

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*

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.

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.



PALM SUNDAY THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

23rd & 24th March, 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

R

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

R

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

R

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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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 *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

EASTER SERVICES 2024 – HOLY WEEK

Monday	Mass of the Chrism	5.00 pm	St Christopher's Cathedral
Wednesday	Mass	5.30 pm	Lovat Chapel
Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper <i>(Replaces morning Mass)</i>	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 Church, Gunning
		10.15 am	St Augustine's Church, Yass

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

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
1 st 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.



6th Sunday of Len (Palm Sunday)
23rd & 24th March 2024



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment.

With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. There is still time to donate! 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.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart with Your holy gifts.

Let my weakness be penetrated with Your strength this very day that I may fulfill all the duties of my state conscientiously, that I may do what is right and just. Let my charity be such as to offend no one, and hurt no one's feelings; so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me.

Assist me, O Holy Spirit, in all my trials of life, enlighten me in my ignorance, advise me in my doubts, strengthen me in my weakness, help me in all my needs, protect me in temptations and console me in afflictions.

Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit, and pour Your light into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Assist me to live a holy life and to grow in goodness and grace.

Amen.



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. Just a gentle reminder that there is no 7.30am Mass on Holy Thursday.
4. 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. This is the last week if you wish to share anything, please do so.
5. Few priests will be celebrating the 2nd rite Reconciliation at St Augustine's Church at 6.30pm on Tuesday 26 March.
6. You are invited to join the 2024 Chrism Mass with the Archbishop and clergy in our Archdiocese at 5pm 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.
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.

Please keep praying for the children who have just celebrated their first Sacrament of Reconciliation in our Parish
Congratulation



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

AUGUST 2025 - AUGUST 2024



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.



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 EUCHARIST

Registration

Return completed form by Friday 22nd March

Commitment Masses

7th April

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Sunday 2nd June 10:30am at St Augustine's



CONFIRMATION

Registration

TBC

Commitment Masses

28th July 2024 (TBC)

Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 22nd September 10.15am at St Augustine's

Detailed timetables and blank registration forms can be downloaded from St Augustine's website <http://staug-yass.org.au/wp/> under Sacraments under the Resources heading.



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



Permanent Visas Now

Palm Sunday Rally

1pm Sunday 24 March Garema Place

Australia's policies continue to punish and harm refugees and asylum seekers. About 10,000 people who came to Australia more than 10 years ago to seek a safe home are still without a clear path to permanent residency.

Speakers:

Kylea Tink, won the seat of North Sydney from the Liberal Party in 2022.

Ghulamreza (Reza) Haidari is a Hazara refugee from Afghanistan. He arrived in Australia in 2012 seeking asylum. Since then, he hasn't been able to visit his family and hasn't seen his son and wife for the past 12 years.

Father John Woods is a priest of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. He has held a number of Archdiocesan appointments and is also currently the Vicar (or Archbishop Christopher Prowse's representative) for Social Services and Welfare.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Will 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



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

Walking On Wounded Feet

The crowd cheered him,
 'Blessings on him,' they roared,
 waving flags of palm,
 'For he comes to us in God's name.'
 And a few days later they cheered again,
 this time for his death,
 and blessings on a public robber, Barrabas.

A fickle people.
 We wonder why?
 What changed them?

Like Peter later,
 they would say,
 'I don't know the man,'
 for the man they saw later in the week
 was, in their eyes, a different man.

The king had become a spectacle,
 bloodied, mocked, rejected.
 Who wants a leader like that?

Jesus didn't want acclamation,
 he had been trying to say all along
 that he was a different type of king.

And so he chose a donkey,
 as his chariot.
 They saw their own hopes
 for a leader who would overthrow their oppressors,
 and didn't see the real Jesus.

The leadership of Jesus has lasted longer
 than any of the public leadership of the time,
 because he was a king of love and compassion,
 and walked the way of the cross –
 carried by his wounded feet and the help of a friend,
 and guided by the hand of God, his Father.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR B

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 10: 34, 37-43

Peter recounts the deeds of Jesus.

Second Reading

Colossians 3 : 1-4

Set your heart on the greater gifts.

Gospel

John 20: 1-9

Mary Magdalene finds the tomb empty, Peter sees and believes.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week



YASS LEARNERS

Bernie Howe



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 or your own vehicle**

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Elaine Davison

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

24th Mar Eva Karakotas 1 Susan Bucknell 2
 Russell Hill 3

30th Mar **EASTER VIGIL MASS** - **EASTER ROSTER**

31st Mar **EASTER SUNDAY:-**
 Sue Morrissey 1 Joe Morrissey 2
 Greg Minahan 3

ALTAR SERVER

24th Mar Grace Miller Lily Butt
 30th Mar **EASTER VIGIL MASS** - **EASTER ROSTER**

31st Mar **EASTER SUNDAY:-**
 Reima, Ronith and Rithika Joseph

ALTAR CLEANERS

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

Please come if you can

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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