

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.



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

5th/ 6th September, 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: O that today you would listen to 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

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

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

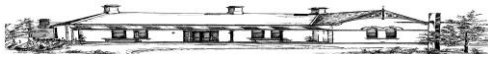
Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass with the residents at both locations. However, due to COVID/lockdowns, please check with each location first that you can attend.

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. **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY** to all fathers and grandfathers in our Parish. Also, 'Thank You' to the school students who have made beautiful cards for all fathers in our parish. The cards are available at the back of the church for you to take home.
2. **We continue to pray for all retired priests in our Archdiocese.** They are our spiritual fathers. Please support them. Clergy Retirement Foundation Envelopes are found on pews and at the back of the church.
3. **Next Sunday I** will be celebrating the Confirmation this year. Keep praying for the Confirmation candidates. Please remember Mass will commence at 10.30am instead of 10.15am on Sunday 13 September.
4. **The Parish Office will be closed** on Tuesday, 8 September, due to a National Catholic Safeguarding Standards audit.
5. **A Multicultural Mass** will be held in St Augustine's Church on Sunday 27 September. Please contact the Parish Office to find out how you can be involved on this special day.

... **You may like to consider:**

- attending Mass in your national dress,
- participate in saying the 'Prayers of the Faithful' (delivered in different languages),
- take the offertory gifts up at Mass,
- bring along a sweet of your country to add to our Morning Tea after Mass, in celebration of our multicultural community.

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



Sophie
Ben
Jack
Vincent
Jess
Gabriel
George
Natalie
Billy
Madeline



God, we remember Nepal and pray for those who have lost their lives, homes, possessions, or loved ones. We give thanks for those who have been rescued.

We pray for the healing of all and grant the communities courage to face each new day. May Your presence be a refuge and strength, reminding them that they are never alone in their suffering.

We pray for first responders, volunteers, and relief workers who risk their lives to aid others. May their efforts be blessed, and may they find strength and courage in the face of overwhelming challenges.

AMEN

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

Pray for All Fathers and Priests

God our Father,
we give you thanks and praise
for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers,
newly embracing their vocation;
may they find the courage and perseverance
to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for our own fathers,
who have supported and challenged us;
may they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.
We remember fathers around the world,
whose children are lost or suffering;
may they know that the God of compassion,
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor and guide us,
with fatherly love and advice.
Most importantly, all our Priests,
our spiritual Fathers, who guide,
teach us and lead us to You
and who feed and nourish us
with Your Sacraments.
We remember fathers, grandfathers
and great-grandfathers,
who are no longer with us
but who live forever in our memory
and nurture us with their love.
Amen



NOTES OF GRATITUDE From PPC & Liturgy Team

- ✓ **A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has volunteered for Ministries – a total of 40 so far. The **PPC** is meeting on **Tuesday 8 September** & the **Liturgy Team** is meeting on **Tuesday 15 September** – Coordinators will be in contact afterwards.
- ✓ **THANK YOU to the Murrumbateman Community** for hosting and organising the Pilgrimage last Saturday. Even though there were less pilgrims this year, the hospitality and organisation of the Murrumbateman Community was outstanding! Special thanks to Paul Trezise for his leadership and coordination.
- ✓ **CHOIR PRACTICE:** is on Saturdays at 10.30am in the Church. All Welcome



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

September

Sat. 5 th	9.00 am	Anointing Mass - St Augustine's Church
Sun. 6 th	10.15 am	Father's Day Mass - St Augustine's Church
Sun. 13 th	10.30 am	Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Fr Peter My
	After Mass	Parish Morning Tea - St Augustine's Church
Sun. 27 th	10.15 am	Parish Multicultural Mass - St Augustine's Church
Sun. 27 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

October

Sat. 3 rd	9.00 am	Anointing Mass - St Augustine's Church
Sun. 11 th	10.15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word - St Augustine's Church
Sun. 11 th	10.15 am	Parish Morning Tea following Mass Please bring a plate to share - St Augustine's Church

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



This weekend we welcome into our Church community:

William
Hazel children of Samuel and Lauren
Henry

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Will gather for discussion and prayer on the
Wednesday 23rd September @ 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.



CONFIRMATION

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-Tab on Confirmation then Resources



FATHER'S DAY APPEAL – Collection for our retired priests:

Please give generously to the **Father's Day Appeal** conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church, and donors will be issued with a tax-deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate or you could call Financial Services on 6239 9876 to donate over the phone.

12 September | ACU Open Day Canberra | 11:00 am

Join us for ACU Open Day at our Canberra campus in Watson. 11am-2pm, Saturday 12 September. See the program and register your interest at www.openday.acu.edu.au

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>

20 September | St Anthony's Parish 50th Anniversary Mass | 09:00 am

Save the Date:

The Archbishop will celebrate the 50th Anniversary Mass at St Anthony's on Sunday 20 September, 9:00am. All past parishioners are invited to attend. For more information please email m57cass@gmail.com

23 September | ACU Veritas Lecture | 05:30 pm

Never Skip Brain Day: How AI Is Changing Learning, and Why Human Thinking Matters More Than Ever. Artificial intelligence is not just a tool. It is more like electricity, with the potential to power every tool in our daily lives. While much remains uncertain about its long-term impact on education, one thing is clear. This lecture explores possible answers to this question, focusing on the tenuous space between efficient and effortful learning.

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.

PLANNING TO MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Go to the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage (without delay) for information and to choose a marriage preparation program that suits at www.marriagefamily.org.au. For enquiries email marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or text Helena on 0405 440 463.

I AM CATHOLIC Card

The **I AM CATHOLIC** card, developed by the Knights of the Southern Cross, can be carried in your wallet or purse to indicate that you would like a priest to visit you if you are in hospital or involved in an accident. Parish contact details can be included.

The card is free for adult parishioners. For information or to order, contact Bob Perkins KSC Canberra at perkins.family@aapt.net.au.

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

COMMUNION REFLECTION

A prayer for every day.

Day after day, O Lord of my life,
shall I stand before you face to face.
With folded hands, O Lord of all worlds,
shall I stand before you face to face.

Under your great sky
in solitude and silence,
with humble heart,
shall I stand before you face to face.

In this laborious world of yours,
busy with toil and trouble,
among hurrying crowds,
shall I stand before you face to face.

And when my work shall be done in this world,
O King of Kings,
alone and speechless,
shall I stand before you face to face.

Readings for next week, 13th September, 2026

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

First Reading

Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7

Hate and anger lead to death; love and forgiveness to the kingdom.

Second Reading

Romans 14: 7-9

Christ is Lord of the living and the dead.

Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

Parable of the official, who receiving mercy, does not show it to others.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

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

6th Sep Sue Morrissey 1 Joe Morrissey 2
Sid Mattappallil 3

13th Sep Confirmation 1 Confirmation 2
Peter Cleary 3

ALTAR SERVERS

6th Sep Harrington Roser **13th Sep** Rithika Joseph

COUNTERS

6th Sep Peter Cleary Jenny Stewart Rhonda Hagerty

13th Sep Annalissa Alexander Dianne Carey Tracy McKay

ALTAR CLEANERS

14th Sep Coral Carroll **28th Sep** Kath Moore

PLEASE HELP IN THE FINANCIAL PLANNING OF THE RUNNING OF THE PARISH

Become a member of the Planned Giving Program. Information
Form and envelopes are available from the Parish
Phone Zuzy at the Parish Office on 6226 1086 on a
Monday or Tuesday for more information.



Woolaroo Merino Stud

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James, Charles, Jack & Peter Walker**
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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Peter Goodchild

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

Elizabeth Holmes (2/9), Ronald Eastey (2/9),
Jason Riters (3/9), Maureen Carey (3/9),
Cyril Wailes (4/9), David Hingston (4/9),
Maurice Fitzgerald (6/9), Frances McGrath (6/9),
Rebecca Hicks (9/9), Gregory Brown (9/9),
Brenda Longley (10/9), Kenneth McCann (10/9),
Hope Grieves (12/9), Gwen Richmond (13/9),
Gladys Delbridge (14/9), Margaret Miller (14/9),
Catharina Kuster (15/9), John Ockwell (16/9),
Ruby Robinson (18/9), Col Perrot (18/9),
Ethel MacQuillan (19/9), Myra Healy (19/9),
Kathleen Richmond (20/9), Philip Kelly (20/9),
Kerrie Blyss (20/9), Audrey Dawes (21/9),
Suzanne Bullman (21/9), William Renehan (22/9),
Donald Hoffmann (23/9), Denis Rowe (23/9),
David Cassidy (24/9), Bill Richmond (24/9),
Joe Monteleone (24/9), Rodney Wales (24/9),
Annmarie Wilson (26/9), Bernard Williamson (29/9)
and Ronald Bray (29/9).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

VINNIES MATTERS



Cost of living conditions continue to impact the people we
assist. While we have seen almost exactly the same number
of people in August 2026 as we did during August last year,

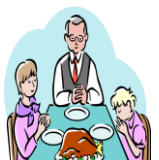
the level of support was several thousand dollars higher. Much of this increased
need can be explained by more requests for assistance with electricity and gas
bills. The funds that cover this program come from the NSW government and
are not funds donated or resulting from shop sales. We have also had a greater
number of requests for fuel assistance, to attend essential medical
appointments.

In the face of this increased need, any 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!

The Pathway to Plates meals and 1 Red/IGA grocery bags continue to be well-
received.

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

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