

# 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 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 Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9 am – 3 pm

### Parish Finance Committee

Paul O'Mara (*Chair*) Mark Valencic Trish Gibbs  
David Garland Irene Carr

**Ex Officio Members** Father Peter and Zuzy Webster

### Parish Pastoral Council

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

**Ex Officio Members:** Fr. Peter Michael Green and Zuzy Webster

**Principal – Mt Carmel School** Michael Green  
**School Community Council** Amber Maher  
**Sacramental Team Leader** Anne Mattappallil

## 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.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(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.)**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

## BAPTISMS

**Yass** Saturdays 10:30 am  
**Gunning Parish** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 8:30 am (during Mass)  
*Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Mon, Tue, or Wed.)*

## 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

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Uniting Church Hall	Murrumbateman
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	St Francis Xavier Church	Gunning
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>10.15 am</b>	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
	<i>(starts with 8:40am Rosary)</i>		

## EXPOSITION

Saturday after 9:00am Mass until 10:00 am

## NURSING HOME/HOSTEL

### Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month Yass 11:00 am

### Horton/Warmington

4<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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. On Wednesday 20 December in St. Augustine's Church commencing at 6.00pm there will be Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist for one hour.

***During adoration the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated with six priests in attendance for the hearing of confession.***

Please come to have an hour's adoration in preparation for Christmas.

The 5.30pm Mass will be celebrated in the Church on that day.

If it is of help to you, Goulburn Parish will celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation the previous evening, Tuesday 19 December, at 6.30 pm in Sts. Peter & Paul Old Cathedral.

2. The timetable for Christmas Masses and all Reconciliation times is on Page 3.
3. Don't forget there will be Christmas Carols in the park (Victoria Park) on Sunday 10 December.
4. A special 'Morning Tea' will be held after Mass on Sunday 31 December to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my ordination. It will be wonderful to have the parishioners there to help me do this.
5. There are many things happening around the Archdiocese and they are all listed on Page 3 for you to read.

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024



"It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit"  
(Acts 15:28)

## YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts  
of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice  
In his consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ Our Lord.

### FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Thu. Dec:** Saint Ambrose

**Fri. Dec:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary had its origin in the East as the 'Conception of Mary by Saint Anne.' It is special through the West during the Middle Ages as the 'Immaculate Conception' and was extended to the entire Western Church in the eighteenth century. The feast celebrates Mary, preserved from sin from the moment of conception; she is the first fruits of her Son's redemption and a prophetic model of what the Church is called to be.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### Have you thought? Beginning Advent

The season of Advent begins this week and continues through the four Sundays of Advent and ends at Christmas Eve. The first week of Advent focuses on the return of the Lord and the following weeks focus more specifically on the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Rather than simply commemorating an historical event, Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to 'receive' Jesus into the world each year. Advent is traditionally marked by the colour of violet – the same colour as used in Lent. In recent years, some parishes have moved to a more blue/mauve colour for Advent to try to distinguish it from the season of Lent.

### Living the Gospel – Stay Awake!

By the time the Church begins to celebrate Advent as a period of preparation towards Christmas, the stores have been filling with Christmas paraphernalia for weeks. It starts out small with a few decorations and wrapping paper and eventually takes over every retail outlet. In the midst of this excess of Christmas consumerism, it is often difficult to draw attention to the season of Advent and the need to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. It is important to stay awake, as we are cautioned in this week's gospel. Awake to what is happening around us in the world and awake to what is happening within us.

### Gospel Focus – The Doorkeeper

The image of the doorkeeper from this week's gospel is an interesting one. It is not unusual to hear references to people being 'gatekeepers' today in relation to projects or groups working together. The role of the gatekeeper, or the doorkeeper, is to maintain a watching brief – to be alert to dangers or distractions and to ensure that everyone who is important to the process is invited to participate. Today's gospel reminds us that as believers we are to be the doorkeepers, or gatekeepers, of the Kingdom, watching for dangers and welcoming in all those who wish to enter.

Greg Sunter  
Liturgy Help



## Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

### ADVENT

The liturgical season of Advent starts on Sunday 3 December, the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Advent means 'coming' and it is a time of preparation, waiting and praying for the arrival of Jesus Christ. 1AH will lead our Week 1 Advent Prayer Service next Monday morning at 9am. Parents and families are welcome to attend.



Eddie from 3ER was recently baptised at St Augustine's Church. Congratulations Eddie. He shared his experience with the class.



## THE NEXT CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at MASS will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December \*

**All children are invited to attend**

And be part of the activities centred around the Gospel.

**\* This will be the last Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass for 2023  
and will recommence in February 2024**

### A Parish 'MORNING CUPPA'



will be held after Mass next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the church grounds.

Stay and have a 'Cuppa' and chat

**Our next Morning 'Cuppa' will be held on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.**

Please mark it on your calendar as it will be a **special Morning Tea** to celebrate  
with Fr Peter the anniversary of his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination.



*This weekend we welcomed into our  
Church community:*

Isabelle Grace

child of

Patrick and Sarah



### 7 Dec | Roundtable on Domestic Church

In preparation for our Archdiocesan Assembly in October 2024 you are invited to participate in a series of prayerful listening & discussion 'roundtables' on various topics. This Thu 7th Dec we will reflect on the blessings and challenges of family life in relation to the evangelising mission of the Church. Attend in person (St Christopher's Pastoral Centre) or online (Zoom). 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

More info at [www.cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables/](http://www.cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables/)

Register at <https://tally.so/r/3xJdY9>

### 8 Dec | Ministry Support Officer Applications Close

The Archdiocese is seeking a skilled applicant keen to provide practical and administrative support to the Marriage Family & Relationships. For more information and to apply text "Job Info" to 0429 192 869 by Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

### 8 Dec | Sponsorships close for JPPII Immersion Course

Young Adults aged 18-35 years are invited to apply for sponsorship to attend a 6 day Theology of the Body Immersion Course on JPPII's Love and Responsibility with Dr Christopher West, 21-26 Jan at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville. Info at [www.sydneycatholic.org/events/summer-series/](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/events/summer-series/)  
To apply for sponsorship text "JPPII Course" to 0429 192 896 by Fri 8 Dec.

### 13 Dec | Zoom Information Evening – Ministry to the Newly Married

Are you recently married (in the past 2 years) or about to be married? Come and hear about a mentoring program for couples in the first 5 years of their marriage called Ministry to the Newly Married (MNM). Join us for a zoom info evening about how the MNM Program works 7pm-8pm Thu 7Dec. Details: Ralph & Angela (m) 0401 994 081 OR Helena and Richard on 0405 440 463 (e) [contact@newlymarried.org](mailto:contact@newlymarried.org).  
More info <https://bit.ly/MinistryNewlyMarried>. Reg for 2024 before 12 Jan.

## YASS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

### SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

#### VICTORIA PARK YASS

Activities start 4.30pm

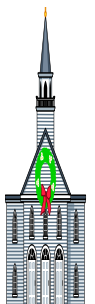
Market Stalls/ Kids Games/Hot Food/Coffee & more

### CAROLS START 6.00PM



## MASS TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23.12.2023</b>	<i>Vigil Mass</i> Uniting Church Hall	Murrumbateman
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24.12.2023</b>	<b>No Sunday Morning Masses</b>	
	5pm 7pm 11pm	St Francis Xavier Mount Carmel School Grounds St Brigid's (Vietnamese)	Gunning Yass Dickson
<b>Monday</b>	<b>25.12.2023</b>		
	10.15am	St Augustine's	Yass



## RECONCILIATION TIMES

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20.12.2023</b>			
	6pm	Second Rite	St Augustine's	Yass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>23.12.2023</b>			
	10am -10.30am	St Augustine's		Yass
	5.15pm-5.45pm	Uniting Church		Murrumbateman

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

It is said that while there is life there is hope.  
 This has an even deeper meaning in reverse:  
 while there is hope there is life.  
 Hope is strength,  
 Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.  
 It inspires the will to live.  
 It is the doctor's most powerful ally.  
 It is a shield against defeat and failure.  
 It revives ideals and renews dreams.  
 As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.  
 Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope  
 for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
 In the final analysis, he is our hope.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

#### First Reading

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.

#### Second Reading

2 Peter 3: 8-14:

The Lord shows great patience.

#### Gospel

Mark 1: 1-8

John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah.

*Please reflect on these readings over the coming week*

### CHANGING OR CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?



Please notify the Parish Office of any changes to your address/phone number.

If you are new to the parish 'Welcome'.  
 Please fill out a New Parishioner Information Card located at the rear of the church. This helps our parish in being aware of those new to the parish of St Augustine in Yass.

*Thank you.*

## B&V ENGINEERING & WORKWEAR

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8:30 – 5:00 Monday to Friday • 9:00 – 12:00 Saturday

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

*Daren Wales, Frank Dorris, Therese Cullen,  
 John (Jack) Wales, Sr. Margarita Duffy RSM*

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

*Betty Barber (1/12), Jessica Walker (1/12),  
 Eric Bernard (1/12), Eric Bell (1/12), Judith Whittaker (1/12),  
 Beulah (Bubbles) Garry (3/12), Neville Bonnette (5/12),  
 William Freebody (5/12), Geraldine Smith (6/12)  
 Rae O'Brien (8/12), Mary Wicks (8/12), Mary Warren (9/12),  
 Patricia (Jeannie) Merritt (9/12), Judith Woods (13/12),  
 Valerie Hanrahan (13/12), Lorna Fing (19/12),  
 John Gray (21/12), Jessamine Williams (21/12),  
 Nataline Parkin (29/12), Michael Cooke (26/12),  
 Gary Teale (30/12) and William Jefcoate (31/12).*

***Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered***

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

1 = 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Responsorial Psalm

2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Prayers of the Faithful

3 = Acolyte

3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Peter	Gibbs	1	Steve	Scroope	2
	Peter	Cleary	3			
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Peter	Cleary	1	Jaclyn	Green	2
	Frank	Grace	3			

#### ALTAR SERVER

3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Grace	Miller	Lily	Butt	Fletcher	Lees
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reima	Rithika	Ronith	Joseph		

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Coral	Carroll
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>CHRISTMAS CLEAN – 9.30am</b>	
	<b>PLEASE COME IF YOU CAN.</b>	

## 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).***

*Thank you for your generosity and support.*

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