

Welcome to the HISTORIC PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE, YASS

established 1838

Located in the Yass Valley the Parish covers a large area including
Bowling, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

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FATHER PETER MY, PARISH PRIEST

St. Augustine's, Yass and St. Francis Xavier's, Gunning



*St. Augustine's Church
Built 1954*



*Original St. Augustine's Church
- The Lovat Chapel*

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC 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 Secretary Zuzy Webster

Parish Office Open: Mon., Tue. and Thu. (Bulletin) 9 am – 3 pm

Parish Finance Committee

Father Peter (Parish Priest) Anthony Ockwell (Chair)
Tracy McKay Michael McManus
Matthew Maher Annalissa Alexander
Rhonda Hagerty

Ex Officio Members: Zuzy Webster and Bob Nash (Maintenance Team)

Murrumbateman - Sub-Committee of the PFC

Paul Trezise (Chair) Paula Beaton Jennie Fischer
David Bray

Parish Pastoral Council

Father Peter (Parish Priest) Phil Billington (Chair) Liturgy
Steve Scroope Welfare Jennie Fischer Social Justice
Vacant Youth Lara Kirk Ecumenism
Katarina O'Connor Social Activities Perry Healey RCIA
Joe Morrissey Maintenance

Ex Officio Members: Michael Green and Zuzy Webster

Principal – Mt Carmel School Michael Green

School Community Council Katie Davis

Sacramental Team Leader Anne Mattappallil

Safeguarding Officer Di Carey
Yass.safeguarding@cg.org.au

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

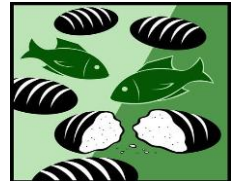
We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land in which we meet.

We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future.



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

1st / 2nd August, 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

WEEKEND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass 6:00 pm Catholic Church Hall Murrumbateman
Sunday Mass 8:30 am St Francis Xavier's 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
1st Sat. of Month	Murrumbateman	5.15 pm - 5.45 pm
Sundays	Gunning	8:00 am - 8:15 am

BAPTISMS

Yass Saturdays 10:30 am

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

Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Monday or Tuesday). Notice of at least one month is required for a child 0-7 years. Enquiries for older children/adults please talk with the Parish Secretary.

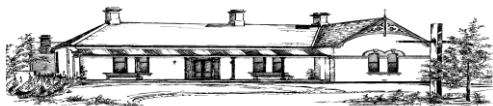
MARRIAGES

By appointment. Notice of five to six months is ideal.

School Enrolments

Mt Carmel School: Kindergarten to Yr 6.

Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.



FROM FATHER PETER AT THE PRESBYTERY

1. **On Tuesday 22nd August**, our Parish Finance Committee will hold their meeting at 5.30pm in the Presbytery.
2. **The Archdiocesan 2026 Assembly Festival** will be held on Saturday 22nd August, 2026. There will be a hub for this Assembly in the Northern Deanery, which our Parish is in, at Goulburn. There will also be a hub at Canberra, Temora, Tumut, Batehaven, Bega and Cooma. Everyone is invited to join the Assembly and **further information is available by going to cgevangalisation.org.au**
3. **Our Parish, along with a few other parishes in the Archdiocese**, has been selected to be included in an audit by the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS). The audit will take place during the first week of September. Prior to this audit the Archdiocesan office will visit our parish on Monday 10th August to assist in the preparation for the National audit.
4. **Please continue to pray for the children in our parish** who will celebrate the *Sacrament of Confirmation* on Sunday 13 September. Mass will be at 10.30am.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon. 3 Aug: Saint Dominic

Tue. 4 Aug: Saint John Vianney

Thu. 6 Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Sat. 8 Aug: Saint Mary of the Cross

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A systematic presentation of the Catholic Faith, covering all the teachings in the catechism on faith, worship and morals will be given when RCIA starts on 6th August. RCIA is for anyone who

- Is thinking of joining the Catholic church
- Is already Catholic and would like a deeper understanding of the faith
- Would like to support another who is going through RCIA or
- Would like to be on the team.

If you fall into any of those categories or know someone who would like to investigate the Catholic faith, please message Perry on 0432120362 or email at perryahealey@gmail.com

The PPC met on Tuesday 28 July and progressed the Pastoral Priorities & other matters:

- **Parish Pilgrimage Yass to Murrumbateman:** Saturday 29 August – see separate notice. Thanks to Paul Trezise & his Team.
- **Liturgy Team** meets on 30 July to finalise the Renewal of Ministries which will happen during August
- **RCIA** begins later this week with Perry (Healey) and the Team – see Bulletin Notice
- **Ecumenical News: The Ecumenical Carols will be on 6 December** – more details closer to the date. Thanks Lara (Kirk)
- **Archdiocesan Assembly on Saturday 22 August** – a number of PPC members are attending – you are all welcome see notice in the Bulletin.
- **Youth Leader:** ideas are being explored – any ideas from you are welcome. It will be a focus at the 8 September PPC Meeting
- **School:** PPC congratulated Michael Green on the wonderful celebration for the 150 year celebration of Mt Carmel on 2 July. What a wonderful history of Mt Carmel which continues to bring pride to our community.
- **Prayer Groups** – you are most welcome to join the St Augustine's Prayer Group on 4th Wednesday each month at 3.30pm. Please contact Susan Morrissey (0402915546) for details.
- **Pastoral Priorities:** we are planning a **Parish Lunch on Sunday 25 October** – more details after 8 September PPC Meeting. But CLAIM THE DATE – all are welcome!
- **PPC & PFC** continue to liaise and will meet together in the near future.
- **PPC Dates for rest of 2026 are Tuesdays 7-8pm: 8 September; 20 October; 24 November.**

With thanks to everyone & please don't hesitate to contact any of the PPC Members with any ideas at all. We are keen to all work together as a community.

Blessings all

Phil Billington & PPC Members



Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel



During the school holidays, Mrs Karakotas and I were fortunate enough to be part of a pilgrimage group from Catholic Education who visited Greece and Türkiye to travel in the footsteps of St Paul – the Church's greatest evangelist. We visited places where Paul lived and worked, preaching to and forming early Christian communities, where he baptised the first European gentile converts to Christianity, where he was imprisoned, where he wrote letters from and places he wrote letters to.

And towards the end of our pilgrimage, we celebrated Mass in a private chapel at the House of Mary near Ephesus where, according to some Church tradition, is the place that the Mother of Jesus lived out her earthly years under the care of the Apostle John. This was a lovely conclusion, not only to our pilgrimage, but also to our celebrations at the end of last term, marking 150 years of Mary's patronage of our school as Our Lady of Mt Carmel.



Michael Green
Principal



"BE WHO YOU WERE MEANT TO BE AND YOU
WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE"
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Prayer to the HOLY SPIRIT For the Archdiocese

Holy Spirit,
Lord of all evangelisation,
guide us in our Archdiocese.

Lead us to **Encounter** you
("Get up"),

Teach us to be true **Disciples** of
the Resurrection
("Listen"),

Send us out as **Missionaries** after
your own likeness in a synodal way.
("Go!")

Mary, lead us always to your
Son, Jesus,
Our Saviour and Mighty God.

Amen



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

August

Sun. 9 th	10.15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass - St Augustine's Church
	After Mass	Parish Morning Tea - St Augustine's Church
Sun. 23 rd	10.15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass - St Augustine's Church
	After Mass	Parish Morning Tea - St Augustine's Church
Sun. 23 rd	After Mass	Drop off baked goods for Kairos - St Augustine's Church

I am the vine you are the branches John 15: 5

REGISTER NOW FOR OUR PARISH PILGRIMAGE WALK SATURDAY 29 AUGUST 2026

Back by popular demand, registration is now open for our 2nd Yass-Murrumbateman pilgrimage walk.

- Pilgrimage commences with a blessing at St Augustine's at 8am and concludes with 6pm Mass and supper at Murrumbateman.
- Four distances to choose from – 30km, 19km, 13km or 6k.
- Support vehicles on hand to enhance your safety and comfort.

Experience the physical and spiritual joy of walking as a pilgrim.

For more details and registration go to
<https://staug-yass.org.au/wp/pilgrimage/>
or use the QR code.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF CANBERRA & GOULBURN

SECOND ARCHDIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 16-23 AUGUST 2026

ASSEMBLY FESTIVAL WEEK

Saturday 8th August – Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop Pilgrimage to Eden – 12.00pm Mass (Our Lady Star of the Sea)- Launch of Novena.

Sunday 16th August – Parish Launch/Intercessory Prayers and Conclusion of Novena.

Monday/Tuesday 17th–18th August – Parish & Communities' initiatives

Wednesday 19th August – 5.00pm Ordination to the Diaconate – Mr Don Gomez (Cathedral).

Thursday 20th August – 9.00am Catholic Education – Launch of new initiatives (National Convention Centre).
"Grounded in Faith: Growing in Service"

Friday 21st August – 5.00pm Ecumenical Prayer Vigil (Cathedral).
"Witnesses of Hope: Prayer, Testimony and Encounter"

Saturday 22nd August – 8.00am Mass Cathedral

9.00am-4.00pm **ASSEMBLY** (St Clare's College - Multi Modal).
"Sanctuaries for the Thirsty"

Sunday 23rd August – 11.00am Mass of Thanksgiving (Cathedral).

Sunday 30th August – Reports back to Parishes & Communities.

"GET UP!...LISTEN!...GO!"

CONFIRMATION



Liturgy 1 Thu 30 July 6.30pm

Liturgy 2 Thu 27 Aug. 6.30pm

Liturgy 3 Thu 10 Sep 6.30pm Practice and Reconciliation

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 13th September 10.30am at St Augustine's

Further details are available on the Parish website under:

Mass Times – Sacraments-Tap on Confirmation then Resources

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Will gather for discussion and prayer on the
4th Wednesday of each month @ 3.30 pm

Venue: 15 Walker Place, Yass

All Welcome

Enquiries please phone Sue Morrissey on 0402 915 546



CLOSURE OF THE TOILET BLOCK



The toilets at the rear of the Church are currently undergoing a refurbishment and are **now fully closed**.

However, a portable unisex toilet has been placed nearby for use until the main toilet block is completed and fully functional.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Position Vacant - Parish Officer Gunning

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Officer for St Francis Xavier Parish, Gunning NSW.

This is a permanent part time position of 4 hours per week and will be based in the Parish Office, Gunning. Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award.

For a copy of the Duty Statement and essential requirements please email the Parish Office gunning@cg.org.au

Applications addressing the Selection Criteria and current CV to be sent to Fr Peter My, Parish Priest peter.my@cg.org.au



Kairos Team



Kairos Team will be entering Goulburn Correctional Centre on 24/29 August 2026.

Our Parish is represented this year by Steve Scroope and Michael Green. We are seeking prayer, baking and financial support if you are able. Your baking reminds the men inside of a mother's love. A reminder with baking, the men love chocolate, no whole pieces of fruit and no icing sugar on top. Robust baking is good as there is quite a bit of handling.

Looking forward once again to your love and support

Please drop off your baked goods at the back of the church, after Mass on 23rd August

If you have any questions about Kairos don't hesitate to contact Steve on 0427 673 455 or Michael 0411 106 562.

For those who may be able to spare some cash this a/c can be used:
Kairos Goulburn Operating A/c BSB 032170 A/c 309832

COMMUNION REFLECTION

The multiplication of the loaves happens in our fields every year between sowing and harvest time. Like the miracle of Jesus, this miracle too is brought about by the power of God. And just as Jesus needed the hands of the Apostles to distribute the bread to the people, so God now needs human hands to make this abundance available to the hungry.

In some countries today the problem is over-eating. In other countries the problem is getting anything to eat at all. Today, we don't need anyone to multiply the loaves for us. The food is there. What is not always there is the will to share it.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



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

Frances Todkill (1/8), Catherine Wallace (1/8),
Frances Cassidy (1/8), Eric Runnacles (5/8),
Thomas Heaney (5/8), Robert Field (6/8),
Beverley Beeten (7/8), Tilly Ward (7/8),
Frank Woods (10/8), Dennis Hoey (11/8),
Susan Gibson (11/8), Paul Ryan (13/8), Val McDonald (7/8),
Josef Kuszko (13/8), Helen Hird (15/8), Robert Wade (15/8),
Irene Diver (15/8), Jean Belford (15/8),
Samantha Darmody (15/8), Margaret Neumann (16/8),
Brendan McPhillips (16/8), Emma Bainbridge (18/8),
Majorie Shields (18/8), Gweneth Besgrove (19/8),
Thomas Hilly (21/8), Florence Davis (21/8),
Brian Hepple (22/8), Kevin McKenzie (23/8),
Peggy Kennedy (25/8), Bernard Robinson (27/8),
Catherine Walmsley (27/8), Valda Connors (28/8),
Joan McKenzie (28/8), Peter O'Brien (28/8),
Joan Perrot (31/8) and Lois Nash (31/8).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm
2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful 3 = Acolyte
2nd Aug Linda Swadling 1 Eva Karakotas 2
Sid Mattappallil 3
9th Aug Kate Walker 1 Peter Gibbs 2
Peter Walker 3

ALTAR SERVERS

2nd Aug Zoe Leahy 9th Aug Rithika Joseph

COUNTERS

2nd Aug Peter Cleary Cathy Cleary Jenny Stewart
9th Aug Irene Carr Rhonda Hagerty Peter Gibbs

ALTAR CLEANERS

3rd Aug Zuzy Webster
17th Aug Irene Carr

Readings for next week, 9 August, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

First Reading

The Lord passes by Elijah as a whisper.

1Kings 19: 9,11- 13

Second Reading

Serving Christ involves some pain.

Romans 9: 1-5

Gospel

Jesus walks on the water.

Matthew 14: 22-33

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week



As I write this message, conference members are eagerly anticipating two really fantastic deliveries this week, which will be of huge assistance to our conference. The first is the delivery of 150 handmade and decorated bags, each containing a carton of long-life milk, a jar of pasta sauce, a packet of pasta and a packet of biscuits, and accompanied by a prayer written by the children for the person who will receive this special bag. This is the initiative referred to in last week's bulletin, the product of the wonderful work of 1Red and Mrs Swadling to commemorate the school's anniversary and the generosity of the management of Yass IGA. This delivery will happen on Thursday.

The second delivery is of a freezer from a Canberra-based organisation called Pathway to Plates, which will supply us with single-serve pre-cooked meals which we can provide to our companions. These meals will give us other options to assist people to keep food on the table and stomachs full. We look forward to being able to provide more information about this program in the future.

These donations will be a fabulous supplement to the goods we can provide to support people in need in the community. We also continue to value the donations of goods that parish members make to the grocery basket at the back of the church. The support of the parish community is so important to us.

If you hear of anyone who might need our help, please give them our number: 0429 506 220. This number is also on the side wall of the Vinnies building in Sr Fielding Lane.

If you would like to know any more about the work that we do, please pick up our brochure from the back of the church or call me on 0427 674 246.

Deb Valencic, President, St Augustine's Conference of SVdP

Woolaroo Merino Stud

Kate and Mary-Clare Walker,
James, Charles, Jack & Peter Walker

Mobile: 0427 499 616

Email: wmdgroup@protonmail.com

Website: yarrahass.com.au

You can make a donation during Mass using the plate or collection bag as it is handed round at both Yass and Murrumbateman. Also, donations can be made via EFT using your home computer, or by Credit Card on a regular basis.

The Planned Giving Programme is still operating in both Murrumbateman and Yass and is another excellent way in which to donate as it assists in the financial planning of Yass and Murrumbateman.

Located at the back of the church in Yass is a 'Tap Machine' setup for donations using your debit or credit card. Try it out, if this is a more suitable way of giving for you.



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