

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
David Garland Irene Carr

Ex Officio Members: Father Peter and Zuzy Webster

Parish Pastoral Council

Peter Cleary (Chair) Michael Van Wanrooy Welfare
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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 Katie Davis

Sacramental Team Leader Anne Mattappallil

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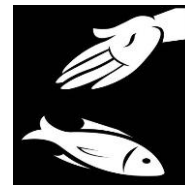
We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land in which we meet.

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

13th and 14th April, 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! (R.)

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears
me whenever I call him. (R.)

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on
us, O Lord. (R.)

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety. (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

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
(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/Warrington

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. The end of the first term of school has arrived and so we wish all the staff and students a great school holiday break. We will see you again when you return.
2. This coming week I will be attending the annual Vietnamese Conference in Melbourne from Monday until Thursday. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be celebrated by Susan Bucknell on Wednesday evening at 5.30pm and Thursday morning at 7.30am, both in the Lovat Chapel.
3. Next weekend will be Good Shepherd Sunday. An Appeal for Formation of our Seminarians will be held and envelopes for donations will be available.
4. The Archdiocese is hosting a Roundtable Series in this Year of the Holy Spirit. 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. You can register at cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables. Online (Zoom) and In-Person (Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Manuka)

First Eucharist – Sunday 2nd June 2024

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.

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.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE

9TH APRIL 2024

VATICAN HUMAN DIGNITY DECLARATION

("DIGNITAS INFINITA")

Dear Friends in the Risen Lord Jesus,

The Vatican has released a new and important document that stresses HUMAN DIGNITY in the light of the many ethical issues of today.

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith's new document "Dignitas Infinita" ("Infinite Dignity") is a welcome summary of Catholic ethical/moral teaching on many of the "hot button" issues of our time.

I believe it is a kind of mini-Catechism of many ethical issues that we are confronted with on a daily basis. This new Declaration will give us all real clarity on how Catholics approach such issues based on the Dignity of the Human Person.

The Document's Introduction summaries its purpose concisely. It is to reaffirm "the indispensable nature of the dignity of the human person in Christian anthropology."

In its first three chapters it reaffirms fundamental principles based on good philosophical foundations, enlivened in the Easter joy of our Christian Faith.

The Declaration then critiques many current issues in the light of these principles. These issues include "offences against life itself" (e.g. Murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, suicide). It also comments on "violations of the integrity of the human person" (e.g. Mutilation, torture, psychological pressures).

Finally, it includes "offences against human dignity" (e.g. Poverty, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, degrading working conditions).

The list goes on to include, for example, surrogacy, the death penalty, gender theory, digital violence, gambling, and so on.

I highly recommend you read the complete document and discuss the issues thoroughly.

With renewed Easter greetings and blessings.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn



Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

Friday Parish Mass Attendance

Year 6, 2 and Kindergarten students attended Mass last week and Fr Peter spoke to the students about being Jesus' disciples



Year 4's Religious Education unit examines The Holy Trinity and students had the opportunity to represent the Holy Trinity on a Celtic Trinity Knot. A few students were asked to explain the Holy Trinity in their own words, here are a couple:

Zoey: The Holy Trinity reminds me of a clover because it has three parts but it is one.

Charlie: The Holy Trinity is like a light bulb because it has three separate parts to make electricity.





What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

April

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

May

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

Sun. 12th 10.15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- St Augustine's Church

Sun. 26th 10.15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- St Augustine's Church

Sun. 26th Parish Morning Tea following Mass
- 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

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Sunday 2nd June 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.



This weekend we welcomed into our Church community:

Ava Grace

child of

Mathew and Emily

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

The **Roundtables** Leading into our Archdiocesan Assembly (2024), these Roundtables will provide a forum for discernment and discussion on the challenges and hopes of Christian Initiation, as experienced by our Parishes, Catholic schools and broader Archdiocesan community.

'Enlarge the Tent: Ecclesial and Multicultural Communities'

Where: Online (Zoom) and in-person (Pastoral Centre, St Christopher's, Manuka)

When: Tuesday 16 April – 4.30pm to 6.00pm

What: Prayer + Discernment + Panel + Discussion + Contribution

How: cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables

'Moments of Encounter'

Where: Online (Zoom) and in-person (Haydon Hall, St Christopher's, Manuka)

When: Thursday 18 April – 4.30pm to 6.00pm

What: Prayer + Discernment + Panel + Discussion + Contribution

How: cgevangalisation.org.au/roundtables

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Sat 18 & Sun 19 May. Engaged Encounter- Sydney,

Tues 11th June 5-9pm FOCCUS - plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare.

Sat 13 & 20 July. Evenings for the Engaged- SmartLoving – online, nine lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au
Enquiries: Text 0405440463

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



SISTERS OF MERCY FAREWELL MASS AND MORNING TEA

'Thank You'

The Sisters of Mercy extend their gratitude to the Yass community for celebrating with them the end of an Era lasting 146 years.

Those of us who were able to attend remembered again the beautiful hospitality, the wonderful friendships that enriched our lives as well as the spiritual experiences we shared together.

Thank you to Fr Peter, to Annabelle O'Connell and music ministry. Michael Green for creating memories and organising. Those who brought in the symbols reminding us of the richness of the environment. Di Carey for including so much in the Overhead. Last but not least Peter Cleary. Thank you so much, nothing was a trouble to you. With all this participation this Liturgy became an experience that we will appreciate for a long time.

*Sr Mary
on behalf of our Leader Sr Patricia Johnson and the Sisters.*

COMMUNION REFLECTION

From darkness to light

In all the Easter work of Jesus,
he led the disciples
out of darkness into light,
out of sadness into joy,
out of isolation into community,
giving the living bread of hope
for the dry bread of their disappointment.

He did this by sharing himself with them,
sharing the scripture that spoke of him,
and the bread that was his body.

No long instructions,
no long exhortations,
just the openness
of sharing himself with them.

This is his plea to us, his Church:
be light in darkness,
be joy in sadness,
be community in isolation,
be Eucharist to dry bread,
be wholeness to broken life.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



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

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

First Reading

Peter heals by the power of Jesus.

Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12

Second Reading

We are children of God.

1 John 3: 1-2

Gospel

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

Supa Club: Volunteers needed fortnightly in local Primary Schools to run "SUPA Club" at lunch time.. Resources and directions provided. For more info at <https://sunsw.org.au/in-schools/supa-clubs/> or contact Helena Painting hpainting@dpainting.com.au or phone 0427 976 112

ECUMENICAL HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN at YBC 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.

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful 3 = Acolyte

14 th Apr	Susan Morrissey	1	Joe Morrissey	2
	Peter Cleary	3		
21 st Apr	Russell Hill	1	Jaclyn Green	2
	Bob Nash	3		

ALTAR SERVER

14 th Apr	Imogen Maher	Louis Green
21 st Apr	Mackie Leahy	Zoe Leahy

ALTAR CLEANERS

15th Apr Geraldine Doyle

FOOD DONATIONS FOR VINNIES FOOD PANTRY - 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.

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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