

# 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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*St. Augustine's Church  
Built 1954*



*Original St. Augustine's Church  
- The Lovat Chapel*

**FATHER PETER MY, PARISH PRIEST**

St. Augustine's Yass and St Francis Xavier's, Gunning

## 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

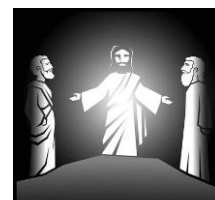
We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land in which we meet.

We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2024



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## WEEKEND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Uniting Church Hall	Murrumbateman
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	St Francis Xavier Church	Gunning
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>10.15 am</b>	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

### BAPTISMS

<b>Yass</b>	Saturdays	10:30 am
<b>Gunning Parish</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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. On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> we are invited to pray for peaceful solutions at Gaza. Please follow the details on the posters at the Church and in the Bulletin.
2. This weekend at all Masses at Yass, Murrumbateman and Gunning, Samantha Hazlett will deliver a talk on the Project Compassion, please help the poor and the needy.
3. The members of our PFC and PPC are reflecting on the Synod 2024. If you wish to join them please do so. The due date of consultation at our diocesan level will be March 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. We need music and singing on the weekend celebrations, especially Holy Week and Easter. If you could, please help.
5. A second rite Reconciliation for Lent and Easter will be held at St Augustine's Church at 6.30 on Tuesday 26 March.
6. Year 3 students in our parish will celebrate their First Reconciliation at 6.30pm on Thursday 21 March at St Augustine's Church.
7. You are invited to join the 2024 Chrism Mass with the Archbishop and clergy in our Archdiocese at 7.30pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka, ACT.

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.



**Have you  
thought?  
Temptation?**

When we adopt a view of Jesus as the Son of God, it is hard to imagine him even facing temptation, let alone the possibility of him giving in to it. However, when we see Jesus as also being fully human, we realise that he was just as likely to face temptation as we are. But what might have tempted Jesus? Was he tempted to simply go back to his life in Joseph's carpentry business and not respond to God's call? Was he tempted to display his power in flashy demonstrations for all to see? Was he tempted to despair at what lay ahead of him?



## Project Compassion Sunday 24 & 25 February



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. "I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

### Please donate to Project Compassion.

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



### Religious Education in the Classroom

Welcome to Week 4! I had the pleasure to visit the Year 5 students to talk about Mary, mother of God, and share photographs that I took on my faith formation trip to Rome and Assisi. Students had the opportunity to pair share and below are some of their answers.

Discuss the symbols found in the icon of Mary and Jesus.

Lily - There is a pattern in the halo.

James - The fingers are pointing down.

Mabel - The hands of Mary and Jesus look like the Vinnies' symbol.

### Reflection

During Lent we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are called to make an inward personal journey, to undertake an interior investigation that we sometimes avoid because of a fast-paced life that can have us constantly preoccupied with others, family, work, etc. Lent is a season for renewed prayer and seeing within; an opportunity to confront and seek forgiveness, to examine the times when have given into temptation and to return to the arms of God's love, mercy and light (© Catholic Leaders Formation Network 2022).

Eva Karakotas  
Religious Education Coordinator



## 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*

### Second Sunday of Lent

Lord, let me be transfigured like Christ, let me be your disciple and teach me humility and compassion.



### 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



### The World Day of Prayer 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 in the Lovat Chapel

The World Day of Prayer will be held 1<sup>st</sup> 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**



### ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN LIGHTHOUSES

Join Archbishop Christopher Prowse on a Lenten Retreat through his Sunday Homilies. "What have I done for Christ?", "What am I doing for Christ?", "What ought I do for Christ?" You can find the first and second lighthouse inputs on the Catholic Voice website or via the qr Code



### ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Will gather for discussion and prayer on  
Wednesday 28 February at 1.30pm  
all welcome please phone  
Susan Bucknell on 0466 476 043



### 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:** Merci College Wise Street Braddon **Time:** 5.30 - 7.00pm

**Free Tickets:** <https://bit.ly/4blSurY>

### 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

### LISTEN TO HIM.

In all times of life,  
we can find hope and new life  
from the word of God.

In the confusions of life  
we find meaning in listening to Jesus.  
In the pain of life,  
we find consolation in listening to Jesus,  
and hearing his words to others like us.

Words like,  
*Do not be afraid,*  
*I am with you always,*  
*Come to me all who are weary.*

And when we want to know how to  
shape the commitments of our lives,  
we listen to his words to his disciples -  
*Come. Follow me,*  
*Take up your cross and follow me,*  
*Go, teach all nations.*

And when we look into the future  
and wonder about life and death,  
wonder about the future of our children  
we get new life from his words,  
*Trust in God and trust in me,*  
*Your heavenly Father will care for you.*

And when we look at the needs of the world,  
at the poverty and homelessness,  
at the debts of the poorer nations,  
at the violence between groups of people,  
we are challenged and inspired by his words,  
*What you do for others, you do for me,*  
*Love one another as I have loved you.*

**This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him.**

### READINGS NEXT WEEK: 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

#### First Reading

Exodus 20: 1-17

The Lord delivers the Ten Commandments.

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

Understand the power of Christ crucified.

#### Gospel

John 2: 13-25

Jesus drives the money changers from the temple.

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

### 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 at the Parish Office on 6226 1086 on a Monday or Tuesday  
to arrange your membership

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Terence O'Mara 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**

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

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

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

3 = Acolyte

25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Joseph	Morrissey	1	Susan	Morrissey	2
	Peter	Cleary	3			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Irene	Carr	1	Alan	Oakey	2
	TBA		3			

#### ALTAR SERVER

25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Imogen	Maher	Louis	Green
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Mackie	Leahy	Zoe	Leahy

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Coral	Carroll
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mary	Yates

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