

Welcome to the HISTORIC PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE, YASS

established 1838

Located in the Yass Valley the Parish covers a large area including
Bowning, 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.



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

22nd / 23rd August, 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

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.

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



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

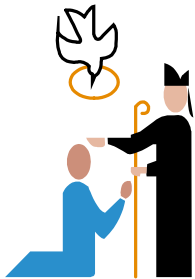
FROM FATHER PETER AT THE PRESBYTERY

1. You are all invited to join the Yass-Murrumbateman pilgrimage walk on Saturday August 29 to celebrate our Patron Saint Augustine. Please register today. Details are on page 3 of the bulletin.
2. Last weekend at all Masses, representatives of PPC were talking about the ministries of the Liturgy. I encourage you to read the article on the bottom of this page and reflect on the proposed questions:
 - Where is the Holy Spirit active in my life?
 - Where might the Holy Spirit be inviting me to respond?
 - To use my gifts?
 Please participate in these important ministries of your church.
3. Keep praying for our Archdiocese that decisions made in last Saturday Archdiocesan Assembly will improve the life of our Archdiocese of Canberra – Goulburn.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Mon. 24 August:	Saint Bartholomew
Thu. 27 August:	Saint Monica
Fri. 28 August:	Saint Augustine
Sat. 29 August:	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

*Please pray for the children as they prepare
for their Confirmation on the 13th September.*



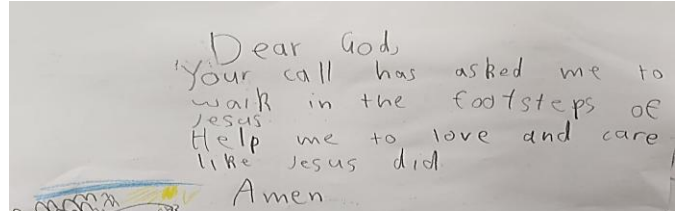
Sophie
Ben
Jack
Vincent
Jess
Gabriel
George
Natalie
Billy
Leo
Ethan

Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel



Religious Education in the Classroom

Year 1's Religious Education unit of work focuses on people of faith who are called to make a difference in their communities. Students are examining how Jesus' teachings, his disciples, prayer and the parish community can help Christians live as followers of Jesus today. 1 Green students created individual prayers on how they are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps.



PARISH PASTORAL PRIORITIES - NEXT PHASE - RENEWAL OF MINISTRIES OF THE LITURGY

Listen with the ear of your heart ... Proverbs 22.17

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO VOLUNTEERING SO FAR – THERE IS STILL TIME!

The PPC in partnership with the Parish Finance Council (PFC) is inviting everyone to get involved in bringing Our Parish Priorities to life in response to our final questions:

Where is the Holy Spirit active in my life?

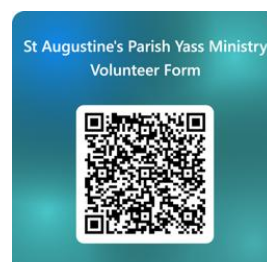
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The **Summary of the Ministries of the Liturgy** was enclosed in the Bulletin last weekend and copies are available at the back of the Church or on the Parish Website, and the **Volunteering Forms are on the Pews, at the back of the Church or accessible through the QR Code** below. We also invite you to name gifts, skills and ideas that you have beyond Ministries of the Liturgy -we need more people and younger people to assist us in all aspects of our Parish Community.

Please contact any members of the Liturgy Team or PPC.

We invite you to:

- Complete the Form in the Pews
- Respond to the QR Code
- Email: ppcyass@gmail.com



Liturgy Team Members: Peter Cleary, Di Carey, Susan Bucknell, Anne Eade, Paul Trezise, Michael Green, Linda Swadling, Fr Peter & Phil Billington (Chair).



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

August

Sun. 23rd 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. 23rd **After Mass Drop off baked goods for Kairos**
- St Augustine's Church

Sat. 29th 8.00 am **Pilgrims Blessing at St Augustine's**
Join in for this year Parish Pilgrimage from Yass to Murrumbateman. It will finish at the Murrumbateman Catholic Hall in time for 6.00pm Mass.

September

Sun. 13th 10.30 am **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation**
St Augustine's Church, Yass
Parish Morning Tea following Mass
Please bring a plate to share

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. **Register now!**



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

CONFIRMATION

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

Wednesday 26th August @ 3.30 pm

Venue: 15 Walker Place, Yass

All Welcome



Enquiries please phone Sue Morrissey on 0402 915 546

26 August | August Veritas Lecture | Supporting the participation of children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): An occupational therapy perspective | 05:30 pm

In this lecture, I will share my research findings of an occupational performance and participation approach known as the Cognitive Orientation to daily Occupational Performance Approach (CO-OP) is an evidence-based problem-solving approach that supports children and adults learn new skills and achieve personally meaningful goals. I have trialled CO-OP with three children with FASD and will share my learning from this research and approach

To register, go to: www.acu.edu.au/about

28 August | Homecoming Silent Retreat 28th -30th August, Carmel House, Varroville, NSW

"His father saw him, ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him." Lk 15: 20

Your heavenly Father waits for you to come away with him for a weekend of silently soaking in his great love for you. Embrace this opportunity for encountering deep peace and serenity. This retreat is for men and women aged 18+. Hosted by the MGL Sisters.

Choose from a weekend retreat or extend your time with a 5 day retreat opt

w/e: www.trybooking.com/DIDBK

extended: www.trybooking.com/DIDBU

12 September | St Vincent de Paul National Capital Orchestra

St Vincent de Paul Society and the National Capital Orchestra

present a major charity concert at 3.00 pm in Llewellyn Hall.

Internationally acclaimed pianist Lucas Krupinski will perform Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2, followed by Mahler's Symphony No. 1 ("Titan").

Proceeds from the concert will support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society assisting people experiencing hardship across the Canberra and Goulburn region. Further information: nco.org.au

Tickets available from ticketek:

<https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=NCORACMA26>

30 September | Explosion 2026: Increase & Overflow | 05:30 pm

Registrations are now open for Explosion 2026, a Catholic youth conference for students in years 7 to 12. Hosted by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community, Explosion will be held at St Clare's College, Canberra, from September 30 to October 3, offering inspiring speakers, powerful prayer and worship, and the opportunity to build lasting friendships while growing in faith.

Early bird pricing available until August 8. For more information and to register, visit explosionyouth.com.

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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@cq.org.au

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

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Peter has been called a stumbling saint.
He is a great consolation to us
because courage fails us all.
All of us are mere mortals,
who are inconstant in our beliefs.
We must learn to forgive ourselves
momentary weaknesses and failures.
We need to surmount these things
and see the world in less rigid terms.
We must not judge ourselves or others
by momentary inconsistencies,
but rather by commitment given over a long time.
Jesus was well aware of Peter's faults,
but he saw that, in spite of everything,
his heart was sound.
Which meant he had the ability to love.
And, in the long run, love is what counts.

Readings for next week, 30th August, 2026

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

First Reading Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Despite discouragement, God's word burns in Jeremiah's heart

Second Reading Romans 12: 1-2

Offer yourself as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Matthew 16: 21-27

Jesus reveals his future death, rebukes Peter.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 =	1 st Reading & Responsorial Psalm				
2 =	2 nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful	3 =	Acolyte		
23 rd Aug	Emy Nichols	1	Reima	Joseph	2
	Michael Green	3			
30 th Aug	Ronith Joseph	1	Jaclyn	Green	2
	Peter Cleary	3			

ALTAR SERVERS

23rd Aug Harrington Roser 30th Aug Jackson Pearse

COUNTERS

23rd Aug Zuzy Webster Tracy McKay Russell Hill
30th Aug Peter Cleary Cathy Cleary Darren Lepp

ALTAR CLEANERS

31st Aug Susan Bucknell 14th Sep Coral Carroll

MAKING DONATIONS

1st Collection

Goes to the Archdiocese for the support of Parish Priests.

2nd Collection

The 2nd Collection is to assist in the operating expenses of the parish, eg. gas, electricity, rates etc.

- **On the plate during Mass** cash & Planned Giving envelopes.
- **Planned Giving Envelopes** – become a member and obtain your envelopes by contacting Zuzy at the Parish Office.
- **'Tap Machine'** – (Smart Terminal) Located at the back of the church in Yass. Set up for \$5, \$10 or \$20 donations with an option for other amounts.
(These donations are split 30% to the 1st Collection and 70% to the 2nd Collection).
- **EFT** - Using your home computer or phone. In making donations **it is very important to put a reference noting where your donation is to be attributed to, i.e. Yass or Murrumbateman and if PG please add your envelope number and surname.**
To donate to either the Yass or Murrumbateman account please contact the parish office on 6226 1086 for account details.
- **CREDIT CARD** on regular basis. (Contact Zuzy at the Parish Office to arrange this).

Thank you for your donations

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), Samantha Darmody (15/8),
Jean Belford (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



VINNIES MATTERS

The level of need in the community has remained consistent. In July, we assisted 25 families (the same number as in July last year) and had two new families ask for our assistance. Since the beginning of the financial year 10 new families have approached us for help. Of the people we assisted, 76% were female and 48% were aged over 50 years. At least two of the people we are helping on an ongoing basis are experiencing homelessness. The circumstances of some people are beyond our capacity to help (apart from providing basics such as food) so we refer them to the Vinnies caseworkers in Young for more specialised assistance.

The support provided by the parish community in terms of donations to the grocery basket at the back of the church is an enormous source of help and positivity, so thank you!

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.

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

Say hello to better health

Priceline Pharmacy Yass
104-108 Comur Street, Yass
Ph: 6226 1003

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