

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
David Garland Irene Carr

Ex Officio Members Father Peter and Zuzy Webster

Parish Pastoral Council

Peter Cleary (*Chair*) Michael Van Wanrooy *Welfare*
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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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

17th & 18th February, 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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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)

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
1st Sat. of Month Murrumbateman 5.15 pm - 5.45 pm
Sundays Gunning 8:00 am - 8:15 am

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 FR PETER AT THE PRESBYTERY

1. Lent started last Wednesday. I invite you to take this time of grace to improve your spirituality by praying more, performing more work of charity and enjoying your life with God more. You are more than welcome to join daily Masses, Saturday Morning Rosary and **especially 6pm Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent in the Lovat Chapel.**
2. Samantha Hazlett will come to our parish to talk about the Project Compassion at all Masses: at Murrumbateman, Gunning and Yass on the weekend of 24/25 of February 2024.
3. Next Tuesday, February 20, the PPC will meet for the first time in 2024 at 6.30 at the Presbytery
4. The World Day of Prayer will be held 1st March 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. There will be brake for morning tea. Please bring a plate to share.
5. The PFC and PPC have been looking at "the Synod 2024 consultation Timeline/Diocesan Level" and will give their comments on this important issue soon.

Lenten Reflection 2024

During the season of Lent, we are called to look deeply at the human condition, just as Jesus, the Son of God, experienced. We are reminded during this time of hardship, suffering, and ultimately dying that we must stretch ourselves. We must pray and fast from whatever is taking hold of the fullness of life.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING



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.

Historical Context

The Wilderness

The Jordan Valley was a relatively fertile area. However, Jesus would not have had to travel too great a distance to find himself in very arid, desert-like wilderness. Crossing the River Jordan and climbing out of the Jordan Valley to the east, Jesus would have emerged onto the northern part of the TransJordan Plateau and the edge of the Syrian Desert. The area was not only geographically rough but it was also full of bandits and rebels. It was a dangerous place to be. However, the desert wilderness holds great significance in the Bible as a place of preparation for a new stage of life or a new relationship with God.



Project Compassion Sunday 17 & 18 February



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.
Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.
Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.
Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.



Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel



On **Friday 23 February** we will hold our **Scholastic Book Fair** in the **Lacey Library**. Students will be able to purchase books from the great range which Scholastic have provided. The more books sold, the more free books can be bought for the Lacey Library!

Parents, you are most welcome to visit the Book Fair on Friday with your children. If you can't make it, we will visit the classrooms and collect any students who want to make a purchase and take them to the Book Fair. Alternatively, If you are unable to attend the Book Fair and you would like to purchase the book/s your children have chosen on their **Book Fair Wish List** you may do so online, using the steps outlined below.

There will be two **selling afternoons**, where you can purchase the books or place an order before the actual Book Fair. This year you will be able to visit the Lacey Library on **Monday 19 February** and **Tuesday 20 February** from 3.30-4.00pm, to browse, purchase, or order books. Any orders will be sent off by email and returned to the school as soon as possible.

We would like students to invite their **grandparents and older friends** to the **Book Fair** and to have **morning tea** at Mt Carmel. If you can provide food for our morning tea that would be fantastic. Please drop off any **morning tea donations** to the front office on Friday morning. Remember to label any reusable containers with your name so they can be returned to you promptly.

We ask that any visitors to the library on the selling afternoons or those attending the Book Fair sign in to the school via the **Front Office**. Library monitors will be in the Front Office to assist you on Friday and collect students from classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair!

Kind regards,
Natalie Broers



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

February

Thu. 8 th	9.30 am	School Opening Mass. Everyone welcome to attend.
Sun. 11 th		FIRST RECONCILIATION – TIMETABLE/DETAILS given separately in notice opposite
	10.15 am	Reconciliation Commitment Mass - St Augustine's Church
Tue. 13 th	5.30 pm	First PFC Meeting for 2024
Wed. 14 th		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 th	6.30 pm	First PPC Meeting for 2024

March

Fri. 1 st	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.
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Thu. 21 st	6.30 pm	First Reconciliation - St Augustine's Church
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April

Sun. 7 th	10.15 am	Farewell Mass & Morning Tea for the Sisters of Mercy. - St Augustine's Church
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Sun. 7 th	10.15 am	First Eucharist Commitment Mass - St Augustine's Church (Proposed date)
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June

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

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

Sun. 22 nd	10.30 am	Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation - St Augustine's Church - (Proposed date)
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I am the vine you are the branches John 15: 5

First Sunday of Lent

Lord, today is a day of celebration for we commemorate your resurrection and triumph over death. Today we break our Lenten fast, and we rest from our journey, but we do not forget. I pledge in the week ahead to keep my sacrifice and my devotion and to empty myself so I may fill myself with your grace.



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

LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS 2024

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

Commencing Monday 12th February

For further details contact Susan Bucknell on 0466476043

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

HISTORIC PEWS FOR SALE



40 surplus pews from the restoration of Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, which have been in storage for around two years. These pews are over 100 years old, made of a combination of cedar, maple and ash.

For more information, please get in touch with Christopher in the Parish Office: E: goulburn@cg.org.au M: 040 363 1797

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Will gather for discussion and prayer on

Wednesday 28 February

at 1.30pm at Kath Grace's home

all welcome please phone

Susan Bucknell on 0466 476 043



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



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.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

JESUS WAS TEMPTED BY SATAN.

We allow ourselves this day
to feel the courage of Jesus.

He had the courage to continue faithfully
what he had just begun -
the work his Father gave him to do.

And to remember the poor with love
in every decision he made.

His was the courage to lead his life
in such a way
even though he knew it would lead
to rejection and to death.

Often we are tempted
to give up on what is good,
to live lives of shallow hopes,
shallow relationships and shallow cares,
and we know that when we want to do something good,
another whisper or strong voice
suggests something else.

Then the Lord is near;
do we need others in life
to encourage us in the good we want?

Can we allow Jesus,
the one who conquered his own temptations,
to encourage us in our efforts
to remain true in love to what is right.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

First Reading

Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God puts Abraham to the test.

Second Reading

Romans 8: 31-34

God sacrificing his Son for us, will grant us victory.

Gospel

Mark 9: 2-10

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Terence O'Mara, 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 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 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

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

18 th Feb	Eva	Karakotas	1	Lynda	Swadling	2
	Anthony	O'Connell	3			
25 th Feb	Joseph	Morrissey	1	Susan	Morrissey	2
	Peter	Cleary	3			

ALTAR SERVER

18 th Feb	Charlotte	Alexander	Fletcher	Lees
25 th Feb	Imogen	Maher	Louis	Green

ALTAR CLEANERS

19 th Feb	Kath	Moore
4 th Mar	Coral	Carroll

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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