

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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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*



HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!



Parish Secretary Zuzy Webster
Parish Office Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9 am – 3 pm

Parish Finance Committee

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School Community Council Amber Maher

Sacramental Team Leader Anne Mattappallil

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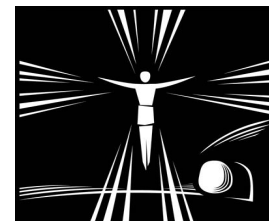
We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land in which we meet.

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



EASTER SUNDAY

30th & 31st March, 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

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

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
1 st Sat. of Month	Murrumbateman	5.15 pm - 5.45 pm
Sundays	Gunning	8:00 am - 8:15 am

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.



FROM FR PETER AT THE PRESBYTERY

1. *Happy Easter to you and your family.*
2. Anointing Mass will be held on Saturday 6th April at 9.00am at St Augustine's Church. Prior to Mass, Holy Rosary will be commencing at 8.40am.
3. If you forgot, please bring back your Project Compassion Box/Envelope ASAP so we can send them to the Archdiocesan office.
4. Two Youth Ministers are now employed by our Parish to help us to support youth in our Parish.
5. PPC meeting will be held Tuesday 2nd April at 6.30pm at the Presbytery.



HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

PARISH PRAYER

Lord God, may we, as St Augustine's Parish, be a united and welcoming community recognising the need for Christ in our lives and serving the Christ in others. May we, as community, continue to face challenges together serving and supporting individuals and our families through our own personal efforts and our parish support groups. Guide us with your patient love. Fill us with your infinite Wisdom. Pour out your rich blessings upon us as we reach out to one another to fulfil our spiritual and pastoral needs as One in Christ, in community, and in faith, hope and love. AMEN.

EASTER MESSAGE 2024

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE VICTORY FOR HUMANITY IN THE RISEN LORD JESUS

At this Easter time, we proclaim to the ends of the earth the victory won for humanity in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Recent Popes describe war as a defeat for humanity. No one wins in war. It seems to make things worse than better. We see this, at present, in the Middle East, Ukraine and parts of Africa.

The same could be said for the scourge of euthanasia, at present being legislated throughout Australia. It is so unnecessary. The best response to terminal illness and great human vulnerability is widely available palliative care. Here tenderness and closeness replace the brute and sinister lethal jab. Into this developing culture of hopelessness comes the extraordinary hope and joy of Easter!

Easter is God's ultimate victory over threats to living out our humanity to its full. It is the victory for humanity that is permanent and universal.

It is love made flesh in the victory of the Resurrection of Jesus on the Calvary Cross. The tree of our defeat has become the tree of victory in Jesus rising from the dead.

In our YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT let us, therefore, "exult ... and let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph." Let us breathe in the joy and hope the Risen Lord's transformation of our humanity into its lost innocence.

In announcing this hope to the world, let our first efforts be directed at those who struggle in the homelessness of body and soul. May our joy be practical to those most in need. Let us be Easter peacemakers in both our families and our fragile world!

*Alleluia! He is Risen!
Happy Easter to all!*

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn



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.

EASTER SERVICES 2024

Holy Saturday	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

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;

and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the w

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

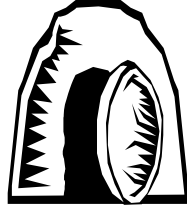
The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!



SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION 2024

The St Augustine's Catholic Parish will offer the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation in 2024. Registration of children by the due date and willingness to participate in the Commitment Masses and preparatory programs are essential prerequisite for reception of the sacraments. The broad timetable is:

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 10.30am 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.

Different View

An empty tomb?

There are some writers who have questioned the historical accuracy of the empty tomb account of the resurrection. Some theologians and biblical scholars (e.g. members of the 'Jesus Seminar') argue that historically, it is far more likely that the victim of Roman crucifixion would be left to rot on the cross or buried in a shallow criminal's grave – not laid to rest in an expensive private tomb. However, they do not argue against resurrection. They maintain that Jesus' body was not 'resuscitated' or 'reanimated'. What happened to his corpse, they argue, is irrelevant to Christ's resurrection.



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations**.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

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.

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thu. 11 April at 10am

Where: Yass Soldiers Club



ALL WELCOME

9 April 2024 | Last call for Marriage Preparation before June

Engaged couples marrying before July should register now for one of the following courses: *FOCCUS* - Tues 9th April 5-9pm, plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare; *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 18 & Sun 19 May; *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, flexible timing. More information and registrations: www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

April 9 | Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 6PM – 8PM

The founders of our nation set out to establish a free, flourishing country. Australians were to experience freedom in private & public life, in social & religious matters, in the economic & political realms. The aim was – and is – an egalitarian and just society. The Inaugural Tim Fischer Oration is an opportunity to give thanks for what we have received.

It calls forth young people to protect and promote the common good through ethical attitudes and action in public and political life.

For more information visit www.tfo.org.au

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tim-fischer-oration-on-ethics-in-public-and-political-life-2024-tickets-860568663037>



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

Joseph

I'm Joseph, the man who owned the tomb.
I watched the crucifixion of Jesus
with most of his friends from a distance.

You might say I often felt I was dead in myself,
hanging around the edge of the crowd with him,
asking questions with Nicodemus.

Jesus didn't seem to mind that –
come close when you want to,
no pressure –

was the impression he gave,
and I feel closer to him now.

Life was privileged for me,
no big problems,
enough money and family connections,
but it was very dead.

I'm like people who have never forgiven themselves,
or who are too scared to love someone,
or who find it hard to feel with another person
even when they want to,
or who thought that Jesus would ask too much.

All he asked of me was my tomb,
and I'm glad now to be rid of that.
I loved my security, in life and death –
I planned where I'd be buried,
and sure, I lied my life half-buried
in laws and fears and whispers of joy.

Now I feel born again,
refreshed by the water of his side
like the water of a womb.

I knew when I gave that tomb away
I was getting back the gift of life.

Then I was the owner of a tomb,
now I have been gifted with the fullness of his life.

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

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4: 34, 32-35

Early believers share what they have.

Second Reading

1 John 5 :

1-6

Love God by keeping the commandments.

Gospel

John 20: 19-

31

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).**

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful

3 = Acolyte

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

31st Mar **EASTER SUNDAY:-**

Sue Morrissey 1 Joe Morrissey 2

Greg Minahan 3

7th Apr Ronith Joseph 1 Reima Joseph 2

Anthony O'Connell 3

ALTAR SERVER

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

31st Mar **EASTER SUNDAY:-**

Reima., Ronith and Rithika Joseph

7th Apr Charlotte Alexander Fletcher Lees

ALTAR CLEANERS

1st Apr Kay Perceval

15th Apr Geraldine Doyle

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