

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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*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 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

9th & 10th March, 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you.

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors,
for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you,
Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not
Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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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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. You are invited to join the 2024 Chrism Mass with the Archbishop and clergy in our Archdiocese at 7.30pm on Monday 25th 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.
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 31st.
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



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.



4th Sunday of Lent 9th & 10th March 2024



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village

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 or by calling 1800 024 413.



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.

Dear volunteers,

Thank you for your commitment to ministry in our parish. We would be unable to continue to provide pastoral and administrative support to our parishioners and community members without your dedication and support.

It is a requirement in the ACT for anyone over 16 years of age involved in activities with children and/or vulnerable persons to hold a current Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. In NSW the requirement is for anyone over 18 years of age involved in activities with children to hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). At a parish level, this applies to parish priests/staff/volunteers active in particular ministries.

Twice a year, a report of all active WWVP and WWCC holders is required to be sent to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding office (IPSS) in the Archdiocesan Chancery, Manuka. Audits are due at the end of **March and September** and all parishes in the Archdiocese are required to comply.

The Archdiocese can be audited by ACT or NSW govt agencies at any time so the audit reports are an important aspect of maintaining accurate records for when an audit occurs. Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with Archdiocesan and Govt requirements for WWVP/WWCC. Please help us to maintain accurate records for the audits by ensuring your WWVP/WWC is current.

EASTER SERVICES 2024 – HOLY WEEK

Monday	Mass of the Chrism	7.30 pm	St Christopher's Cathedral
Wednesday	Mass	5.30 pm	Lovat Chapel
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Replaces morning Mass)	7.00 pm	St Augustine's Church, Yass
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	10.30 am	Murrumbateman & Gunning
	Commemoration of the Passion	3.00 pm	St Augustine's Church, Yass
Holy Saturday	Service Practice for Acolytes, Altar Servers and Readers	2.00 pm	St Augustine's Church, Yass
	EASTER VIGIL MASS	7.00 pm	St Augustine's Church, Yass
Easter Sunday	MASS	8.30 am	St Francis Xavier's Church, Gunning
		10.15 am	St Augustine's Church, Yass



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

March

- Thu. 21st** **6.30 pm** **First Reconciliation**
- St Augustine's Church
- Tue. 26th** **6.30 pm** **Second rite of Reconciliation for Lent and Easter.**
- St Augustine's Church

April

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

SEE SEPARATE NOTICE.
- Sun. 7th** **10.15 am** **First Eucharist Commitment Mass**
- St Augustine's Church

May

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

June

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

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

I am the vine you are the branches John 15: 5

FIRST RECONCILIATION

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

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 9th 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

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>

INVITATION: St Augustine's Parishioners are invited to attend the Combined Yass Churches Sunday Service on Sunday 17th March 10:00am-11:30am at St Clements Anglican Church

You are also invited to the morning tea afterwards at 11:30am (bring a plate) to give a warm welcome to the new Anglican Minister, Rev Luke Collings, and his wife Julia and their children Bede, Tabitha & Silas.



This weekend we welcome into our Church community:

Ella Daphne	child of	Benita and Joshua
Eve and Luca	children of	Kathryn and Matt
William Oliver	child of	Alex and Vincent
Evelin Grace	child of	Kristy and Thomas



SISTERS OF MERCY FAREWELL MASS

SUNDAY 7TH 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

That we may not be lost.

To be lost is a frightening experience,
like a child losing a parent in a big shop.
Maybe losing direction in marriage or a job,
losing health, good looks, life itself.

When we're lost we need a signpost,
or some way of finding direction.

Jesus is our way, our direction,
our signpost through life to God.

He is lifted up;
so that in every dangerous experience of life,
we can see him, our risen Lord on Calvary.

In illness or depression, we know his presence,
in poverty and injustice, we know his care,
in mourning and loss, we know his compassion,
in our efforts to ease the pain of others,
we know he is with us,
we are his hand, his heart, his love today.

He is lifted up,
never out of our sight,
for God gave his only Son
so that we might not be lost,
but have eternal life.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 5th SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

First Reading

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The Lord promises a new covenant.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5: 7-9

Christ is the source of salvation for all who obey..

Gospel

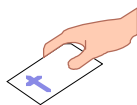
John 12: 20-33

Jesus foretells of his death and resurrection.

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.



ROSTERS

LITURGY

1	=	1 st Reading & Responsorial Psalm			
2	=	2 nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful	3	=	Acolyte
10 th Mar	Kate Walker	1	Steve Scroope	2	
	Peter Walker	3			
17 th Mar	Susan Bucknell	1	Reg Bucknell	2	
	Greg Minahan	3			

ALTAR SERVER

10 th Mar	Heath Wood	Ronith Joseph	Joseph Joseph
17 th Mar	Remi Joseph	Rithika	Joseph

ALTAR CLEANERS

18 th Mar	Mary Yates		
25 th Mar	EASTER CLEAN	9.30am	

Please come if you can

Woolaroo Merino Stud

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