



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

Bowling, 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 Priest	Father	Peter My
Parish Secretary	Zuzy	Webster
Chair Finance Committee	Paul	O'Mara
Chair Parish Council	Peter	Cleary
Principal of the School	Michael	Green
School Community Council	Amber	Maher
Sacramental Team Leader	Anne	Mattappallil

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Parish Office Open Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 9 am – 3 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,	Yass	9:00 am

(starts with 8:40am Rosary)

EXPOSITION

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

NURSING HOME/HOSTEL

Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)

2nd Tuesday of the month Yass 11:00 am

Horton/Warmington

4th Tuesday of the month 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

Every Saturday	Yass	10:00 am - 10:30 am
1 st Sat. of Month	Murrumbateman	5.15 pm - 5.45 pm
Sundays	Gunning	8:00 am - 8:15 am

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

13th & 14th May 2023



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

BAPTISMS

Yass	Saturdays	10:30 am
Gunning Parish	2 nd 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



FROM FR PETER

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all.

May Mary the mother of our God be with you always.

1. Children from our Mt Carmel School have made a special Mother's Day card to give to each of the mothers at Mass. Please receive your card and enjoy a 'cuppa' in the church grounds after Mass.
2. Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held at Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We are in need of some people to assist with the running of this important ministry. Please consider helping, even for just one of the Sundays.
3. Please pray for the annual assembly of the clergy in our Archdiocese starting on Monday 15 May until Friday 19 May. There will be no Masses on the Wednesday or Thursday, however, Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be held on these days.
4. A gentle reminder that Project Compassion Boxes need to be returned as the parish will be forwarding all donations received shortly.

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Do you know someone who would like the Blessed Eucharist taken to them on Sundays?

To have a Special Minister visit contact the Parish Office on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays between 9:00am and 3:00 pm.



Living the gospel

Live in love

Throughout the gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In today's passage, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

Letter from Archbishop Christopher Prowse regarding Calvary Hospital, Bruce

Dear Friends in Christ,

By now you would have heard the shocking news that the ACT Government intends to compulsorily acquire our wonderful Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.

This is despite the fact that we have been offering high quality patient care under our Catholic ethos for the past 44 years on this site. 76 years remain on the contract negotiated and signed in 2010 with the then Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher.

No convincing reasons to date have been offered for this draconian action by the ACT Government. No systemic issues of concern regarding Calvary's health outcomes has been identified; to the contrary the Health Minister made a point of emphasising Calvary's excellent care for patients.

I am deeply troubled about this situation and its implications.

My prayers and thoughts are immediately directed to the 1,800 workers of the hospital and their families. They must be worried about the ramifications of this decision for their future employment.

I am also concerned that this action, based on obsessive government control, would deprive future generations in Canberra of the choice of hospital care based on the ethos of our cherished Catholic faith.

There is a rising fear, also, that this extraordinary and completely unnecessary government intervention could set the scene for future "acquisitions" of any faith-based health facility or, indeed, any faith-based enterprise including education or social welfare.

To respond practically to this critical situation, I have established today the "Calvary Hospital Taskforce – Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn." Fr Tony Percy, has kindly accepted my invitation to lead this Taskforce. This group will be contacting you to offer you practical ways of responding including participating in an online petition at www.savecalvary.com.au before May 31st 2023 when it is intended the legislation for acquisition becomes effective.

Let us all pray for common sense to prevail and that the sick and Hospital staff are saved from anxiety and can live in health and peace.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn



Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

Kindergarten students visited Lovat Chapel and listened to Fr Peter talk to them about God's house. Students had the opportunity to explore the chapel and receive a blessing.





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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at MASS this Sunday 14 May

All children are invited to be part of this week's activities centered around the Gospel.

Children's Liturgy at Mass will be held on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. All children are invited to attend.

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 Pastoral Council Members

Peter Cleary	<i>Chair</i>	Michael Van WanRooy	<i>Welfare</i>
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Mandy Leahy	<i>Youth</i>	Lara Kirk	<i>Ecumenism</i>
Perry Healey	<i>and</i>	Genevieve Colbert	<i>Education</i>
Katarina O'Connor	<i>Social</i>	Team	<i>Maintenance</i>

Ex Officio Members

Father Peter My, Michael Green and Zuzy Webster

PETITION TO SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL, BRUCE

Please read the letter on page two from Archbishop Christopher Prowse regarding the above.

Given the extreme short notice by the ACT Government, the way of objecting to the compulsory acquisition of Calvary Hospital, Bruce is by submitting the online petition given at:

www.savecalvary.com.au

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this online petition.

Information regarding the online submission is available at the rear of the church.

First Eucharist - Sunday 25th June 2023

Please pray for...

Hugh McPherson	Zoe Medway
Abby Hillman	Jack Butt
Kalon Vu	Lily Butt
Ruby Laughton	Lola Finnigan
Amelie Nagle	Isla Townsend
Conor Guiney	Magnus Felizardo
Benjamin Webster	Mable Adie
Alayla Dorris	Harry Donoghue
Phoebe Doyle	Kayd Wheatley
Ruby Hallam	Xavier Doyle
Dylan O'reill	Rory Doyle
Jaxon Field	Grace Deer
Zoey Leahy	
Fletcher Lees	



A Parish 'MORNING CUPPA'

after Mass this Sunday 14th May
in the church grounds.

Stay and have a 'Cuppa' and chat.

Say 'HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY' to all our mums

ALL WELCOME



IGNITE CONFERENCE 2023

SYDNEY 28 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER
Cathedral Precinct, Waitara

BRISBANE 21 - 24 SEPTEMBER
St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

Ignite Conference has something for everyone with streams for kids, high schoolers, young adults and deeper sessions for 25+. Featuring the Ignite Youth Team plus incredible speakers like Fr Rob Galea, Sam Clear, Brendanh Malone.

INFORMATION REGISTRATION GO TO: IGNITECONFERENCE.COM.AU

WOMEN'S EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY CANBERRA: 24 JUNE

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. (Cost: \$20) register here at (<https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>)

TUE 23 MAY | MARRIAGE/FAMILY LIFE COCKTAIL DINNER | 6:45 PM

Enjoy a fun night out with parishioners from across the Archdiocese while Catholic author, comedian and theologian - Christopher Padgett - helps us laugh our way to a more hopeful vision of the Church's proclamation of marriage and family life. **All welcome - single, married, young and old. Tickets are \$45 and include wine, soft drinks, hot finger food and dessert.** Venue: Veritas Building, ACU Watson.

Enquiries: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

Registration: <http://bit.ly/PadgettCocktail>

TUESDAY 23 MAY | CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST | 7:00 - 8:45 AM

Have breakfast at Haydon Hall with like minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York), Chris Padgett uses humour and personal stories to inspire and encourage men young and old to take hold of the awesome vision the Church proclaims for developing our lives and relationships to the full. **Cost: \$38.** (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220)

Enquiries Frank Stanford fstanford200@gmail.com 0417 664 110

Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

Enquiries contact: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

COMMUNION REFLECTION

To be a people of hope

From the very beginning of our existence,
 from our first whispering cries,
 we struggle to make sense
 of who we are and what we are
 and of the strange, new furniture of our lives,
 of sounds and smells, of warmth and cold,
 of light and shadow, of hands and faces;
 to put together
 the bits and pieces of our experience
 into some kind of order,
 so that we may live without fear
 in the midst of powers and forces
 which overwhelm us.
 We cry to one another,
 'What have you discovered?
 Do you know the way?'
 And to those who have gone before,
 'Let your light go on burning,
 tell us your secrets.
 Set out your experiences
 in ways we can make our own',
 lest we live like foreigners in the land,
 alien to one another's ways,
 strangers to the spoken word,
 for to be human
 is to live in a world of meaning;
 but to live without meaning
 is to be a stranger
 to the human condition.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – YEAR A

First Reading *Acts 1: 1-11*

Jesus is taken up into heaven.

Second Reading *Eph 1: 17-23*

Christ is head of the church.

Gospel *Mt 28: 16-20*

Jesus sends forth the apostles with the promise to be with them always.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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. Try it out, if this is a more suitable way of giving for you.

The plate for donations during Mass will still be used. Also, donations can be made using Planned Giving Envelopes, EFT and Credit Card on a regular basis (contact the Parish Office, talk to Zuzy who can arrange this for you).

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently deceased

James (Jim) Field

Masses have been requested for the souls of:

Mary and Edward (Ted) McReynolds

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), Ron McGrath (4/5), 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), Colette Dawes (23/5), Elizabeth McRae (23/5), Sheila Armstead (23/5), Margaret Lawrence (23/5), John Hill (25/5), Lorna Simpson (25/5), Joseph Barratt (28/5), Audrey Carey (29/5) and Emse Cregan (31/5).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful 3 = Acolyte

14th May Alan Oakey 1 Peter Cleary 2
 Greg Minahan 3

21st May Reginald Bucknell 1 Susan Bucknell 2
 Russell Hill 3

ALTAR SERVERS

14th May Grace Miller Lucy Miller
21st May Ronith Kaleeckal Reima and Rithika Joseph

ALTAR CLEANERS

15th May Kay Perceval
29th May Coral Carroll



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