

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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Rhonda Hagerty

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

Murrumbateman - Sub-Committee of the PFC

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Parish Pastoral Council

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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.



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

3rd / 4th October, 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

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



FROM FATHER PETER AT THE PRESBYTERY

1. **Please join us as we pray the Holy Rosary on Saturday 10 October 2026** in St Augustine's Church at 8.40am.

The praying of the Rosary on the 10th October will be part of a nation-wide Rosary chain called the Public Rosary. Our Parish was part of the Rosary Public Chain last year when a number of our parishioners joined in with saying the Public Rosary. There is so much to pray to Our Lady for, especially in these unsettled times throughout the world, so please come along at 8.40am next Saturday just prior to the 9am Mass.

In St. Augustine's Church every Saturday morning commencing at 8.40am, prior to the 9am Mass, we pray the rosary. Why not try and come along during the month of October at 8.40am to join in saying the Rosary.

2. **The Annual Vinnies Ozanam Appeal** will be held next weekend, 10/11 October, at all our Masses. A member of the St. Augustine's Conference will talk to us after Mass and following this a retiring collection will be conducted. Please support this appeal
3. **World Mission Sunday** is being held on the weekend of 17/18 October, at all our Masses. Envelopes for donations will be available at the end of the pews. Please support the Mission of the church on that weekend.
4. This year's **Christmas Carol** for the whole Yass Valley will be held at Victoria Park on Sunday 6 December from 4.30pm until 7.00pm. We encourage all parishioners to please assist with this *Carols*. If you can help in any way to ensure the success of this year's event, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Wed. 7 October: *Our Lady Of The Rosary*

The commemoration of Our Lady of the Rosary was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century. It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter," the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.

LIVING GOSPEL

Different View – Using scripture to justify hatred

This text is one that has been used by some Christians to justify their hatred and persecution of Jews. They point to the parable Jesus told as evidence that Jesus blamed the Jewish people for his death. It is a strange fact that some people believe that the only way to justify their own beliefs is to try to destroy the beliefs (and believers) of other faiths. For hundreds of years Christians abused and tormented Jews, driving them out of cities and even countries. The terrible treatment of Jews in World War II was drawing on a long history of Christians persecuting Jews.



"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

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 (next weekend).

As previously advised, this appeal supports our twin conferences in India and Thailand.

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 next weekend, or if you would prefer to make an electronic payment, details are as follows:

BSB: 062786
Account No: 00014760
Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society

Include: "Yass Conference Ozanam Appeal" in reference field.

It is also advisable to send an email to finance@vinnies-cg.org.au requesting a receipt and stating the date and amount of your deposit, and confirming that it should be credited to Yass Conference.

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



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





What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

October

Sat. 10 th	8.40 am	Praying the Holy Rosary Participation in the Nationwide praying of the rosary – called The Public Rosary
Sat./Sun. 17/18		Vinnies Ozanam Appeal Retiring collection at all Masses
Sat./Sun. 17/18		World Mission Sunday Support of the Mission of the 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

November

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

I am the vine you are the branches John 15:

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:

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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



PARISH LUNCH SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 12 NOON



At Mt Carmel School Hall (PAC)

The Parish Lunch is not far away! Just 3 weeks! We are keen to receive RSVPs and offers to assist with the catering. There is no cost. We would love to see everyone especially new parishioners!

There is a sheet at the back of St Augustine's Church in Yass to enable you to RSVP and note whether you can assist with a salad or a dessert.

Please, we need your assistance in organising our Parish Lunch. If you can help please contact::

Katarina O'Connor (0433947903)

or

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

Keep watching this space – more details each week. Thanks to those who have already volunteered with catering.

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

28 October | October Veritas Lecture | Brick by brick. Enabling valued participation for autistic people through increasing the accessibility of environments. | 05:30 pm

This lecture will examine the everyday challenges autistic people face due to social stigma and inaccessible environments and systems, consider ways that allied health and social care providers, educators, medical professionals, and others can consider small and big ways to increase valued participation for autistic people through ameliorating inaccessible environments.

30 Oct| Women in Leadership - Are We in a Change of Era? | 06:00 pm

All welcome! The 2026 Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Annual event is Friday 30 October 2026, from 6.00 pm at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in Woden. Guest speaker, Ms Philomena ('Phil') Billington, an experienced educator, leader, and facilitator will share her experience of serving in five dioceses and four states in Australia, in both rural and urban settings.

To register for this event please go to <https://events.humanitix.com/2026-annual-dinner>.

More information contact 0405 440 463.

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COMMUNION REFLECTION

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

They rejected Jesus;
crucified his body and thought they killed his spirit;
and he still lives on,
in the hearts of millions,
in the Eucharist of each day.

Who are the strong ones of the kingdom of God?
What stone will keep together every other stone?

Doesn't a family often notice
that the weakest -
maybe the ill or the old or the handicapped -
keep the rest of us together?

Or maybe the ones who bring us closest to God
are the ones who need God most and know
the meaning and the joy of the mystery of needing God.

Would we know of Mother Teresa
if we didn't know of those who die alone
on our city streets?

The cross is a throne
and the man nailed to it
by the fear and pride of his creatures
is the biggest name and influence
the world has ever known.

Notice this week
whom you reject, belittle, or look down on;
they may be the keystones
in the building of God's kingdom.

Notice this week
what in yourself
you reject, or belittle, or look down on:
they may be the keystones
of the kingdom of God in you.

Readings for next week, 11th October, 2026

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

First Reading

Isaiah 25: 6-10

On this mountain the Lord will provide a feast.

Second Reading

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

With God, Paul has strength for everything.

Gospel

Matthew 22: 1-14

Parable of the Wedding Banquet.

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

4th Oct Linda Swadling 1 Russell Hill 2
Greg Minahan 3

11th Oct Joe Morrissey 1 Sue Morrissey 2
Michael Green 3

ALTAR SERVERS

4th Oct Harrington Roser

11th Oct Rithika Joseph

COUNTERS

4th Oct Irene Carr Jenny Stewart Rhonda Hagerty

11th Oct Zuzy Webster Di Carey Darren Lepp

ALTAR CLEANERS

12th Oct Susan Bucknell

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



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

Joan Bartlett (1/10), Coral Davis (1/10),

Marie O'Mara (3/10), Theresa Epple (4/10),

Peter Stinson (5/10), Charles Harris (8/10),

William Grace (9/10), Emily Skillin (10/10),

Arthur Bush (12/10), Cheryl Harris (13/10),

Kevin Denny (14/10), Jayne Kemp (17/10),

Bryan Perryman (19/10), Grant Hanrahan (19/10),

Reginald Cassidy (22/10), John Richmond (23/10),

Allan Fitzpatrick (23/10), Frederick Leslie (23/10),

Terence McGann (24/10), Rita Slattery (26/10),

Cecil MacQuillan (27/10), Harold Carey (27/10),

Sylvia McCarthy (29/10), Grace McGann (30/10),

Edward Cassidy (31/10) and Patricia Fagan (31/10).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

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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