

Welcome to the HISTORIC PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE, YASS

established 1838



*St. Augustine's Church
Built 1954*

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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*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 (*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.



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

3rd & 4th February, 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.)

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

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 (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

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

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
Sundays	Gunning	8:00 am - 8:15 am



FROM THE PRESBYTERY

'Welcome Back, Father Peter.'

We hope you had a most enjoyable, relaxing holiday.

1. Mt Carmel school has returned to commence term 1 for 2024. We welcome back to school all the staff and students and hope you all had a wonderful school holiday break.
The School Opening Mass will be celebrated this Thursday 8th February at 9.30 am in St Augustine's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.
2. The first meeting for 2024 for the Parish Finance Committee will be held in the Presbytery on Tuesday 13th February at 5.30pm.
3. Lent will commence on Ash Wednesday which is on the 14th February this year. Mass times are given on the Parish Grape Vine on page 3.
4. Please read the letter below from Archbishop Christopher Prowse.
5. Some copies of the *'Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2024'* are available at the back of the church. Please take a copy to read. More are available upon request to the Parish Office should you miss out.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon. 5 Feb: Saint Agatha
Tue. 6 Feb: Saint Paul Miki and Companions
Sat. 10 Feb: Saint Scholastica



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.

Living The Gospel - Prayer

In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. The passage tells us that it was 'long before dawn' that he did this. It may have been his usual practice to pray early in the morning or he may have been restless after the events of the previous day and the thought of what lay ahead. Nevertheless, Jesus provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.

Greg Sunter Liturgy Help

EUTHANASIA (VAD) DRAFT LEGISLATION IN A.C.T. – “MISTAKEN COMPASSION”

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Monday 29th January 2024, I represented the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn at a public hearing of the Select Committee into the ACT Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation at the ACT Legislative Assembly.

In essence, the main points I articulated were as follows:

CONCERN FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

- All of us are concerned regarding our care for the vulnerable and terminally ill people of our region. It is a topic many feel uncomfortable to discuss.

VAD – POISON NOT HEALING

- Extraordinarily, however, what is proposed in this Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation (Euthanasia) is to insist that the health and healing professions are to, under certain circumstances, offer our most vulnerable loved ones poison leading to their death rather than healing. This is always wrong. It is never right.

PALLIATIVE CARE – THE WAY FORWARD

- Palliative care is the best and most comprehensive and compassionate way of responding to the vulnerable and terminally ill in our region. It is family centred, and draws the closeness, the kindness, the healing touch of Jesus to those that we are most concerned about. All other alternatives, in my mind, arise from a mistaken compassion. Yet palliative care is underfunded despite the ACT Legislative Assemblies promises to boost funding, especially to rural areas. Let us recall my earlier Pastoral Letter regarding Euthanasia: “Love does not kill.” (23/04/2023)

MY BODY/MY CHOICE ARGUMENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- Arguments for Euthanasia generally centre on the superficial mantra of, “My body, my choice.” This is a lonely and individualistic argument. It is often boosted by a very subjective and narrow understanding of Human Rights arguments. Such interpretations are not based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) which is the mother document for all Human Rights conversations. In this declaration fundamental rights are articulated but also the important duties and responsibilities that arise from asserting Human Rights.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

- The issue of conscientious objection, mentioned in the draft legislation, is a very narrow understanding, from our Catholic view point regarding this important matter. Whereas the draft legislation does protect institutions that are opposed to VAD legislation, there is a criminal penalty if such institutions do not refer the petitioner to others that will provide Euthanasia alternatives. I made it very clear to the Select Committee that the Catholic Church has a far broader understanding of conscientious objection and will not involve itself, either directly or indirectly, in any cooperation with VAD.

Dear friends, such points need to be understood by us all in the important weeks ahead. I do encourage you to become more informed regarding this debate and respond accordingly to your local Political representatives. We need to raise this issue in a reasoned and confident manner. Compassion, as a word, means “to suffer with.” This legislation is aimed to directly, through evil means, end the life of our most vulnerable and terminally ill citizens. It is a “mistaken compassion.” Let us be united in prayer and intercession that this legislation will lapse and that well-funded Palliative Care will become the priority of legislation.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn
30th January 2024



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

February

Mon. 5th **FIRST RECONCILIATION – TIMETABLE/DETAILS**
given separately in notice opposite

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

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

Tue. 13th 5.30 pm First PFC Meeting for 2024

Wed. 14th
9.30 am **Ash Wednesday**
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

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Online Information Session

Monday 5th February, 7.30pm

Please contact sacramental team email for zoom meeting invite.



Registration

Due by Thursday 8th February:-

willingness to participate in the Commitment Mass plus the preparatory
programs are essential prerequisites for the reception of First
Reconciliation.

Commitment Mass

Sunday 11th February at 10.15am

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Liturgy

Thursday 14th March 6.30pm at St Augustine's

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 21st March 6.30pm at St Augustine's

Further details are available on the Parish website under:
Mass Times – Sacraments

Tap on First Eucharist for Reconciliation then Resources

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thur. 8th February. 10am

Where: Yass Soldiers Club

All Welcome



February | Marriage Preparation Course

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples:

FOCCUS - Tues 13th Feb 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at
CatholicCare. **Evenings for the Engaged** - Sat 10th & 17th Feb 9-
3pm. **Engaged Encounter**- Sydney, Sat 24 & Sun 25. **SmartLoving** –
online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more
information contact marriage.preparation@cg.org.au To register go
to www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enq: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au or Helena Zobec **0405 440 463**

14 MARCH | AN EVENING WITH FR TIMOTHY RADCLIFFE OP

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP was Master of the Order of Preachers from
1992 to 2001. A member of the community at Blackfriars, Oxford, he is
the author of several very popular books and an internationally reputed
speaker and retreat-giver.

Date: Thursday 14 March 2024,

Place: Merc College Wise Street Braddon

Time: 5.30 - 7.00pm **Free Tickets:** <https://bit.ly/4bJSuY>

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For the full job description and selection criteria, please contact
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To Apply: Please provide a covering letter which includes your
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HISTORIC PEWS FOR SALE

40 surplus pews from the restoration of Sts Peter and Paul's Old
Cathedral. These pews are over 100 years old, made of a combination
of cedar, maple & ash. Enquiries please get in touch with Christopher
in the Parish Office: E: goulburn@cg.org.au M: 040 363 1797

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COMMUNION REFLECTION

THAT IS WHY I CAME.

Many times Jesus wondered
why he was on earth.

He knew and believed deep down in his Father's will
that he would live and die and rise for love;
that he would show the world that God cares
especially for the poor and needy.

And as he preached and prayed
and healed and forgave
in the name of God his Father,
he was a man committed to his mission.

We want that ourselves:
to have a place in the world
where we make a difference;
where we can love and be loved,
where we can share life with others.
We want to ease the lot of the sick,
to make a difference in the poverty of the world,
to create a better world for our children.

Like Jesus,
we want to know why we are here.
His conviction
of why he came
can touch us.

For all of us, like Jesus,
are here on earth for the same reasons:
to live in the love of God,
to bring that love in the ordinary places of life,
and to give praise to God in heaven.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

First Reading

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

Lepers shall be kept apart.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11:1

Do everything for the glory of God.

Gospel

Mark 1: 40-45

Jesus cures a leper.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week



YASS LEARNERS

Bernie Howe



RTA accredited older driver assessor



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or your own vehicle**



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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

June Field

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

*Barbara McKeown (1/2), Roger Vanden Bulk (1/2),
Helaine Hallahan (1/2), Nola Cooke (5/2),
Kingswell Brown (6/2), Eileen Power (7/2),
Erzsike Devrieze (10/2), Catherine Ryan (13/2),
Faye Kaveney (13/2), Warwick Stansfeild (16/2),
Alison Cooke (12/2), (Bill McManus (15/2),
Jakob Oakey (19/2), Bill Patrick (20/2), Denis Maher (20/2),
Betty Carey (20/2), Isabella Polyak (22/2),
Sydenham Dobbins (22/2), Bruce Simpson (23/2),
Muriel Hobday (23/2), Robert Ryan (23/2),
Mary Morris (24/2), Olive Dyball (25/2), Allan Field (25/2),
Harry Cooke (25/2), Reginald Bainbridge (26/2),
John Murphy (28/2), Thomas Barber (28/2)
and Marija Ivanisevic (28/2).*

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful

3 = Acolyte

4 th Feb	Kate	Walker	1	Peter	Cleary	2
	Peter	Walker	3			
11 th Feb	Jaclyn	Green	1	Russell	Hill	2
	Greg	Minahan	3			

ALTAR SERVER

4 th Feb	Grace	Miller	Lily	Butt
11 th Feb	Reima and	Rithika and	Ronith	Joseph

ALTAR CLEANERS

5 th Feb	Geraldine	Doyle
19 th Feb	Kath	Moore

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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