

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

Meehan St, PO Box 24, YASS NSW 2582

Ph: (02) 6226 1086 **E-mail:** yass@cg.org.au **Website:** www.staug-yass.org.au

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.



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

10th / 11th October, 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

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. **We Welcome back** our school students and all staff following their school term break. We hope you had a relaxing and happy time.
2. Due to Parish Staff training the parish **Office** will be **closed** on October 13, 2026.
3. **Please continue to say the Rosary** more often during this month of October as the Church reserves October to honour Mary, the Mother of God, in a special way
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 to join in saying the Rosary.
4. This Sunday we hold at all Masses **the Annual Vinnies Ozanam Appeal**. 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.
5. **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.
6. I encourage you to attend **safeTALK Suicide Prevention Training**. Learn how to recognise the signs of someone who may be struggling, start a supportive conversation, and connect them with help. This free event will be held on Saturday, 31 October, from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm, beginning with registration at 9.00 am, at **Yass Community Baptist Church**. Please note that registration is essential, and morning tea will be provided. For more information, please see Church notice board.
7. **November** is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead or yourself, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions. (*Norms 15.7*).
8. The Murrumbateman Community Association is joining with the Murrumbateman Village Markets to arrange the 2026 **Murrumbateman Community Carols** and Twilight Market to be held on Sunday, 13 December 2026 at the Murrumbateman Stage and Recreation Grounds from 4pm-8pm.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK:

Thu. 15 October: *Saint Teresa of Jesus*
Sat. 17 October: *Saint Ignatius of Antioch*



"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 appeal supports our twin conferences in India and Thailand.

If you are able to make any donation to this cause today, it would be much appreciated. Please assist with cash to the retiring collection this 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



For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.



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.10/11		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:

Parish Support Finance Officer

People are invited to apply for the position of **Parish Support Finance Officer**. This is a permanent full-time position supporting parishes across the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn with the **inputting of financial data and reporting** requirements.

Essential Requirements:

- Bookkeeping experience
- Accurate data entry skills
- Experience with financial packages
- Awareness of GST legislation and reporting requirements
- Experience with Microsoft 365 and excel
- Strong verbal communication skills to be able to serve as the primary point of contact for financial queries.

Salary will be subject to qualifications and experience. The position will be based in the Archbishops Office for Evangelisation, Canberra.

For a copy of the Duty Statement and to submit an application please email Leanne Boyd, Parish Support Manager leanne.boyd@cg.org.au

Applications close Friday 16 October 2026.

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



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

St Augustine's Parish Lunch RSVP



The Parish Lunch is not far away! Just 2 weeks!

We are keen to receive RSVPs and offers to assist with the catering ASAP – please see the QR Code above or RSVP using the form at the back of each Church - note whether you can assist with a salad or a dessert. There is no cost.

We would love to see everyone especially new parishioners!
If you can assist the Organising Team – please contact Katarina O'Connor (0433947903) or Zuzy at the Parish Office (62261086) –
yass@cg.org.au

Keep watching this space – final details next 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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR WELL-READ MUM GROUP.

Read great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship and meaningful conversations.

The group next meets on **Friday 30th October at 7 pm.**

For more information contact: Anna Healey 0417 429 016

Or visit: www.wellreadmom.com



FOLLOW CATHOLIC VOICE

<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicVoiceAustralia/>

<https://www.instagram.com/thecatholicvoice/>

<https://www.youtube.com/catholicvoice>

COMMUNION REFLECTION

On this mountain the Lord will prepare a banquet for all people.

We are here this day
at God's invitation.

There is no VIP section,
no conditions for being invited,
he has prepared his banquet,
his Eucharist,
for all peoples.

The only condition is that we want to be here,
that we know our need for God,
our need to be nourished by the Bread of Life,
to be forgiven by the Word of God,
and then we are sent to be this Bread of Life.

This bread is baked, blessed,
broken, and shared
in the name of Jesus,
as the bread of life
was baked, blessed,
broken, and shared by his disciples.

Nourish us, Lord Jesus,
with the bread that satisfies
our hunger for meaning and direction in our lives,
our thirst for a companionship that is always faithful,
our hope for the fullness of forgiveness,
our deep need to know we are truly loved.

No conditions for joining in this banquet;
come to God as you are,
and you will return
blessed, refreshed, strengthened
and sent forth in his name.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 18th October, 2026

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

First Reading

Isaiah 45: 1.4-6

I am the Lord, there is no other.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians: 1.1-5

Paul greets the Thessalonians.

Gospel

Matthew 22: 15-21

Render to Caesar what is Caesars.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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.



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Monica Field

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

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

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

11 th Oct	Joe Morrissey	1	Sue Morrissey	2
	Michael Green	3		
18 th Oct	Steve Scroope	1	Eva Karakotas	2
	Peter Cledary	3		

ALTAR SERVERS

11th Oct Rithika Joseph

18th Oct Jackson Pearce

COUNTERS

11th Oct Zuzy Webster Di Carey Darren Lepp

18th Oct Annalissa Alexander Steve Scroope Tracy McKay

ALTAR CLEANERS

12th Oct Susan Bucknell

26th Oct Zuzy Webster

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

Our Parish Bulletin is made possible each week by our generous sponsors, please support them.

Woolaroo Merino Stud, Designing Windows,
Yass Priceline Pharmacy,
Ray White Rural Yass and Yass Earthmovers.