

# 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 (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.



## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2024



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me  
with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy  
the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will  
confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of  
my sin. (R.)

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all  
you upright of heart. (R.)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

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  
(starts with 8:40am Rosary)

## 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 FR PETER AT THE PRESBYTERY

1. Lent will commence on Ash Wednesday this week, 14<sup>th</sup> February. Mass with distribution of Ashes will be held at 8.30am in Gunning at St Francis Xavier Church and at 5.30pm in St Augustine's Church in Yass. Liturgy with distribution of Ashes will be held at Mt Carmel School at 9.30am.  
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.
2. First Reconciliation commitment will be held this Sunday at the 10.15am Mass.
3. The World Day of Prayer will be held this year in the Lovat Chapel beginning at 10.00am and finishing at 12.15pm. Please support this ecumenical prayer service where the combined churches of the Yass Valley come together to pray for the needs of the world. Morning Tea is included.
4. The first meeting for 2024 for the Parish Finance Committee will be held in the Presbytery on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 5.30pm. The PPC's first meeting will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm also in the Presbytery.  
The School Council will hold its first meeting for 2024 on Thursday 15 February at 5.30pm.
5. A new Scripture program is being introduced for volunteers to go into the State schools to hold scripture classes at lunchtime. It is called SUPA Club and volunteers are finding it a little more relaxed and easy to run. If you have the time and are able to assist in this program please contact the parish office.
6. I will celebrate Mass for Lunar New Year this weekend for the Vietnamese Community in Canberra.
7. 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.

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.

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### What's in a word?

Verse 41 of this week's reading begins, 'Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand.' This translation is from the Jerusalem Bible but if we were to consider other translations of the Bible we would find other phrases used such as: moved with pity; filled with pity; moved with compassion; filled with compassion; or even, filled with anger. By comparison, 'Feeling sorry for him' seems a weak translation. Jesus' reaction is a fully human one of indignation at what this man is forced to endure. It is a gut-wrenching response from the very core of Jesus' humanity.



## Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



**Available at the rear of the church are Project Compassion boxes and sets of donation envelopes** to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Please take either a box or set of envelopes home and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

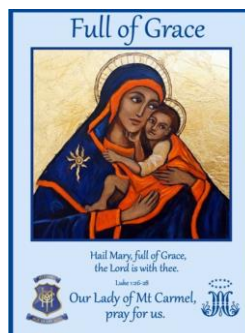
You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

Welcome to Term 1! Our school theme for this year is about Mary, full of grace, the mother of Jesus and his first disciple. The angel Gabriel called Mary, full of Grace, which means she is filled with the presence of God. Mary is filled with the Holy Spirit and cooperates with the Spirit in the rebirthing of the Church throughout history. She is also Mother of the Church who inspires us to deeper faith, hope and love.

Mary teaches us to be more loving and include everyone and to follow in Jesus' footsteps. We are called into a loving relationship with Mary and Jesus, and she invites us to be loving, inclusive and full of grace.



### Newborn Intensive Care Foundation Fundraiser

I would like to affirm the efforts of one of our senior students and encourage your support, too. Ekaterina Mulcair in Year 6 has started a fundraiser to help newborn babies by raising funds for the **Newborn Intensive Care Foundation** ([www.newborn.org.au](http://www.newborn.org.au)), which funds medical equipment and research for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Canberra Hospital. With the lack of maternity services in Yass, this fundraising effort is something that is of direct support to many in our community.

Michael Green  
Principal



## What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

### February

**Thu. 8<sup>th</sup>** 9.30 am **School Opening Mass.**  
Everyone welcome to attend.

**Sun. 11<sup>th</sup>** **FIRST RECONCILIATION – TIMETABLE/DETAILS**  
given separately in notice opposite

10.15 am **Reconciliation Commitment Mass**  
- St Augustine's Church

**Tue. 13<sup>th</sup>** 5.30 pm First PFC Meeting for 2024

**Wed. 14<sup>th</sup>** **ASH WEDNESDAY**

8.30 am **Gunning** - Mass with distribution of Ashes  
9.30 am **School** - Liturgy with distribution of Ashes  
5.30 pm **Yass** - Mass with distribution of Ashes

**Tue. 20<sup>th</sup>** 6.30 pm First PPC Meeting for 2024

### March

**Fri. 1<sup>st</sup>** 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. 21<sup>st</sup>** 6.30 pm **First Reconciliation**  
- St Augustine's Church

### April

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



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

### June

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

### July

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

### September

**Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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 5<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm

Please contact sacramental team email for Zoom meeting invite.



### Registration

Due by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February:-

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

### Commitment Mass

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 10.15am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation - Liturgy

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm at St Augustine's

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS 2024

YASS	Monday	2.00 pm
MURRUMBATEMAN	Thursday	7.30 pm
MURRUMBATEMAN	Friday	10.00 am

### Commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

For further details contact Susan Bucknell on 0466476043

## February | Marriage Preparation Course

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples:

**FOCCUS** - Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. **Evenings for the Engaged** - Sat 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marriage.preparation@cg.org.au) To register go to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

Enq: Lara Kirk [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto: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/4b1SurY>

## Secretary/Admin Officer Position Available Permanent Part-time Holy Spirit Parish Canberra

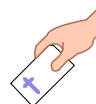
Four days per week (23 hrs) Tue to Fri- 9am to 3.15pm  
For the full job description and selection criteria, please contact Theivani on 0472 921 518 or 6242 9622 (Tuesday to Friday)

**To Apply:** Please provide a covering letter which includes your response to the Selection Criteria along with your Curriculum Vitae to Fr Troy Bobbin at [recruitment@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au](mailto:recruitment@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au).

## HELP IN THE FINANCIAL PLANNING OF THE RUNNING OF THE PARISH

Become a member of the Planned Giving Program. Information Form and envelopes are available from the Parish Office.

Phone Zuzy on 6226 1086 to arrange your membership



## COMMUNION REFLECTION

**Rejected by many, accepted by Jesus.**

A person rejected in society  
came to Jesus,  
and openly knelt before him to be healed.  
The leper was an outcast;  
people feared he would contaminate them.

This illness was a way of defining him;  
and then he was put out of sight.

Labels for people define them and narrow them.  
We don't want to be labelled.

Maybe we label people out of fear,  
or for a quiet life.

If we think they are different from us,  
we don't have to deal with them.

Jesus sees the whole person,  
not any single part of the personality.

And Jesus was so compassionate, so open  
that people couldn't take it,  
and he stayed outside the town,  
the place where rejected people live.

He was at home there  
because he himself was rejected by his own;  
he was at home there,  
because he touched those people with love;  
he is always at home with love.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

*June Field and Dorothy Taylor*

**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 Stansfeld (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 Dobbin (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**

### READINGS NEXT WEEK: 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

#### First Reading

*Genesis 9: 8-15*

God establishes a covenant with Noah and his descendants.

#### Second Reading

*1 Peter 3: 18-22*

As life was saved by the ark, so our lives are saved in baptism.

#### Gospel

*Mark 1: 12-15*

After forty days in the desert, Jesus proclaims the reign of God.

**Please reflect on these readings over the coming week**

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

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

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

3 = Acolyte

11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Jaclyn Green	1	Russell Hill	2
	Greg Minahan	3		
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Eva Karakotas	1	Lynda Swadling	2
	Anthony O'Connell	3		

#### ALTAR SERVER

11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Reima and Rithika and	Ronith	Joseph
18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Charlotte Alexander	Fletcher	Lees

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Kath Moore
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Coral Carroll

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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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