

# 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  
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**        Katie Davis

**Sacramental Team Leader**        Anne Mattappallil

**Safeguarding**                          Vacant

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

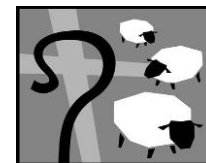
We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land in which we meet.

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



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2024



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:**    **The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Alleluia!**

## WEEKEND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Uniting Church Hall	Murrumbateman
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	St Francis Xavier Church	Gunning
<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>10.15 am</b>	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/Warrington

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

<b>Yass</b>	Saturdays	10:30 am
<b>Gunning Parish</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	8:30 am (during Mass)

*Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Monday or Tuesday).  
Notice of at least one month is required for a child 0-7 years.  
Enquiries for older children/adults please talk with the Parish Secretary.*

### 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. This weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday. An Appeal for Formation of our Seminarians is held this weekend. Envelopes for donations are available in the pews.
2. Please pray for the priests and deacons who serve in our Archdiocese, along with those dedicated through the Consecrated Life, that growing ever closer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, their faith will be firm and their love generous.
3. ANZAC Day this year falls on Thursday of this week. Mass will be at 9am instead of the usual time of 7.30am.
4. There are still a few things to cover before we can be sure of the way forward for the multi-purpose room at the rear of the church. Please be patient for a little longer as these important things need to be covered first.
5. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week.



Dear friends,

We have three seminarians studying for the Priesthood in our Archdiocese. Our first-year seminarian, Nicholas Barry, joined early this year, Cinnil Thomas is in his second year, and Bran Grgic is in his third. Also, I am delighted to inform you that Deacon Mark Ha's ordination to the Priesthood will be in October of this year.

The 2024 Good Shepherd Appeal is an opportunity for spiritual and financial generosity.

To give a non-deductible gift please use one of the options below.

- With the payment slip is attached
- Giving at: [bit.ly/goodshepherd2024](http://bit.ly/goodshepherd2024)
- Calling: (02) 6239 9876

I am convinced that the Holy Spirit calls young men to become priests. I ask everyone to pray for increased vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood.

Thank you for your generosity.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Archbishop Christopher Prowse



## 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.

First Eucharist - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024  
Please pray for...

Atticus Gilchrist	Madeline Caldwell
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

**Thu. 25 Apr. ANZAC DAY**

A national day of remembrance in which we honour the courage and self-sacrifice of those who have served in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

**Fri . 26 Apr. Saint Mark**

Saint Mark died about the year 74. Usually identified with the John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the apostles, and with the young man who followed Christ after his arrest (Mark 14:51). A cousin of Saint Barnabas (11 June).

Accompanied Saint Paul (29 June) on his first missionary journey and later followed him to Rome. A companion of Saint Peter (29 June) and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.,

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### The Shepherd Messiah

The gospels go to great lengths to affirm the lineage of Jesus and associate him with the house of David, the first great Jewish king. David began life as a simple boy tending his father's flock of sheep. When the line of kings was instigated through David they were charged with being 'shepherds' of their people. However, down through the line of kings, this care for the people was lost and they ceased to be 'shepherds'. Jesus' claim to be the good shepherd is his claim to be in the line of the true kings of Israel - a shepherd of the people.



## What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

### May

- Sun. 12<sup>th</sup>**                      **MOTHER'S DAY - Morning Tea**  
- St Augustine's Church
- Sat. 18<sup>th</sup>**            **9.00 am**            **Mass - 100 Year Celebration of**  
**St Augustine's Yass Conference**  
**of St Vincent de Paul –**  
**SEE SEPARATE NOTICE**
- Sun. 26<sup>th</sup>**            **10.15 am**            **Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
- St Augustine's Church
- Sun. 26<sup>th</sup>**            **10.15 am**            **Parish Morning Tea following Mass**  
**Please bring a plate to share**  
- 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*



## ST AUGUSTINE'S CONFERENCE

of

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

is celebrating

**100 YEARS OF SERVING THE YASS COMMUNITY**

at MASS on

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

9.00am in St Augustine's Church

All are welcome to attend this special celebratory Mass for the Vinnies Conference to recognise the contribution they have made to the Yass community for 100 years.

The Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Lovat Chapel.



### **SICK OR HOUSEBOUND**

Do you know someone in need of the Blessed Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?

Please contact the Parish Office by phoning 6226 1086 or calling in on Mondays or Tuesdays, between 9am & 3pm.



## **FIRST EUCHARIST**

### Commitment Mass

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April (for those nable to make the 7<sup>th</sup> April Commitment Mass.



### Sacrament of First Eucharist

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10:30am at St Augustine's

## **CONFIRMATION**

### Registration

TBC



### Commitment Masses

28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (TBC)

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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



## **1 MAY | WEDNESDAY | HEALING RALLY WITH DAMIAN STAYNE -**

@ St Peter Chaneels Church, Weston Street, Yarralumla from 7pm - 9:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Praise, worship, healing prayer and joy in the Holy Spirit! Damian is a Catholic lay evangelist from the UK. He ministers powerfully in the charisms of preaching and healing. To register call/text Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019.

## **4 MAY | CANBERRA'S GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE**

This will be a prayerful show of solidarity with cities around the world on Saturday, 4 May. Some will walk the length of the Gaza Strip (41 kms), commencing atop Mt Ainslie at 4am, with a 10am liturgy at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton and a 1.30pm gathering at Regatta Point before the last 6kms. All welcome. Further info: 0413 840 555 / [adair.obrien@outlook.com](mailto:adair.obrien@outlook.com)

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES FOR ENGAGED COUPLES**

**SAT 18 & SUN 19 MAY** | Engaged Encounter- Sydney,

**TUE 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](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)  
Enquiries: Text 0405440463

## *Financially Speaking*



### **Collections Received in January 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection:**

\$ 2,331.75

**Includes:** 30% share from the Smart Terminal Tap Machine, Xmas Dues and Baptism donations.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:**

\$ 6,561.00

**Includes:** Loose at Mass, Planned Giving, EFT, Direct Debits, Credit Card and Smart Terminal (Tap Machine).

*Thank you very much for your donations*

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### And his reputation spread.

They talked about him,  
about the things he said and the way he said them,  
about the people he healed and their confidence in him,  
about his gentleness and compassion,  
and the loving way he talked about his Father.

Some people liked one quality, others another.  
Some people liked his smile, others liked his touch.  
Some liked the new way of looking on religion,  
and others liked the challenge in his message.

And some did not like him –  
the people who wanted to cheat the poor,  
or oppress people with harsh religion;  
and people were guided by evil,  
by greed or abuse or by sin,  
heard about him, spoke badly of him,  
cursed him, told lies about him.

Nobody was unmoved by this man.  
His voice reached everyone,  
his care for the poor, the lowly, the neglected,  
challenged the powerful and encouraged the weak.

What have you heard of Jesus?  
What attracts you?

Be glad that you love him,  
be glad that you follow him,  
be glad that his reputation has spread to your 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: 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

#### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 9: 26-31*

Saul joins the apostles.

#### Second Reading

*1 John 3: 18-24*

We are in God and God n us.

#### Gospel

*John 15:1-8*

Jesus the Father, the vine, the vine grower.

**Please reflect on these readings over the coming week**

### 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.

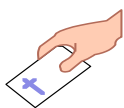
A basket for donations of non-perishable goods is placed at the back of the church.



Thank you.

### 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

### ROSTERS

#### LITURGY

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

2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Prayers of the Faithful 3 = Acolyte

21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Russell Hill	1	Jaclyn Green	2
	Bob Nash	3		
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Peter Cleary	1	Kate Walker	2
	Peter Walker	3		

#### ALTAR SERVER

21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Mackie Leahy	Zoe Leahy
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Heath Wood	Ronith Joseph

#### ALTAR CLEANERS

29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Kath Moore
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## Designing Windows

*Curtains, Pelmet, Tracks & Rods*

*All types of blinds including;*

*Roman, Vision, Roller, Cedar,*

*Venetians & Shutters*

*Cushions, Accessories and much more.....*

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**Cathy Cleary – 6226 2012**

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