



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

Bowing, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gunning, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

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ST AUGUSTINE'S 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.

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.



Parish Priest	Father	Peter My
Parish Secretary	Zuzy	Webster
Chair Finance Committee	Paul	O'Mara
Chair Parish Council	Peter	Cleary
Principal of the School	Michael	Green
School Community Council	Amber	Maher
Sacramental Team Leader	Anne	Mattappallil

Parish Office Open +++++ Mon. to Thu. 9 am – 3 pm

WEEKEND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass	6:00 pm	Uniting Church Hall Murrumbateman
Sunday Mass	8:30 am	St Francis Xavier 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
1 st Sat. of Month	Murrumbateman	5.15 pm - 5.45 pm
	<i>(First Saturday of the month)</i>	
Sundays	Gunning	8:00 am - 8:15 am

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

6th & 7th May 2023



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

PARISH PRAYER

Lord God, may we, as St Augustine's Parish, be a united and welcoming community recognising the need for Christ in our lives and serving the Christ in others. May we, as community, continue to face challenges together serving and supporting individuals and our families through our own personal efforts and our parish support groups. Guide us with your patient love. Fill us with your infinite Wisdom. Pour out your rich blessings upon us as we reach out to one another to fulfil our spiritual and pastoral needs as One in Christ, in community, and in faith, hope and love. AMEN.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

BAPTISMS

Yass	Saturdays	10:30 am
Gunning Parish	2 nd Sunday of the month	8:30 am (during Mass)

Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Mon, Tue, or Wed.)

MARRIAGES

By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

School Enrolments

Mt Carmel School: Kindergarten to Yr 6.

Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FROM FR PETER

1. **Mother's Day is on Sunday 14th May.** Children from our Mt Carmel School will be making a special Mother's Day card to give to each of the mothers at Mass. Please come along to Mass, receive your card and enjoy a 'cuppa' in the church grounds afterwards.
2. At the meetings of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee last week many items were discussed. Formation of the various roles of the new PPC were defined and these can be found on page 3 of the bulletin. The topic of a church at Murrumbateman was also covered and is an item which is undergoing further review.
3. Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held at Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. All children are invited to be part of the activities centred around the particular weekend's Gospel.

THE YEAR OF *Walking Together*

The Risen Lord walked together
with the disciples on the
road to Emmaus,
drawing them from anxiety to hope,
from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common
Emmaus walk,
with You alone to guide us,
make Your home in our hearts;
as we pour "new wine into
Fresh wineskins". (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit,
May we give birth to a renewed faith
and united pastoral action
in this Archdiocese in the year ahead.

First Eucharist – Sunday 25th June 2023

Please pray for...

Hugh McPherson	Zoe Medway
Abby Hillman	Jack Butt
Kalon Vu	Lily Butt
Ruby Laughton	Lola Finnigan
Amelie Nagle	Isla Townsend
Conor Guiney	Magnus Felizardo
Benjamin Webster	Mable Adie
Alayla Dorris	Harry Donoghue
Phoebe Doyle	Kayd Wheatley
Ruby Hallam	Xavier Doyle
Dylan O'reill	Rory Doyle
Jaxon Field	Grace Deer
Zoey Leahy	
Fletcher Lees	



Please pray for the children as they prepare for
First Holy Communion

Lord Jesus,

Bless all the children who are receiving Holy
Communion for the first time.

May that day be an initial step into a life-long love
of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that
they will turn to you for comfort, guidance and
wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your
Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this
sacred sacrament. AMEN.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

The Way, the Truth and the Life

When Thomas asks, 'we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answers by saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.



Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel



Mt Carmel School implements the Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia (CSYMA) Junior program. CSYMA is a four-phase method that provides a model of student formation. It is an effective model of evangelisation and formation integrated into the Religious Education curriculum. The four-phase model consists of an initial retreat experience, Religious Education resources, implementation of the Junior Ministry team and connecting students into the broader Church community.



to any new parishioners and visitors to the Parish Family of St Augustine's.

A Parish 'MORNING CUPPA'

will be held after Mass on Sunday 14th May in the church grounds.

Stay and have a 'Cuppa' and chat

PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE

ALL WELCOME



Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé – Sunday 7th May

You are cordially invited to our monthly service of Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé. This ecumenical service consists of prayer through a psalm, short bible reading, prayer of intercessions, a period of silent reflection and features the beautiful Taizé songs. Join us for contemplative prayer in the peaceful and intimate setting of the historic Murrumbateman Uniting Church.



Location/Time: Murrumbateman Uniting Church (30 East St) 6pm to 6.45pm

For more information contact Paul: paultreize@bigpond.com 0412 256 014

Catholic Care/Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program 10 May – 5-9 pm Manuka

Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple.

Information and registration at www.marriagefamily.org.au

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at MASS on Sunday 14 May



All children are invited to be part of the activities centered around the particular weekend's Gospel.

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help in this important ministry. *Please consider helping.* Program and resources will be provided.
- For further information contact Mandy Leahy 0408117471 or Peter Cleary - 0427 608 765

Financially Speaking



Collections Received in March 2023

1st Collection: \$ 2150.50

(includes 30% share from the Smart Tap Machine and Baptism donations)

2nd Collection: \$ 6,391.00

Includes:

Loose at Mass, Planned Giving, EFT, Direct Debits and Credit Card and Smart Terminal (Tap Machine).

Thank you very much for your donations.

Please help in the financial planning of the running of the parish by becoming a member of the Planned Giving Program. Information Form and envelopes are available from the Parish Office. Phone Zuzy, Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, on 6226 1086 to arrange your membership.

Parish Finance Committee Members

Paul O'Mara	Mark Valencic
David Garland	Trish Gibbs
Irene Carr	

Ex Officio Members

Fr Peter My	Zuzy	Webster
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Parish Pastoral Council Members

Peter Cleary	<i>Chair</i>	Michael Van WanRooy	<i>Welfare</i>
Susan Bucknell	<i>Liturgy</i>	Jennie Fischer	<i>Social Justice</i>
Mandy Leahy	<i>Youth</i>	Lara Kirk	<i>Ecumenism</i>
Perry Healey	<i>and</i>	Genevieve Colbert	<i>Education</i>
Katarina O'Connor	<i>Social</i>	Team	<i>Maintenance</i>

Ex Officio Members

Fatherr Peter My	Zuzy	Webster
Michael Green		

A Parish 'EVENING CUPPA' following the Vigil Mass this SATURDAY 6th MAY

in the Murrumbateman Uniting Church Hall



ALL WELCOME

TUE 23 MAY | MARRIAGE/FAMILY LIFE COCKTAIL DINNER | 6:45 PM

Enjoy a fun night out with parishioners from across the Archdiocese while Catholic author, comedian and theologian - Christopher Padgett - helps us laugh our way to a more hopeful vision of the Church's proclamation of marriage and family life. **All welcome – single, married, young and old. Tickets are \$45 and include wine, soft drinks, hot finger food and dessert.** Venue: Veritas Building, ACU Watson.

Enquiries: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

Registration: <http://bit.ly/PadgettCocktail>

TUESDAY 23 MAY | CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST | 7:00 – 8:45 AM

Have breakfast at Haydon Hall with like minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York), Chris Padgett uses humour and personal stories to inspire and encourage men young and old to take hold of the awesome vision the Church proclaims for developing our lives and relationships to the full. **Cost:** \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220)

Enquiries Frank Stanford fstanford200@gmail.com 0417 664 110

Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>

LADIES MORNING TEA - ALL WELCOME

Thu. 10am 11 May at Yass Soldiers Club



IGNITE CONFERENCE 2023

SYDNEY 28 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER

Cathedral Precinct, Waitara

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Ignite Conference has something for everyone with streams for kids, high schoolers, young adults and deeper sessions for 25+. Featuring the Ignite Youth Team plus incredible speakers like Fr Rob Galea, Sam Clear, Brendanh Malone. **INFORMATION REGISTRATION GO TO IGNITECONFERENCE.COM.AU**

SICK OR HOUSEBOUND

Do you know someone who would like the Blessed Eucharist taken to them on Sundays?

To have a Special Minister visit contact the Parish Office on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays between 9:00am and 3:00 pm.



COMMUNION REFLECTION

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The way that guides our steps, another name for the Lord Jesus. Like a path guides us through a forest in the mist, the Lord guides our way in life.

He has walked our ways before: knowing bereavements and failure, knowing rejection and poverty, knowing loneliness and loss of faith.

He is the Truth that enlightens our mind; like a glimpse of light in the fog; he gives meaning in times of emptiness, some experiences of peace in confusion, and certainty that we can find the Truth of Life in the gospel of his Father.

And he is the Life.

He gives hope and comfort in our yearnings for fullness, he gives a confidence that the biggest gift of all is life, and that in emptiness and pain, in doubt and confusion, he offers a new surge of life, the life that comes from knowing that we are loved intensely and called to love as best we can in life.

Thus we live in the way, the truth, and the life of God, in Jesus Christ, for he says, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

READINGS NEXT WEEK 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

First Reading Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17
The Messiah is proclaimed and accepted in Samaria.

Second Reading 1 Pt 3: 15-18
Suffer for good deeds, not evil.

Gospel Jn 14: 15-21
Jesus promises disciples the Paraclete..

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

MAKING A DONATION TO THE PARISH



Located at the back of the church is a 'Tap Machine' setup for donations using your debit card or credit card. Try it out, if this is a more suitable way of giving for you.

The plate for donations during Mass will still be used. Also, donations can be made using Planned Giving Envelopes, EFT and Credit Card on a regular basis (contact the Parish Office, talk to Zuzy who can arrange this for you).

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently deceased

Craig & Dianne Perry and Eric Myers

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

Thomas Williamson (1/5), Brendan Reardon (2/5), David Warren (2/5), Herbert Vincent (3/5), Ron McGrath (4/5), Mary McReynolds (5/5), Vea Teofilo (5/5), Robert Delbridge (6/5), Maude Baker (6/5), Bill Smith (7/5), Jennifer Rowan (7/5), Gwendoline Bayley (8/5), Thomas Horton (10/5), Kevin Crossley (10/5), Franjo Bambic (12/5), Bruce McDonald (12/5), Florence Vincent (12/5), Maureen McGrath (14/5), John Foran (14/5), Rubina Crossley (15/5), Norman Carey (16/5), Zygmunt Banaszczyk (18/5), Ian Kennedy (18/5), Cassandra Friend (20/5), Edward McReynolds (20/5), Esther Tully (25/5), Thomas Richmond (27/5), Corrina Medway (22/5), Beryl Downey (23/5), Colette Dawes (23/5), Elizabeth McRae (23/5), Sheila Armstead (23/5), Margaret Lawrence (23/5), John Hill (25/5), Lorna Simpson (25/5), Joseph Barratt (28/5), Audrey Carey (29/5) and Emse Cregan (31/5).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm
2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful 3 = Acolyte

7th May	Eva	Karakotas	1	Linda	Swadling	2
	Frank	Grace	3			
14th May	Alan	Oakey	1	Peter	Cleary	2
	Greg	Minahan	3			

ALTAR SERVERS

7th May	Molly	McPherson	Grace	McPherson
14th May	Grace	Miller	Lucy	Miller

ALTAR CLEANERS

15th May	Kay	Perceval
29th May	Coral	Carroll

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NO JOB TOO BIG OR SMALL

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