

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

27th and 28th April, 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

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
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 (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. 'Welcome Back' to school all students and staff. We hope you enjoyed your holiday break and look forward to having you all with us for Term 2.
2. A number of parishioners would already have heard that Peter Patrick passed away last Wednesday morning. On behalf of the Parish I would like to thank Peter for his great contribution to the Parish over many years.
Peter's funeral will be a Requiem Mass on Thursday 2nd May at 12 noon. This Mass will be in place of the usual 7.30am Mass on Thursday.
3. Please note that the Wednesday 5.30pm Mass this week will be celebrated in St Augustine's Church as the organ in the Chapel is being dismantled for removal to its new home in Sydney.
4. Perry Healey will be presenting a new course entitled 'A Biblical Walk Through The Mass' which will run for five weeks. Perry will say a few words to us about this Course at Mass this weekend. Please also read the notice below for further details.



ANOINTING MASS

Saturday 4th May
9.00am
in St Augustine's Church

NEW COURSE - A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

When : Starts 7:30pm on Thursday 30 May
then every Thursday through June.
A total of 5 weeks.

Where : Mt Carmel School Library.

The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. The Mass transcends time and space as it makes present to us the life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. This course explores the biblical roots of the liturgy and reveals what it means and why it matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

To register your interest and order your workbook, please text or call Perry on 0432120362.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

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.

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.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 29 April: Saint Catherine of Siena
Thursday 2 May: Saint Athanasius
Friday 3 May: Saints Philip and James

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.





What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

May

Sun. 12th

MOTHER'S DAY

- Morning Tea
- St Augustine's Church
Please bring a plate to share



Sat. 18th

9.00 am

Mass - 100 Year Celebration of St Augustine's Yass Conference of St Vincent de Paul –

SEE SEPARATE NOTICE

Sun. 26th

10.15 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word
- St Augustine's Church

Sun. 26th

10.15 am

Parish Morning Tea following Mass
Please bring a plate to share
- 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



ST AUGUSTINE'S CONFERENCE

of

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

is celebrating

100 YEARS OF SERVING THE YASS COMMUNITY

at MASS on

SATURDAY 18th 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.



FIRST EUCHARIST

Commitment Mass

Sunday 28th April (for those nable to make the 7th April Commitment Mass.



Sacrament of First Eucharist

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



This weekend we welcomed into our Church community:

Shelby Eleanor
Alaska Rose

child of
child of

Rodney and Teneal
Scott and Danielle

1 MAY | WEDNESDAY | HEALING RALLY WITH DAMIAN STAYNE - @ St Peter Chanel's 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.

2 MAY | THE MARRIAGE COURSE INNER NORTH CANBERRA

Nicky Gumbel says "There's no marriage that can't be improved." The Marriage Course offers practical support and ideas to strengthen your relationship, in a fun, impactful way, all from the comfort of your own home via zoom. Starts Thursday 2nd May 7:00 – 9:00 for 9 weeks, including a closing dinner. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$48 for a pair of workbooks required for the course. Register for the course at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/home/marriage-course-inner-north-canberra-parish-registration-form/>

More information at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/married/>

Enquiries helena.zobec@cg.org.au or 0405 440 463

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

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
Enquiries: Text 0405440463

Financially Speaking



Collections Received in February 2024

1st Collection:

\$ 2,699.65

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

2nd Collection:

\$ 6,014.00

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

Thank you very much for your donations

Fertility Awareness Method



Archdiocese of
Canberra Goulburn

Local health professionals and qualified instructors are available help you understand and manage your fertility in an effective and non-invasive manner. Achieve or avoid pregnancy naturally. Address reproductive health issues holistically. See *Fertility Awareness Methods* at www.marriagefamily.org.au

COMMUNION REFLECTION

I am the vine, you are the branches.

I am the river, you are the water,
I am the mountain, you are the soil,
I am the love, you are the touch,
I am the mother, you are the child,
I am the fragrance, you are the rose;
we belong with him, and in him.

There is no river without water,
no mountain without soil,
no love without touch,
no mother without child,
no fragrance without flower;

The risen Lord,
faithful promise of God to all of us,
is the source of all life.

May we be grateful for the gift of life.

The risen Lord is the source of all love;
may we be grateful for the gift of love.

It is continuous gift:
the vine gives life to the branches,
the river gives direction to the water,
the touch gives the comfort of love,
the soil is enriched by the mountain,
the rose is made sweet by the fragrance.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48*
The Holy Spirit descends on Jews and Gentiles alike.

Second Reading *1 John 4: 7-10*
One without love does not know God.

Gospel *John 15:9-17*
Live on in Christ.

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.

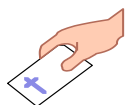
A basket for donations of non-perishable goods is placed at the back of the church.



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 for more information.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Peter Patrick, Wilhelmina Van Wanrooy, Jade Young

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 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

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

28th Apr	Peter Cleary	1	Kate Walker	2
	Peter Walker	3		
5th May	Alan Oakey	1	Eva Karakotas	2
	Greg Minahan	3		

ALTAR SERVER

28th Apr	Heath Wood	Ronith Joseph
5th May	Reima Joseph	Rithika Joseph

ALTAR CLEANERS

29th Apr	Kath Moore
13th May	Coral Carroll

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