

# 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.



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## 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

### BAPTISMS

**Yass** Saturdays 10:30 am  
**Gunning Parish** 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. It is with sadness, yet with gratitude to God for a long life of almost 70 years of devoted priestly service to the Church, 57 of those as Bishop, that I announce the death of Archbishop Francis Carroll. Archbishop Carroll died peacefully Thursday morning, 14 March 2024, at Calvary Hospital in Wagga Wagga.
2. Bring back your Project Compassion Box/Envelop on Holy Thursday so we can send them to the Archdiocesan office.
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. Few priests will be celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> rite Reconciliation at St Augustine's Church at 6.30pm on Tuesday 26 March.
5. Keep praying for children in our parish who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation at Yass at 6.30pm on Thursday 21 March.
6. You are invited to join the 2024 Chrism Mass with the Archbishop and clergy in our Archdiocese at 5pm 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.
7. We are going to interview some applicants for youth ministry in our Parish, hopefully we will be able to employ some Youth Ministers to help our youth.

### 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.*



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



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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.

### Please pray for the children as they prepare for their first Sacrament of Reconciliation



Lachlan Black  
Mikayla Black  
Oliver Irwin  
Hannah Maher  
Benjamin O'Reilly  
Charlotte Osborne  
George Pigeon  
Eleena Mattappallil  
Eve Davis  
Cody Drage  
Evelyn Platt  
Dominic Rowland  
William Walsh  
Marie Elsa Noelle Baptiste

### **EASTER SERVICES 2024 – HOLY WEEK**

<b>Monday</b>	Mass of the Chrism	5.00 pm	St Christopher's Cathedral
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mass	5.30 pm	Lovat Chapel
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Replaces morning Mass)	7.00 pm	St Augustine's Church, Yass
<b>Good Friday</b>	Stations of the Cross	10.30 am	Murrumbateman & Gunning
	Commemoration of the Passion	3.00 pm	St Augustine's Church, Yass
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Service Practice for Acolytes, Altar Servers and Readers	2.00 pm	St Augustine's Church, Yass
	<b>EASTER VIGIL MASS</b>	7.00 pm	St Augustine's Church, Yass
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>MASS</b>	8.30 am	St Francis Xavier Church, Gunning
		10.15 am	St Augustine's Church, Yass



## 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

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

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 6.30pm at St Augustine's



## **FIRST EUCHARIST**

### **Registration**

Return completed form by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

### **Commitment Masses**

7<sup>th</sup> April

### **Sacrament of First Eucharist**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10:30am at St August



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



**INVITATION:** St Augustine's Parishioners are invited to attend the Combined Yass Churches Sunday Service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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:*

Aurora Mae  
Oliver Jacob      children of Kathryn and Matt  
Finn Remy  
Nova Rose

## **ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP**

We'll gather for discussion and prayer on  
Wednesday 27 March  
at 1.30pm at Kath Grace's home  
all welcome please phone  
Susan Bucknell on 0466 476 043



## **21 MARCH | Roundtables – Sacramental Initiation**

Join others from around the Archdiocese for a time of prayerful dialogue in the spirit of synodality on the realities and process of Sacramental Initiation in the life of our Church. REGISTER at [cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/roundtables). Online (Zoom) and In-Person (Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Manuka)



## **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

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.

Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest,  
so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love.

This dying to self is a gradual process  
and happens in little ways.

Every act of humility involves dying to pride.

Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.

Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty.

Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.

Thus the false self dies, and the true self,  
made in God's image, is born and nurtured.

It is by giving that we receive;

it is by forgiving that we are forgiven;

it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

### READINGS NEXT WEEK: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

#### First Reading

Isaih 50: 4-7

Despite rejection, Isaih does not abandon his call.

#### Second Reading

Philippians 2: 6-11

Jesus made himself lowly and was exalted.

#### Gospel

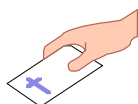
Mark 14 1 – 15: 47

The Passion.

*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.*

## 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**

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

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

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

3 = Acolyte

17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Susan	Bucknell	1	Reg	Bucknell	2
	Greg	Minahan	3			
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Eva	Karakotas	1	Lynda	Swadling	2
	Russell	Hill	3			

#### ALTAR SERVER

17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Remi	Joseph	Rithika	Joseph
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Grace	Miller	Lily	Butt

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mary	Yates	
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	EASTER	CLEAN	9.30am

*Please come if you can*

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# Proposal for a new room at the side of the Church

Dear Parishioners,

For a while now we have been looking to improve the way we present children's liturgy. One of the main problems is finding a room of suitable size to accommodate the number of children comfortably. Children's liturgy is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during school term, the number of children attending varies and in recent times has reached over twenty kids, plus at least two adults. Currently it is held in the crying room which is far too cramped when a larger number of children attend.

We would like to present a proposal for the addition of a new room at the side of the church, see concept drawings over the page. The new room would be situated where the unused confessional is located on the side where people enter the church. The confessional would be dismantled, saving the bricks and windows to be used in the new room. It would be a similar design reusing the same three windows of the confessional and adding a large sliding door. It would have a flat roof which would extend further to provide a sheltered area for people standing outside.

The proposal has been presented at the Parish Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council, with both happy with the proposal.

The challenging part is funding it, as the Finance Committee have indicated there is no funding available for this project. The budget for the new room is estimated to be about \$50,000.

It is our aim to raise the required funds through a special donation plan from parishioner donations. It is our hope that families will donate a reasonable amount in memories of their families and give a one-time donation as a legacy to the church, understandably any donations will be what people can afford. A suitable plaque would be installed to commemorate the families.

Main advantages:

- Larger room for children's liturgy
- Provide a space for morning teas, including a sheltered outside cover.
- A place for meetings to be held.
- A space for people involved with funerals or wedding to gather before or after ceremonies.
- There will be a grassed area outside with seating provided and trees added for shade.

We welcome any ideas or comments that you may have. We will also be looking for any volunteers to assist with the work to reduce the cost.

Please give this proposal your support for the future generations that will be able to benefit using it, especially the children's liturgy.

Contact Peter Cleary or Bob Nash for further information regarding the details of the project.



