

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.



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

17th / 18th October, 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

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. Please pray for Pope Leo's health and recovery.
2. **This weekend we are holding the World Mission Sunday.** Envelopes for donations are available at the end of the pews or scan the QR code on the bottom of page 2. Please give generously and support the Mission of the church.
3. **Parish Lunch is only week away.** We are keen to receive RSVPs and offers to assist with the catering ASAP – please see the QR Code on page 3, RSVP using the form at the back of each Church or contact Katarina or Parish Office.
4. **Liturgy Team meeting** will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 20 October at the Presbytery.
5. **PPC meeting** will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 20 October at the Presbytery.
6. **Thank you** for joining the Holy Rosary last Saturday in a large number. Keep praying the Rosary, especially the rest of October.



*This weekend we welcome into
our Church community:*

Donovan child of Ned and Alyssa

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



Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel



Religious Education in the Classroom

Year 3's Religious Education unit examines that a community's purpose is revealed through its history and the participation of its members. Students had the opportunity to walk around our parish grounds to look for clues that have shaped our community. Fr Peter visited Year 3 to talk about the history of St. Augustine's Parish.

*Eva Karakotas
Religious Education Coordinator*



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united



This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

October

Sat./Sun. 17/18 **World Mission Sunday**
Support of the Mission of the Church

Sun. 25th 10.15 am **Children's Liturgy of the Word**
- St Augustine's Church

Sun. 25th 12.00 pm **Parish Lunch 12.00pm noon**
Please bring a plate to share
- Mt Carmel PAC

November

Sun. 8th 10.15 am **Children's Liturgy of the Word**
- St Augustine's Church

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Please bring a plate to share
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I am the vine you are the branches ... John 15: 5

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

Position Vacant – Retreat Centre Manager, St Clement's, Galong

Essential Requirements:

- Demonstrated experience in hospitality
- Strong people leadership capability
- Excellent organisational skills
- Demonstrated ability in planning and logistics
- Well-developed communication skills
- Experience in finance and administration
- Understanding of Safeguarding, health and safety standards
- Confidence using Microsoft products
- Alignment with Catholic values

You are invited to apply for this permanent full-time position based onsite in Galong via Seek at <https://au.seek.com/job/94830582>, where full position details are available including the application process.

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

**Walk across after Mass –
lunch served around 12 noon.**



PLEASE RSVP TODAY! → QR CODE or FORMS

You are all welcome to the Parish Lunch!
There is no cost.



Please bring your own Drinks



We would love to see everyone especially new parishioners!

Invite others to come with you – kids, families, everyone!

**If you wish to assist, please contact Katarina O'Connor
(0433947903) or Zuzy at the Parish Office (62261086) –**

yass@cg.org.au

Thanks to those who have already volunteered with catering.

Freedom in Christ Advent Retreat

A weekend of teaching and prayer to find healing and freedom in Christ

Retreat focussed on:

- Discovering the keys to freedom and being able to use them
- Forgiveness from the heart
- Renouncing the enemy's lies
- Listening to the Fathers voice and receiving His blessing

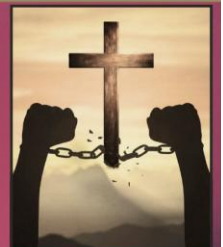
4th Dec Friday 6pm - 6th Dec Sunday 2pm

St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah

Contact - Sharita DSouza, MGL - 040356388 or
email on - sharitadsouza.mgl@gmail.com

REGISTER @ [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DPQOM](https://www.trybooking.com/DPQOM)

Based on Unbound by Neal Lozano, hosted with permission from Heart of the Father Ministries.



Scan the QR Code to Register



Missionaries of God's Love
Sisters DISCIPLES OF JESUS

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



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

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COMMUNION REFLECTION

Be thankful

Let's be thankful
for the simple things of life;
for what is ordinary and everyday,
for what we take for granted.

Qualities of the body like health and energy,
personal qualities like courage in any problems;
for food and for shelter,
for friendships and love in life.

Can we be grateful also
for what tries us in life,
like failure and let-down,
loss and downheartedness?
For it may deepen our love
and our appreciation of life.

Let's be grateful for faith and for prayer,
for the closeness of God in sacrament and love;
for the meaning in life
which comes from faith, family and love.
It's good to be thankful,
it keeps us humble and we know our place:
that so much we have is from others.

For what we cannot now be grateful,
for the conflicts and what seems impossible in our lives,
we offer in prayer and hope to God,
knowing that he lives our life to the full.

Thanks is the big word of our Mass,
for Eucharist means thanks.
Let's offer the care we give to others
as a way of saying thanks to God.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Jose Gomes, Harold O'Brien,
Fr. Sebastian Luistro and 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

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 25th October, 2026

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

First Reading

Treat all people with generosity.

Exodus 22: 20-26

Second Reading

The Thessalonians have become a model for others.

1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

Gospel

Jesus is asked to name the greatest commandment of the law.

Matthew 22: 34-40

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

18 th Oct	Steve Scroope	1	Eva Karakotas	2
	Peter Cleary	3		
25 th Oct	Susan Bucknell	1	Peter Gibbs	2
	Bob Nash	3		

ALTAR SERVERS

18 th Oct	Jackson Pearce		
25 th Oct	Zoe Leahy	Mackie Leahy	

COUNTERS

18 th Oct	Annalissa Alexander	Steve Scroope	Tracy McKay
25 th Oct	Peter Cleary	Cathy Cleary	Peter Gibbs

ALTAR CLEANERS

26 th Oct	Zuzy Webster	9 th Nov	Irene Carr
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VINNIES MATTERS - OZANAM APPEAL



We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the response to this year's Ozanam Appeal. In total, we received \$2,292! It is so amazing to know that we have the support of the parish to continue

to make our contributions to our twin conferences, so that they can do their work. What makes your generosity equally heartening is that it is very likely that none of us will ever meet the people this money will ultimately assist, but you gave anyway. It is so encouraging to feel that you understand the vision of the St Vincent de Paul Society, that you are willing to give a "hand up". Jesus is obviously still at work in all of you.

No matter the size of your donation, or if this time around you've only been able to give your prayers, please believe that "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (2 Cor. 9:11)

If you'd still like to donate, please see the bank details in last week's bulletin.

As always, 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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