

# 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 ( <i>Chair</i> )	Michael Van Wanrooy	<i>Welfare</i>
Susan Bucknell <i>Liturgy</i>	Jennie Fischer	<i>Social Justice</i>
Mandy Leahy <i>Youth</i>	Lara Kirk	<i>Ecumenism</i>
Perry Healey	Katarina O'Connor	<i>Social</i>
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

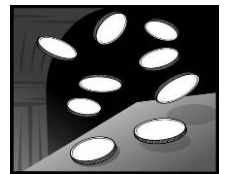
We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land in which we meet.

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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. (R.)

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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### 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

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

### 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. 'Thank You' to all those involved in the organising and running of the World Day of Prayer. It was a very successful, joyful and prayerful morning. The morning tea being enjoyed by all.
2. 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>.
3. A second rite of Reconciliation for Lent and Easter will be held at St Augustine's Church at 6.30 on Tuesday 26 March.
4. Year 3 students in our parish will celebrate their First Reconciliation at 6.30pm on Thursday 21 March at St Augustine's Church.
5. 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. This is a very important Holy Week ceremony where at this Mass the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites are blessed and consecrated.



## MUSIC MINISTRY



### WANTED

### SINGERS AND MUSICIANS FOR EASTER CEREMONIES

If any parishioners would like to help out with the singing or just learn the songs that we will be doing, please speak with Anne Eade or phone the parish office. Practice times to be advised.

*Please help if you can. All are welcome.*



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



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.

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

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.

## Scriptural Context

*This episode of outrage in the Temple is recorded in all four of the Gospels. Interestingly, the three synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke place the event in the final days leading to Passion events while the Gospel of John places the event in the very early days of Jesus' public ministry. While the three synoptics are likely to be more chronologically correct, the Gospel of John uses the event very deliberately to make the point that Jesus is the new Temple – the new focus of God's presence in the world; the Word made flesh.*



## Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

Mt Carmel School implements the Catholic Schools Youth Ministry International (CSYMI) Junior program. CSYMI is a four-phase method that provides a model of student formation. It is an effective model of evangelisation and formation integrated into the Religious Education curriculum. The four-phase model consists of an initial retreat experience, Religious Education resources, implementation of the Junior Ministry team and connecting students into the broader Church community.

Last Friday, Yr 6 students participated in the **Journey with Jesus** Retreat, led by the Youth Ministry team of the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn. **Journey with Jesus** is a faith and ministry experience that delves into core concepts of the Catholic Faith. The retreat is tailored for primary school students and is based around the Gospel messages of love, salvation, and forgiveness.





## What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

### March

- Thu. 21<sup>st</sup>**      **6.30 pm**      **First Reconciliation**  
- St Augustine's Church
- Tue. 26<sup>th</sup>**      **6.30 pm**      **Second rite of Reconciliation for Lent and Easter.**  
- 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
- SEE SEPARATE NOTICE.

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

### May

- Sun. 12<sup>th</sup>**      **MOTHER'S DAY - Morning Tea**  
- St Augustine's Church

### June

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

### 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*

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

### 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

Still time to join one of the groups.

For further details contact Susan Bucknell on 0466476043

## 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



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

in the lovat chapel

6:00pm  
every Friday during Lent



## 9 APRIL | Marriage Preparation Course

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: **FOCCUS** - Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. **SmartLoving** – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

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

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

## LADIES MORNING TEA

**When:** Thur. 7<sup>th</sup> March. 10am

**Where:** Yass Soldiers Club

**All Welcome**



## LENT CUSTOMS - Forms of Repentance

Lent is a kind of spiritual spring cleaning, inviting a review and "clean-up" of values, attitudes and actions. A more attentive listening to God's Word, a greater focus on prayer, sacraments and liturgy, undertaking acts of kindness (doing something positive, not necessarily giving up anything), and a fasting in order to share with others (the emphasis is on compassion, not mortification) are the ways to make the process real.



## SISTERS OF MERCY FAREWELL MASS

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024**

All are welcome to join together for a special celebratory farewell Mass for the Sisters of Mercy to recognise the contribution they made to the Yass community for almost 150 years.

The Mass will be followed by a morning tea in the Lovat Chapel.



It would be good if parishioners could assist with the morning tea by bringing cakes/slices/sandwiches or assist with the BBQ sausage sizzle.

Please let Peter Cleary know if you can assist  
0427 608 765.



## COMMUNION REFLECTION

The following prayer was found written over the door of a church:

*Lord, make the door of this house  
wide enough to receive  
all who need human love and fellowship,  
narrow enough to shut out  
all envy, pride and strife.  
Make its threshold smooth enough  
to be no stumbling block to children,  
nor to straying feet.  
Make this house a house of prayer  
and a gateway to your kingdom.*

### READINGS NEXT WEEK: 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

**First Reading** 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23  
After seventy years, the Israelites are released to rebuild the temple.

**Second Reading** Ephesians 2: 4-10  
Salvation is not earned but a gift from God.

**Gospel** John 3: 14-21  
Jesus converses with Nicodemus.

*Please 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

### FOOD DONATIONS FOR THE NEEDY – PLEASE HELP

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.*

### POSITIONS VACANT:

- **Secretary/Administration Officer – Holy Spirit Parish Gungahlin.**  
Permanent Part-time – 4 days per week Tues. to Fri. 9am - 3.15pm.  
For further details contact Theivani on 0472921518 or 62429622
- **Parish Secretary – St Gregory's Parish, Queanbeyan**  
Permanent Part-time – 4 days per week, Mon., Tue., Thu. & Fri.  
9am to 1.00pm Start 8 April 2024. Apply by 15 March 2024  
Further details available at [queanbeyan@cg.org.au](mailto:queanbeyan@cg.org.au)

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Terence O'Mara

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

Leslie James (1/3), Bernard Cleary (2/3),  
Patricia Smith (6/3), Sam Dyball (6/3), Peter Grieves (7/3),  
Ruby O'Brien (8/3), Stan Walmsley (8/3),  
Bridget Cooke (8/3), Jarrod Sheather (9/3),  
Garry Delbridge (9/3), Ronald Connors (9/3),  
Betty Schutz (9/3), Phyllis Walmsley (12/3),  
Kathleen (Kay) Winter (13/3), Noel Quinn (13/3),  
Irene Wailes (14/3), Donald Bell (16/3),  
Daphne Irwin (19/3), Robyn O'Mara (19/3),  
Justin Moller (20/3), Adam Darmody (22/3),  
Bill Patrick (22/3), Joe Rigby (23/3), Robin Woods (24/3),  
Elsie McGregor (24/3), Barbara Merriman (27/3),  
Roderick Connors (27/3), Dixie Byrne (27/3),  
Michael Freebody (28/3) Eric Myers (28/3)  
and Harry Cooke (28/3).

**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	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Irene	Carr	1	Alan	Oakey	2
	Peter	Walker	3			
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Kate	Walker	1	Steve	Scroope	2
	Peter	Walker	3			

#### ALTAR SERVER

3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Mackie	Leahy	Zoe	Leahy
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Heath	Wood	Ronith	Joseph

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

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

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