

Welcome to the HISTORIC PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE, YASS

established 1838

Located in the Yass Valley the Parish covers a large area including
Bowning, 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
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Ex Officio Members Father Peter and Zuzy Webster

Parish Pastoral Council

Peter Cleary (*Chair*) Michael Van Wanrooy *Welfare*
Susan Bucknell *Liturgy* Jennie Fischer *Social Justice*
Mandy Leahy *Youth* Lara Kirk *Ecumenism*
Perry Healey *and* 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.



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

20th & 21st January, 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

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
	<i>(starts with 8:40am Rosary)</i>		

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 THE PRESBYTERY

- 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.
- This coming Friday, 26 January, is Australia Day. The usual 12.00pm Mass will be replaced with a celebration for *Australia Day Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion* at 9.00am in St. Augustine's Church.
- Thank you** to Rod and Kay Perceval for donating a microphone for Lovat Chapel. This donation is appreciated by the Parish and Mt Carmel School.

The Eyes Have It

For the Jewish people, the greatest enduring memory is of their liberation from slavery in Egypt, from their subjection to the despotic rule of the Pharaoh.

Thereafter, any oppressor or despot who used political or financial power to lord it over others, to enslave them in a hundred different ways, could be referred to as a 'Pharaoh'.

I would like you to listen for a moment to a dramatic passage from the Jewish scriptures with which Jesus would have been familiar. Ezekiel is inspired to proclaim:

'The Lord Yahweh says this:

Now I set myself against you,

Pharaoh king of Egypt, you great crocodile wallowing in your Niles, you have said:

My Niles are mine, I made them.'

And then God takes on the role of a fisherman!

'I am going to put hooks through your jaws

make your Nile fish stick to your scales,

and pull you out of your Niles

with all your Nile fish sticking to your scales.

I shall drop you in the desert, with all your Nile fish.

You will fall on open ground

and not be taken up or buried.' (Ez 29:3-5)

So when the Jewish Jesus says to the Jewish Simon and Andrew 'I will make you into fishers of men', then, amongst the many levels of meaning, they would have heard the allusion to Ezekiel.

Jesus was telling them that he was setting them on a course of confrontation. He was creating a society of liberated human beings, called the 'Kingdom of God'. That will involve struggle against the powerful elites who oppress and enslave people. It will be as dangerous and demand as much energy as required to haul a crocodile out of the Nile.

This is an awesome summons, and yet we are told that 'straightaway' these men abandoned their nets.

These were not recreational fishermen. They were key members of family fishing operations with employees. They were being called to abandon all the familiar structure to their lives. They were being called to break with 'business as usual' and to move into a situation of peril.

And yet they did so, 'straightaway'. Generation after generation, century after century, followers of Jesus have done the same. Martin Luther King is a prime example.

He fought for an end to racial discrimination and denial of civil rights by the pharaohs of white supremacy in the United States. He was assassinated, killed by the threshing of the tail of the great crocodile of segregation.

HOMILY by Fr Michael Tate



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. 24 Jan: St Frances De Sales

Thu. 25 Jan: The Conversion of Saint Paul

REFLECTION

According to Pope Francis, 'Jesus did not mince words'. Any way you look at it, Christ's proclamation was a turning point in history with phenomenal ramifications. The moment has arrived! The Kingdom of God is close! There is Good News to be heard!

This was Jesus' message about himself. 'He was the salvation,' the Pope notes, who entered human history in a powerfully new way.

When we look at this Gospel, Jesus also had another component of his message: the way of discipleship. Its elements are straightforward: repent, believe, follow.

As the Pope elaborates, Jesus 'invites us to recognise ourselves as in need of God and his grace; to have a balanced attitude with regard to earthly goods; to be welcoming and humble toward everyone; to know and fulfil ourselves in the encounter with and service of others.' This is how we can change our lives to follow more closely the one in whom we believe.

And, as the Pope further suggests, each phase of our life 'has its own value, and can be a privileged moment of encounter with the Lord.' Therefore, we should be open to welcoming Jesus again and again in new places and situations. Whether in our parishes, homes or workplaces, our lives are full of encounters that can change us and those we meet. This is the way.

Reflection by Nick Brodie





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

Palm Sunday Australia

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.

WEB: www.palms.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

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Will gather for discussion and prayer on

Wednesday 24 January at 1.30pm

all welcome please phone

Susan Bucknell on 0466 476 043



16 March | Loreto Ex Students' Reunion in Canberra

Loreto Ex Students' Reunion in Canberra.

Saturday, 16 March, 2024

Further details: loreto.canberra@gmail.com

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Today we are in danger of being drowned in bad news.
 Jesus began his ministry by announcing good news.
 What was this good news?
 That the kingdom of heaven had come.
 The kingdom stands for the fulfilment of the promises,
 the fulness of God's,
 in short, the new order of things.
 Forgiveness is available. Recovery is possible.
 God's love is unconditional
 and is available to us in Christ.
 All we have to do is recognise our need,
 and seek his help with humility and sincerity.
 Unless we repent we can't hear the good news.

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

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

The Lord will raise up a prophet like Moses.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Devote yourself to the Lord.

Gospel

Mark 1: 21-28

Jesus commands an unclean spirit.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

Silence - Indispensable for Prayer

'For us, who are so frequently concerned with operational effectiveness and with the results we achieve, the prayer of Jesus is a reminder that we need to stop, to experience moments of intimacy with God, detaching ourselves from the turmoil of daily life in order to listen, to return to the "root" which nourishes and sustains our existence.'

Pope Benedict XVI, March 7, 2012

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

21 st Jan	Reima Frank	Joseph Grace	1 3	Ronith	Joseph	2
28 th Jan	Steve TBA	Scroope	1 3	Peter	Gibbs	2

ALTAR SERVER

21 st Jan	Mackie	Leahy	Zoe	Leahy
28 th Jan	Mackie	Leahy	Zoe	Leahy

Woolaroo Merino Stud

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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).

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