

We are so familiar with today's Gospel in that respect. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning.

But if we stop with that image we fall far short of understanding God's ultimate purpose in the grafting, watering, pruning, tending. It is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a marvellous wine.

Our Heavenly Father wants to produce a truly full-bodied wine at the consummation of all history:

a wine which has absorbed our life stories mingled most intensely with the life story of Jesus

a wine which is full-bodied because every-body who shares in the resurrection body of Jesus contributes their distinctive character to the vintage of the end of time.

Then we will have become with and in the Risen Lord the Spiritual Drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fr Michael Tate

Living the Gospel – Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

Greg Sunter

**CELEBRATION MASS FOR SR. AILEEN
AND THE SISTERS OF MERCY**

When: Sunday 6th June.

Time: 10:15am

ALL WELCOME

MEETING TO PLAN FOR CELEBRATION MASS – 5th MAY

We are having a celebration Mass on Sunday 6th June at 10:15am to honour and celebrate the work of the Sisters of Mercy in our parish.

The PPC would like to invite interested parishioners to a meeting to help plan for this

When: Wednesday 5th May

Where: Hartigan Centre, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 7:30pm

Please join us.

PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ

This ecumenical service consists of prayer through a psalm, short bible reading, prayer of intercessions, a period of silent reflection and featuring the beautiful Taizé chants. Join us for contemplative prayer in an intimate and peaceful setting.

When: Sunday 2nd May

Where: Clonakilla Winery, 3 Crisps Lane, Murrumbateman

Time: 5:00pm

Enquiries: Paul at paultrezise@bigpond.com

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

When: Tuesday 4th May

Where: Hartigan Centre, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 5:30pm

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thursday 13th May

Where: Yass RSL Club, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 10:15am

ALL WELCOME

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE - MAY

The National Count of Attendance will be conducted throughout Australia over the first four weekends in May starting on 1st May 2021. The National Count is conducted in the same year as the Australian Census (10th August 2021).

It is intended that the count will be conducted in all parishes and other Mass centres. The count will be as comprehensive as possible and include attendees of all ages (including babies). It will be a simple headcount with no other information about attendees being collected.

This year, parishes are also asked to provide estimates of the age and sex of the attendees. And in light of COVID-19 parishes can also provide the number of 'views' of streamed services.

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PLENARY ZOOM GATHERINGS – 4th TO 28th MAY

To prepare for the Plenary Council of Australia in October, Archbishop Prowse will be hosting a series of Zoom meetings for each Deanery location.

All welcome.

To find out details about the meetings and to register please go to <https://cgatholic.org.au/plenary/>

A copy of the working document 'Continuing the Journey' can also be downloaded from the website.

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TROPICAL RETREAT IN NATURE – 12th TO 18th JULY

The Mercy Sisters have Peter Saunders to lead a *Tropical Retreat in Nature* based at the Seville Mercy Conference Centre in Cairns.

Cost: \$2,200 (Includes single room accommodation with shared bathroom, all meals, excursions, and guided trips to key places in the Far North.)

To register for the retreat please fill out an application form and send to Priscilla O'Brien (Ministry Development Coordinator)

Email: priscilla@mcauleyministries.org.au or call (07) 4047 8103

Hurry! Places are limited to only 15 participants.

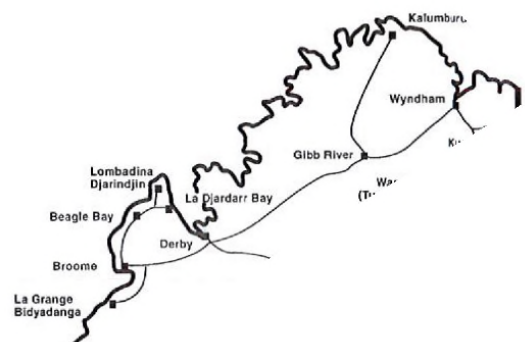
**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR KALUMBURU MISSION
DIOCESE OF BROOME WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

We need volunteers for a life experience at the remote community of Kalumburu located in the northern region of the Kimberley in Western Australia. This region is home to some of Australia's oldest indigenous communities and picturesque landscapes. Volunteers play an important role in helping our Parishes continue an active presence amongst the local people, both in Broome and remote indigenous communities like Kalumburu.

Your role as a volunteer will include running the General Store with some assistance from local community members, handy-man maintenance and gardening as required and associated light machinery use and truck and fork-lift driving if you have the required licence.

This is an opportunity to contribute and apply your range of acquired skills to the Kalumburu Mission and we would love to hear from you whether as couples or singles.

For further information please contact: Diocese of Broome Chancery (08) 9192 1060 or by email secretary@broomedioocese.org



COMMUNION REFLECTION

I am the vine, you are the branches.

I am the river, you are the water,
I am the mountain, you are the soil,
I am the love, you are the touch,
I am the mother, you are the child,
I am the fragrance, you are the rose;
we belong with him, and in him.

There is no river without water,
no mountain without soil,
no love without touch,
no mother without child,
no fragrance without flower;

The risen Lord,
faithful promise of God to all of us,
is the source of all life.

May we be grateful for the gift of life.

The risen Lord is the source of all love;
may we be grateful for the gift of love.

It is continuous gift:

the vine gives life to the branches,
the river gives direction to the water,
the touch gives the comfort of love,
the soil is enriched by the mountain,
the rose is made sweet by the fragrance.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Prayers for

Mary McReynolds, Edward McReynolds, Joan Carey,
Sr. Cora Carey, Joe Kelly, Sam Turner,
Robert Corkhill

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

Thomas Williamson (1/5), Brendan Reardon (2/5),
David Warren (2/5), Herbert Vincent (3/5),
Mary McReynolds (5/5), Vea Teofilo (5/5),
Robert Delbridge (6/5), Maude Baker (6/5), Bill Smith (7/5),
Jennifer Rowan (7/5), Gwendoline Bayley (8/5),
Thomas Horton (10/5), Kevin Crossley (10/5),
Franjo Bambic (12/5), Bruce McDonald (12/5),
Florence Vincent (12/5), Maureen McGrath (14/5),
John Foran (14/5), Rubina Crossley (15/5),
Norman Carey (16/5), Zygmunt Banaszczyk (18/5),
Ian Kennedy (18/5), Cassandra Friend (20/5),
Edward McReynolds (20/5), Esther Tully (25/5),
Thomas Richmond (27/5), Corrina Medway (22/5),
Beryl Downey (23/5), Joseph Barratt (28/5),
Audrey Carey (29/5) and Emse Cregan (31/5).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Reader
3 = Saturday Acolyte

2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful
4 = Sunday Acolyte

1/ 2 May	Gaye	McManus	1	Rod	Perceval	2
	Peter	Cleary	3	Chris	Gold	4
8/ 9 May	Peter	Gibbs	1	Tom	Considine	2
	Frank	Grace	3	Peter	Walker	4

ALTAR SERVERS

1 May	Grace & Charlie Miller
8 May	Wendy Morton Charlotte Alexander

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

First Reading Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The Holy Spirit descends on Jews and Gentiles alike.

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

One without love does not know God.

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

Live on in Christ.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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