

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

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Ex Officio Members Father Peter and Zuzy Webster

Parish Pastoral Council

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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.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

13th & 14th January 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord; he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION

will replace weekday Masses during January 2024
as Fr Peter will be on leave

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

Will be held after the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Services

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

**** There are no Masses in January 2024 as Fr Peter will be on leave.**

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.

BAPTISMS

Yass Saturdays 10:30 am
Gunning Parish 2nd 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.



FROM FATHER PETER AT THE PRESBYTERY

1. Fr Peter is on well-deserved annual leave until 3rd of February 2024. The following visiting priests will help us to celebrate weekend Masses whilst he is away:

Weekend of 13/14 January Fr. Richard Thompson, Vicar General

Weekend of 20/21 January Fr. James Anthony

Weekend of 27/28 January Fr. Troy Bobbin

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Saturday mornings will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion and held in St. Augustine's Church as usual. Exposition will follow all of these services.

Named for the Cosmos

What's in a name? A Lot, if it is God who confers the name. Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of God-for-us, knew the power of naming in relation to calling and destiny.

What is the name which God the creator gives to human beings, to humanity, i.e. to you and to me?

In the beautiful imagery of the Jewish Scriptures, in the book of Genesis, God breathed into the nostrils of a figure made of clay, and names the first human being 'Adam', a name which means 'earth creature' (Gen 2:7).

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus using his Divine power to name in relation to vocation and destiny.

God delegated to my parents, to your parents, the privilege of conferring a name. God has known you by that name, and your divinely desired role for the cosmos, even before you were conceived. (Jer 1:5)

That is the name with which you will answer at death and at the end of time to the question:

My beloved [name],

did you fulfil your role and vocation as an earth creature to garden the earth (Gen 2:15),

to act as 'salt of the earth', i.e. to make it life-giving over a long period of time, and to act as 'the light of the cosmos', i.e. to enable the cosmos, through your mind an heart, to love and praise its Creator. (Mat 5:13-16)?

How will you answer?



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:

Wed. 17 Jan: Saint Anthony

PRAYER TO SAINT ANTHONY TO RECOVER LOST THINGS

O blessed St. Anthony,
the grace of God has made you a powerful advocate
in all our needs and the patron
for the restoring of things lost or stolen.
I turn to you today with childlike love and deep confidence.
You have helped countless children of God
to find the things they have lost,
material things, and, more importantly,
the things of the spirit: faith, hope, and love.
I come to you with confidence;
help me in my present need.
I recommend what I have lost to your care,
in the hope that God will restore it to me,
if it is His holy Will.

Amen

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – VOCATION

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, *vocare*, meaning call or name. Realising to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT? WHY DISCIPLES?

Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.

Greg Sunter – Liturgy Help



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

January

Mon. 8th Father Peter on leave until Fri. 2nd February 2024.

February

Thu. 8th 9.30 am **School Opening Mass.**
Everyone welcome to attend.

Sun. 11th 10.15 am **Reconciliation Commitment Mass**
- St Augustine's Church
(Proposed date)

Tue. 13th 5.30 pm First PFC Meeting for 2024

Wed. 14th Ash Wednesday

9.30 am School Mass with distribution of Ashes

5.30 pm Parish Mass with distribution of Ashes

Tue. 20th 6.30 pm First PPC Meeting for 2024

March

Fri. 1st 10.00 am **World Day of Prayer.**
St Augustine's Parish to host this ecumenical prayer service. To be held in the Lovat Chapel. All welcome to attend.



Thu. 21st 6.30 pm **First Reconciliation**
- St Augustine's Church
(Proposed date)

April

Sun. 7th 10.15 am **Farewell Mass & Morning Tea for the Sisters of Mercy.**
- St Augustine's Church



Sun. 7th 10.15 am **First Eucharist Commitment Mass**
- St Augustine's Church
(Proposed date)

June

Sun. 2nd 10.30 am **Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist.**
- St Augustine's Church - (Proposed date)

July

Sun. 28th 10.15 am **Confirmation Commitment Mass**
- St Augustine's Church
(Proposed date)

September

Sun. 22nd 10.30 am **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation**
- St Augustine's Church - (Proposed date)

I am the vine you are the branches John 15: 5

FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE NEEDY PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

Please bring along a donation of tinned food when coming to Mass to assist in this worthy cause.

A basket for donations of non-perishable goods is placed at the back of the church.



Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

have been handed out over the last 4 weeks



If you didn't receive your envelopes for 2024, or would like to become a member of the Planned Giving Program, please contact Zuzy at the Parish Office on Mondays or Tuesdays. Your donations make a real difference to vitality of St Augustine's Parish.

Thank you

Tribunal of the Catholic Church - Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Canberra Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

For further information please phone the Canberra Office of the Tribunal Office on **6239 9813** or email tribunal@cg.org.au

JAN - FEB 2024 | INTRODUCTORY CPE COURSE

Are you interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others by learning how to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care?

An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered online using Zoom in January/February 2024. This short 40-hour course will comprise of 6 sessions and run from 9am to 3.30pm, commencing Mon 29, then Tues 30, Wed 31 January, then Mon 5, Tues 6 and Mon 12 Feb.

Applications close on Thursday January 25, 2024. For more information please contact Barbara Hall at barbarahall1909@gmail.com or phone: **0418 413 731** - See brochure on the Parish Notice Board

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE) 400 HOUR FOUNDATIONAL UNIT

Are you drawn to

- Growing in knowledge, understanding and developing skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care?
- Deepening your awareness of spirituality in your life and of people's spiritual needs, hopes and concerns during times of illness?
- Becoming more aware of your own values, attitudes and assumptions?

A CPE Foundational Unit will be offered as a blend of both online and in person sessions conducted on Wednesdays from February to June 2024. (Limited places are still available.)

Please contact Barbara Hall at barbarahall1909@gmail.com or phone: **0418 413 731** for more information and an application form.

See brochure on the Parish Notice Board

Calling Catholic Mental Health Professionals

Join the Raphael Network, founded in 2023 for Australian Catholic mental health professionals. We blend psychology with Christian anthropology—body, mind, spirit—and Catholic teachings. Enjoy online talks, an annual retreat, and peer support. We're a hub for holistic well-being, referrals, and resources. Apply at www.raphaelnetwork.org.au



COMMUNION REFLECTION

COME AND SEE

The searcher in us wants to see what the Lord has to offer: **Come and see.**

We want peace in our hearts, freedom from fears and anxieties: **Come and see.**

We want to know that life is forever, and that love is worthwhile, even when we feel our life and love are wasted: **Come and see.**

We want to know that someone cares all the time for the poor and the needy: **Come and see.**

We want to be sure that God is kind and loving and is as close to us as he says he is: **Come and see.**

We want to know that the mystery we call God is in the middle of all the mysteries of human life: **Come and see.**

We want to know that one day there will be life and joy forever and we will hear from Jesus: **Come and see.**

MAKING DONATIONS

- **On the plate during Mass** – cash & Planned Giving envelopes.
- **Planned Giving Envelopes** – become a member and obtain your envelopes by contacting Zuzy at the Parish Office.
- **'Tap Machine'** – (Smart Terminal) Located at the back of the church. Set up for \$5, \$10 or \$20 donations with an option for other amounts. *(These donations are split 30% to the 1st Collection and 70% to the 2nd Collection).*
- **EFT** - Using your home computer or phone. In making donations **it is very important to put Yass as the reference and if PG please add your envelope number and surname.**

Bank Details are:-

1st Collection

To the Archdiocese:- (support of Parish Priests)

BSB: 062-786
Account No: 000019611
Account Name: St Augustine's Parish, Yass Presbytery

2nd Collection

For the Parish:- (to assist in operating expenses, eg. gas, electricity, rates, wages etc.)

BSB: 062-786
Account No: 000013002
Account Name: St Augustine's Parish, Church Yass

- **CREDIT CARD** on regular basis. (Contact Zuzy at the Parish Office to arrange this).

Thank you for your donations

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Anthony Hagerty, Brian O'Connor

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

*Glen Snowden (1/1), Brian Rosser (1/1),
Maureen Field (5/1), Noel Maher (5/1), Alfred Warner (7/1),
Toby Abbey (8/1), Bruce Longley (11/1), Frank Carey (12/1),
Barry Wales (16/1), Patricia Brown (17/1),
George Power (17/1), William Brassil (17/1),
John Warren (18/1), Patrick Cleary (20/1),
Robyn Rees (20/1), Margaret Horne (22/1),
Vincent Brown (22/1), Jessica Patrick (23/1),
Markus Gibson-Huck (24/1), Peter Bell (24/1),
Len Dawes (25/1), Tony Cooke (25/1), Rachel Gorst (25/1),
Brian O'Mara (28/1), Edward Balnaves (28/1),
Lily Delaney (28/1) and Michael Hickey (29/1).*

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

2024

14 th Jan	Reg Peter	Bucknell Cleary	1 3	Susan	Bucknell	2
21 st Jan	Reima Frank	Joseph Grace	1 3	Ronith	Joseph	2

ALTAR SERVER

14 th Jan	Grace	Miller	Lily	Butt
21 st Jan	Mackie	Leahy	Zoe	Leahy

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

First Reading

Jonah 3: 1-3, 5-10

Jonah is sent to save Nineveh.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

The time is short.

Gospel

Mark 1: 14-20

Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee, calls his disciples.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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