

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
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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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR B

18th and 19th May, 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are. How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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/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 2nd 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. Next PPC meeting will be held Tuesday 21st May at 6.30pm at the Presbytery.
2. Youth News: our new Parish Youth Ministers - Isabela and Alice - will join the next PPC meeting. Information about Parish/Archdiocese youth activities can be found at the back of church, Parish website www.staug.yass.org.au or via the Instagram handle: Youth.yass
3. Congratulations to Michael and Sid for being installed as new Acolytes serving our Parish.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon. 20 May: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Christians
Fri. 24 May: Our Lady, Help of Christians

Our Lady, Help of Christians prayer:

Mary, Help of Christians, watch over us with love. Intercede for us with your Son, to bless Australia, so that we can be people of peace - people who love and respect each other, and people who love and respect our land, Australia. We make this prayer through Jesus, your Son. Amen

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
 From the clear celestial height
 Thy pure beaming radiance give.
 Come, thou Father of the poor,
 Come with treasures which endure;
 Come, thou light of all that live!
 Thou, of all consolors best,
 Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
 Dost refreshing peace bestow;
 Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
 Pleasant coolness in the heat;
 Solace in the midst of woe.
 Light immortal, light divine,
 Visit thou these hearts of thine,
 And our inmost being fill:
 If thou take thy grace away,
 Nothing pure in man will stay;
 All his good is turned to ill.
 Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
 On our dryness pour thy dew;
 Wash the stains of guilt away:
 Bend the stubborn heart and will;
 Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
 Guide the steps that go astray.
 Thou, on us who evermore
 Thee confess and thee adore,
 With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
 Give us comfort when we die;
 Give us life with thee on high;
 Give us joys that never end.



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 Caldwell
Benjamin O'Reilly	Mikayla Black
Billy Field	Sophie Donoghue
Gabriel Dunstar	Vincent Da Deppo
George Douglas	Jack Maher
Isabelle Davis	Lucy Pearce
	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.



Our Parish School - Mt. Carmel



In Week 8 I will be joining a team of Catholic Principals from our Archdiocese in support of the Vinnies CEO Sleepout. On Thursday 20 June, I will be sleeping rough at Parliament House to help raise funds and awareness for the vital work Vinnies does in our region supporting individuals and families experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness. Whether because of cost of living pressures, the experience of domestic and family violence, mental health concerns, addiction, or any number of other causes, the problem of homelessness is a terrible one; and although it is less visible in regional areas than in the metropolitan centres, families in our own community will be relying on Vinnies this winter for support.


My personal goal is to raise \$4000 for this important cause this year. If you are in a position to help, please consider going to <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/michaelgreen/act> to make a donation.

Michael Green
 Principal



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

May

Sat. 18th 9.00 am **Mass - 100 Year Celebrator St Augustine's Yass Confer of St Vincent de Paul.** 
Please bring a plate

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

REFLECTION

Divine Energy and being Catholic

The term 'Holy Ghost' is an unfortunate rendering of 'Holy Gust', the divine wind, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit which can come into the lives of individuals and communities, sometimes as the merest whisper of a breeze, sometimes at gale force.

This is what happened at Pentecost. St Luke, writing the Acts of the Apostles, grasps for imagery to portray the force of the Holy Spirit's descending on Mary and Peter and other disciples. This divine flaming Gust cleared away the undergrowth of timidity and anxiety imprisoning those disciples in the upper room. Then they became like seed pods germinating in the ashes, allowing a new community to take root, a community where barriers of language, ethnicity and race were overcome.

The primary task of St Peter, then as now, is to present the Resurrection in a way understandable by people of every language group around the world. Everything else his successor does is secondary to his preaching 'the marvels of God'. Pope Francis is doing this by word and deed.

We could take a moment to pray for forgiveness for the wind breaks which we, individually and as a parish or larger church community, erect to shield us from the Holy Spirit gusting into our lives. Let us ask for the courage to allow ourselves to be a windswept people ignited by Divine Love.

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ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Will gather for discussion and prayer on
 Wednesday 22 May, 2.00pm
 at Kath Grace's home
 All Welcome

Please phone Susan Bucknell on 0466 476 043



FIRST EUCHARIST

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.



May 20 – 22 | A Current of Grace

Renewing Catholic Schools as Centres of Evangelisation: An invitation is extended to Australian and international Catholic education and other Church leaders to a conference focused on renewing Catholic schools as centres of evangelisation, emphasising two high-impact strategies – Staff and Leader formation and student formation for peer-to-peer ministry. More details at www.catholicvoice.org.au

May 25 | menALIVE Weekend for Men

Held at MHOc Parish, Sacred Heart Church in Pearce on the weekend of 25 & 26 May. MHOc along with menALIVE experienced leaders will hold retreat. A weekend of talks, personal testimonies & opportunities for discussion & space to reflect, please register at: <https://canberracatholic.men> Enq: Matt Wolnicki 0438 446 489, Fr Emil 0414 523 036.

Fertility Awareness Methods



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



Grill'd & God Returns! If you or someone you know is in highschool from years 8 to 12, join us on the 21st of May for a night of live music, food and great conversations! Kickstarting a youth 'Theology of the Body series', our first session is on 'Rizz & God' – all about finding authentic love amidst a culture of red flags. Join us on Tuesday the 21st of May, from 5pm to 7pm at Grill'd in Manuka! For questions or enquiries, and to let us know you're coming, email



Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House

Second Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To RSVP please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.

Fr Ananda Maddinen would like to invite you for a 16-day pilgrimage, departing on 28th of October 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Rocamadour, Nevers, Paris, Medjugorje, Zagreb, for an all-inclusive price of \$8390. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholiday.com.au

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Do not let yourselves be guided
by the spirit of self-indulgence.

Look at the legacy self-indulgence produces:
bad temper, fighting, jealousy, cruelty, meanness,
revenge, fornication, idolatry and drunkenness.

These are ugly things, and make life miserable.
Rather, let yourself be guided by the Spirit of God.

Look at the legacy the Spirit brings:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

These are beautiful things, and make life joyful.
They are a foretaste of the joy of heaven.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR B

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40

Moses tells the people of the one true God.

Second Reading

Romans 8: 14-17

We are heirs with Christ.

Gospel

Matthew 28: 16-20

Jesus sends forth the Apostles with the promise to be with them forever.

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.

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).**

Thank you for your generosity and support.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Peter Patrick, Wilhelmina Van Wanrooy, Jade Young

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

*Thomas Williamson (1/5), Brendan Reardon (2/5),
David Warren (2/5), Herbert Vincent (3/5),
Ron McGrath (4/5), Mary McReynolds (5/5),
Vea Teofilo (5/5), Robert Delbridge (6/5),
Maude Baker (6/5), Bill Smith (7/5), Jennifer Rowan (7/5),
Gwendoline Bayley (8/5), Thomas Horton (10/5),
Kevin Crossley (10/5), Franjo Bambic (12/5),
Bruce McDonald (12/5), Florence Vincent (12/5),
Maureen McGrath (14/5), John Foran (14/5),
Rubina Crossley (15/5), Norman Carey (16/5),
Zygmunt Banaszczyk (18/5), Ian Kennedy (18/5),
Cassandra Friend (20/5), Edward McReynolds (20/5),
Esther Tully (25/5), Thomas Richmond (27/5),
Corrina Medway (22/5), Beryl Downey (23/5),
Colette Dawes (23/5), Elizabeth McRae (23/5),
Sheila Armstead (23/5), Margaret Lawrence (23/5),
John Hill (25/5), Lorna Simpson (25/5),
Joseph Barratt (28/5), Audrey Carey (29/5) and
Emse Cregan (31/5).*

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm
2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful 3 = Acolyte

19 th May	Susan Bucknell	1	Reg Bucknell	2
	Anthony O,Connell	3		
26 th May	Linda Swadling	1	Peter Gibbs	2
	Peter Cleary	3		

ALTAR SERVER

19 th May	Charlotte Alexander	Fletcher	Lees
26 th May	Imogen Maher	Louis	Green

ALTAR CLEANERS

27 th May	Mary Yates
10 th June	Kay Perceval



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Bernie Howe



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