

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)

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Matthew Maher Annalissa Alexander

Rhonda Hagerty

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

Murrumbateman - Sub-Committee of the PFC

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David Bray

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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

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

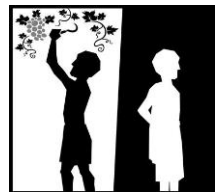
We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land in which we meet.

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



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

26th/ 27th September, 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

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. Today we celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In our Parish we celebrate our Multicultural Community and give thanks for each person as we celebrate Mass together
2. **Please note**, the Yass Parish Office will be closed next week and will reopen on Tuesday 6 September.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Tue. 29 September: Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Wed 30 September: Saint Jerome
Thu 1 October: Saint Therese of the Child Jesus
Fri 2 October: The Holy Guardian Angels

ANOINTING MASS



Next Saturday 3rd September at 9.00am
 in St Augustine's Church.

Prior to Mass the Holy Rosary will be recited at
 8.40am

As we celebrate **Migrants and Refugees Sunday**, we give thanks for our multicultural country which has welcomed migrants and refugees for decades. Our community and our families are so much richer for your presence with us.

My life is enriched greatly by the presence and gift of my foster son, Vu who was an unaccompanied minor (12) from Vietnam. His family is now here and he is a teacher, husband to Trang and the father of 4 beautiful adult children who bring such joy to me and all of whom contribute positively to Australia.

Loving God, we remember the Lord's promise 'whoever receives one such child in my name, receives me' (Mk (9:37). Open our hearts to the gift of every person, especially those fleeing their countries and homes. Amen

(Phil Billington – a personal reflection)

World Day of
Migrants and
Refugees
27-IX-2026



"Even just one of these children"



Even just one
of these children.

*"Whoever welcomes one
such child in my name
welcomes me"*
(Mt 18:5)

Sunday,
27 September 2026



"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



LITURGY UPDATES

Thank You for volunteering for Ministry – more volunteers are needed for **Reading** and for **Servers** please. New parishioners are most welcome. Please contact Susan Bucknell:

susanbucknell@hotmail.com

Training will be needed for: *Lectors/Readers; Special Ministers of the Eucharist & Acolytes*. The dates and times will be advised asap. **Please still feel welcome to Volunteer!**

- **Thank you** also for your ideas and initiatives such as the Baptism Team, which will begin in 2027 – keep the ideas coming.

Liturgy Team Members:

Fr Peter, Peter Cleary, Di Carey, Anne Eade, Paul Trezise, Michael Green, Linda Swading, Phil Billington (Chair)

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Saying "Yes!"

In many ways, it is easy to say 'Yes' and not really mean it. Some people do it all the time in their lives. They say 'Yes' when they have no intention at all of following through on their commitment. It's easy to say 'Yes' and not mean it when it comes to faith as well. It's pretty easy to turn up at Church on a Sunday and be seen to be doing the 'right' thing. But if our faith doesn't change the way we live, then maybe we're really saying 'No' to God.



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

September

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
Sun. 25 th	10.15 am	Children's Liturgy of the Word - St Augustine's Church
Sun. 25 th	12.00 pm	Parish Lunch 12.00pm noon Please bring a plate to share - Mt Carmel PAC

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



PARISH LUNCH SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 12 NOON At Mt Carmel School Hall (PAC)

We need people for the Organising Team – can you help? Please contact **Katarina O'Connor (0433947903)**

or **Zuzy** at the Parish Office (62261086) – yass@cg.org.au

Keep watching this space - we will be inviting everyone to contribute to this great occasion for our Parish Community. Ideas most welcome!

29 September | Ecumenical Season of Creation - Living Waters theme | 06:00 pm

South Belconnen's Laudato si circle will screen a documentary for the ecumenical 2026 Season of Creation on the theme Living Water. The 40 minute film explores the challenges of water justice in our unique Australian river systems. An expert panel including Dr John Williams of Kippax Uniting and Dr Quentin Grafton of Holy Covenant Jamison will respond briefly afterwards. An example could be restoring flows to the ACT's Upper Murrumbidgee. 6pm Tuesday 29 Sep at Orana Centre 13 Binde! St ARANDA

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.

30 September | ACBC Research into First 10 years of Marriage |

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at <https://thepmrc.org/survey>. The information gathered will inform pastoral responses and the development of resources for this vital stage of married life. Survey to be completed by 30 Sep 2026.

22 October 2026 | 6-8pm What is the Role of the Church in the World?

You are warmly invited to the Cenacle: Institute for Synodal Evangelisation's fifth Formation Forum, This Forum will explore how the Church participates in God's mission through service, witness, education, advocacy and care for others. Together, we will reflect on how the Church responds to the needs of our world and how each of us is called to contribute to this mission within our own communities. We are delighted to welcome **Anne Kirwan (Marymead CatholicCare)** and **Luke Maher (Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Education Limited)** who will share their insights on this topic.

Date & Time: Thursday, 22 October 2026 | 6-8pm

Venue: Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre

Online Option: us06web.zoom.us/j/87587568719 | Meeting ID: 875 8756 8719

Free. Registration is required: tinyurl.com/formation-role

For more information, please email: cenacle@cg.org.au

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register visit:

For free Rosary resources and to register visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change. - Saint Padre Pio

Catholic Book Club for Women



Our Parish has a Well-Read Mom group! It is the perfect time to join as we are just beginning a new "year" and theme.

Well-Read Mom accompanies women in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations in order to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true. Well-Read Mom groups read one book per month and meet to discuss once a month. Book selections for each year correspond to the themes of a woman's life. This year, we are excited to dive into the theme of "woman".

Our next meeting is Friday 30th October, at 7pm

For more information contact: Anna Helaey 0417 429 016

Or visit: www.wellreadmom.com

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Will gather for discussion and prayer on the

Wednesday 28th October @ 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.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

The love of God for all.

To accept that God first loved us,
through no merits of our own,
and that God is always there for us,
although we forget God,
is more difficult for us
than following God's commandments.

To accept that God loves us just as we are,
unconditionally, gratuitously, and forever,
is more difficult for us
than to sacrifice as we should for God and for others.

To accept that God forgives absolutely
and does not hold our past against us
is more difficult for us
than to repent of the evil we have done.

To accept this love of God
is the only path to freedom and interior peace.
And it is the underlying reason
why we should accept each other
and love each other just as we are.

Segundo Galilea, *The Music of God*.

Readings for next week, 4th October, 2026

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

First Reading

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Israel is the vineyard of the Lord.

Second Reading

Philippians 4: 6-9

God's peace will reign in your hearts and mind.

Gospel

Matthew 21: 33-43

Parable of the tenants.

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

27 th Sep	Eva Karakotas	1	Susan Bucknell	2
	Russell Hill	3		
4 th Oct	Linda Swadling	1	Russell Hill	2
	Greg Minahan	3		

ALTAR SERVERS

27th Sep Jackson Pearce 4th Oct Harrington Rosser

COUNTERS

27 th Sep	Peter Cleary	Cathy Cleary	Russell Hill
4 th Oct	Irene Carr	Jenny Stewart	Rhonda Hagerty

ALTAR CLEANERS

28 th Sep	Kath Moore
12 th Oct	Susan Bucknell

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



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

Elizabeth Holmes (2/9), Ronald Eastey (2/9),
Jason Ritors (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 OZANAM APPEAL

St Augustine's Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul seeks your support with the Vinnies Ozanam Appeal. This year, our collection will take place on the weekend of October 10 & 11.

As previously advised, this appeal supports our twin conferences in India and Thailand. The members of these overseas conferences use the funds we provide to help with the education of young people and to assist companions who are trying to set up small businesses, amongst other priorities.

We know times are tough, but if you are able to make any donation to this cause, it would be much appreciated. If you will be away on the collection weekend, or if you would prefer to make an electronic payment, details will be provided in coming weeks.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our work and that of our twins.

If you hear of anyone locally who might need our help, please give them our number: 0429 506 220.

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

MAKING A DONATION

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.

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 you will find a 'Tap Machine' which is setup for donations using your debit card or credit card. Try it out, if this is a suitable way of giving for you.



Phone the Parish Office for further enquiries.

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