

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*

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
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Ex Officio Members: Father Peter and Zuzy Webster

Parish Pastoral Council

Peter Cleary (<i>Chair</i>)	Michael Van Wanrooy	Welfare
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Ex Officio Members: Fr. Peter Michael Green and Zuzy Webster

Principal – Mt Carmel School Michael Green

School Community Council Katie Davis

Sacramental Team Leader Anne Mattappallil

Safeguarding Vacant

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

6th and 7th April, 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord 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. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.
(R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.
(R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

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	2 nd 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. *Thank You* to all the many hands who made the whole of Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful and meaningful. May God bless you all.
2. I hope all students, staff and teachers had a wonderful Easter break.
3. Two Youth Ministers have been employed to minister to the youth in our parish. They are Alice McPhillips and Isabelle Seselja. They will be starting soon.
4. Children who are to receive their First Holy Communion on the 2nd June will give their commitment at the 10.15am Mass this weekend. Please pray for them.
5. Please pray for the Sisters of Mercy as they celebrate their Farewell Mass here with us at the 10.15am Mass this weekend. Please join with them for Morning Tea after Mass in the Lovat Chapel.
6. The multi-purpose room at the back of the church was talked about at the recent PPC meeting. I appreciate your enthusiasm for this project but there are a few more things to cover before we proceed. More details will be advised shortly.

First Eucharist – Sunday 25th June 2023

Please pray for...

Atticus Gilchrist

Madeline Caldow

Benjamin O'Reilly

Mikayla Black

Billy Field

Sophie Donoghue

Gabriel Dunstan

Vincent Da Deppo

George Douglas

Jack Maher

Isabelle Davis

Jessica Hardy



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN AS THEY PREPARE FOR THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,

Bless all the children who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time.

May that day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they will turn to you for comfort, guidance and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament. AMEN.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon. 8 Apr: The Annunciation of the Lord.

Thu. 11 Apr: Saint Stanislaus



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.

Have you thought? Those who have not seen

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we – blessed are we – who have not seen and yet still believe!



Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

Week 10 and Year 3's Religious Education unit focuses on God's images, in particular:

How do the authors of the Old Testament portray God?
 What can each of these stories help us to understand about God? What do I imagine that God is like?
 What images of God could I use to communicate what I understand about God?

During our visit to Lovat Chapel students looked for images of God and sketched their favourite ones.



Mt Carmel teachers and Father Peter led a special prayer service on Tuesday morning to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.





What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

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

Sun. 14th 10.15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word - 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

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



SISTERS OF MERCY FAREWELL MASS AND MORNING TEA

THIS SUNDAY, 7TH APRIL 2024

All are welcome to join together with the Sisters of Mercy following Mass to celebrate and recognize the contribution they made to the Yass community for almost 150 years.

Morning Tea will be held in the Lovat Chapel.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Commitment Mass

Sunday 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

Sunday 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.



ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Will gather for discussion and prayer on

Wednesday 24 April, 1.30pm

at Kath Grace's home

All Welcome

Please phone Susan Bucknell on 0466 476 043



61st World Day of Prayer for vocations on 21 April

Vocation Discernment Silent Retreat for Priesthood 19-21 April, for men discerning a call to Priesthood. To be held at St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong.

Cost to be negotiated with each retreatant but Galong cost is \$150 per day; Food & linen provided. Bring bible and walking shoes.

Further details available in brochure available at the back of the church

Supa Club: Volunteers needed fortnightly in local Primary Schools to run "SUPA Club" at lunch time. This is the new version of Scripture Classes. Volunteers find SUPA Club a little more relaxed and easier to run. Resources and directions provided. More information at <https://sunsw.org.au/in-schools/supa-clubs/> If interested contact Helena Painting hpainting@dpainting.com.au or phone_ 0427 976 112

ECUMENICAL HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN at 50 Laidlaw Street

Mon. 15 Apr	10.30 am	Movie - Migration	Free
Tue. 16 Apr	9.30 am	2 hrs 0-10yrs	\$3 chd \$5 family
Thu. 18 Apr	10.00 am	Game Morning	Free

See Notice Board for further details.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

'Thank You'

Dear Parishioners,

St Augustine's Conference members are most grateful and appreciate your ongoing financial and practical support in their work of the Society.

Last month 24 families (compared with 11 same time last year) included 5 new families, were assisted with food from the Conference pantry.

Your generous donations of tinned and non-perishable food items enable us to distribute these to families and individuals within our communities who are experiencing food insecurity.

We look forward to your invaluable donations of tinned and non-perishable food items. A basket has been placed on a back pew of the church to receive these donations.

Again our sincere thanks to you all.

Judith Williams

St. Augustine's Conference

LADIES MORNING TEA

When: Thur. 11th April. 10am
Where: Yass Soldiers Club



All Welcome

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Doubt no longer but believe

Don't we find it difficult sometimes to believe in ourselves?
 Maybe we haven't been praised or liked as a child,
 perhaps we've failed in relationships or jobs?
 Or failed in sports, exams and what we've set our hearts on?
 And then the change when someone believes in us,
 or when things go well, or we can forgive ourselves.
 Jesus believes in you –
 he loves you and believes in you;
 and then he says as he said to Thomas:

Doubt no longer but believe

Faith in God can weaken.
 Once nourishing our life,
 it can threaten our happiness.
 Once simple, it can become complicated.
 Life's tragedies and problems
 can take us away from God,
 and faith itself finds its own pathways.
 The strength of our faith fluctuates,
 and we may move from God.
 And like Jesus for Thomas,
 God looks for us.
 Through the locked door
 of disappointment, resentment, guilt,
 confusion, boredom, and let-down,
 he comes with peace.
 He simply looks at you,
 sees into your heart with love,
 and with compassion says
 to you, as to Thomas:

Doubt no longer but believe

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 3: 13-15, 17-19*
 Peter calls the people to reform.

Second Reading *1 John 2: 1-5*
 To know Jesus, keep his commandments.

Gospel *Luke 24: 35-48*
 Jesus appears to the disciples gathered together.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Elaine Davison

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

*Gail Hayward (1/4), Patricia Cooke (3/4),
 Joan Darmody (5/4), Denise Meritt-Bell (7/4),
 Raymond Waters (8/4), Faye Freebody (8/4),
 Nancy Carey (9/4), Grace Stansfield (9/4),
 May Luchetti (10/4), Joanne Stuart (10/4),
 Warwick O'Brien (11/4), Valerie Kemp (11/4),
 Sam Turner (12/4), Jack Davis (12/4),
 Karen Maher (14/4), Alice Pinferi (15/4),
 Beverly Wales (15/4), Joan Carey (16/4),
 Sr Cora Carey (16/4), Ray Hamilton-Smith (16/4),
 Thomas Palmer (17/4), Ronald (Joe) Kelly (17/4),
 Gerry Winter (18/4), Cameron Croker (18/4),
 Noel Todd (19/4), Veronica Wade (19/4),
 Carmel O'Brien (21/4), Glen Murphy (21/4),
 Agnes Watson (23/4), Sophie Rowe (24/4),
 Henry Dyball (24/4), Joe Monteleone (26/4),
 Stella McNally (28/4) and Dulcie Weekes (30/4).*

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1 st Reading & Responsorial Psalm				
2 = 2 nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful			3 = Acolyte	
7 th Apr	Ronith Joseph	1	Reima Joseph	2
	Anthony O'Connell	3		
14 th Apr	Susan Morrissey	1	Joe Morrissey	2
	Peter Cleary	3		

ALTAR SERVER

7 th Apr	Charlotte	Alexander	Fletcher	Lees
14 th Apr	Imogen	Maher	Louis	Green

ALTAR CLEANERS

15 th Apr	Geraldine	Doyle
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Multicultural Mass – Sunday 7 April 11am St Christopher's Cathedral

The Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral is full of colour, song, and dance. Join the African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as they come together to celebrate their multicultural heritage in the Year of the Holy Spirit.

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.



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