

Welcome to the HISTORIC PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE, YASS

established 1838

Located in the Yass Valley the Parish covers a large area including
Bowling, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

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FATHER PETER MY, PARISH PRIEST

St. Augustine's, Yass and St. Francis Xavier's, Gunning



*St. Augustine's Church
Built 1954*



*Original St. Augustine's Church
- The Lovat Chapel*

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC 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: Mon., Tue. and Thu. (Bulletin) 9 am – 3 pm

Parish Finance Committee

Father Peter (Parish Priest) Anthony Ockwell (Chair)

Tracy McKay Michael McManus

Matthew Maher Annalissa Alexander

Rhonda Hagerty

Ex Officio Members: Zuzy Webster and Bob Nash (Maintenance Team)

Murrumbateman - Sub-Committee of the PFC

Paul Trezise (Chair) Paula Beaton Jennie Fischer

David Bray

Parish Pastoral Council

Father Peter (Parish Priest) Phil Billington (Chair) Liturgy

Steve Scroope Welfare Jennie Fischer Social Justice

Vacant Youth Lara Kirk Ecumenism

Katarina O'Connor Social Activities Perry Healey RCIA

Joe Morrissey Maintenance

Ex Officio Members: Michael Green and Zuzy Webster

Principal – Mt Carmel School Michael Green

School Community Council Katie Davis

Sacramental Team Leader Anne Mattappallil

Safeguarding Officer Di Carey

Yass.safeguarding@cg.org.au

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.



ALL SAINTS

1st November, 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R)

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R)

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

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.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday Vigil Mass 6:00 pm Catholic Church Hall Murrumbateman

Sunday Mass 8:30 am St Francis Xavier's 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/Warmington

4th Tuesday of the month Yass 11:00 am

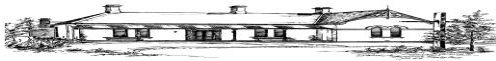
Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass with the residents at both locations. However, due to COVID/lockdowns, please check with each location first that you can attend.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday Yass 10:00 am - 10:30 am

1st Sat. of Month Murrumbateman 5.15 pm - 5.45 pm

Sundays Gunning 8:00 am - 8:15 am



FROM FATHER PETER AT THE PRESBYTERY

1. Mass for All Souls will be held on Monday 2 November at 9.00am at St Augustine's Church.
2. I will be attending the annual retreat at Galong from Sunday evening 15 November till Friday 20 November. Please pray for the Archbishop, Fathers, Deacons and Seminarians. During the week of my absence, the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be conducted in place of weekday Masses.
3. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Parish Lunch. It was a joyful occasion, bringing us together to enjoy good food, relaxed conversation, and fellowship.
4. In preparation for Christmas, we will be celebrating the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation which will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 15th December in St Augustine's Church in Yass. Please come along as there will be some priests celebrating the Sacrament for us all.
5. All parishioners are warmly invited to join the Marian Procession on 1 November. The day will begin with Mass at 11:30 am at Our Lady of Mercy Maronite Monastery Chapel, followed by a Marian Procession to St Saviour's Anglican Cathedral and the grounds of St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral. To register, please visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1667499>



DURING NOVEMBER ~ WE REMEMBER & WE PRAY...

November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls – to remembering those who have died. We begin with the **Feast of All Saints on Sunday** which is followed by the **Feast of All Souls on Monday**. All Saints Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated on November 1. It is a day dedicated to all who have entered heaven, including the saints recognized by the Church and those who are not official Saints, but whose lives inspire us.

All Souls Day follows All Saints Day which is a day of remembrance dedicated to those who have died. The **Book of Remembrance** will be in the Chapel before the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament. It is also carried in at the beginning of Mass in each of the Communities during November. You are invited to add the names of departed family and friends during this month either in the Book or on the Prayer Cards in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament or in the Focus at the Murrumbateman Gathering Space. St Augustine's Church is open from 9.00am till 3.00pm during the week for you to spend some time to remember and pray for those who have died.



"Be who you were meant to be and you will set the world on fire"
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Prayer to the HOLY SPIRIT

For the Archdiocese

Holy Spirit,
Lord of all evangelisation,
guide us in our Archdiocese.

Lead us to **Encounter** you
("Get up"),

Teach us to be true **Disciples** of
the Resurrection
("Listen"),

Send us out as **Missionaries** after
your own likeness in a synodal way.
("Go!")

Mary, lead us always to your
Son, Jesus,
Our Saviour and Mighty God.

Amen



THANK YOU EVERYONE IT WAS A JOYOUS PARISH LUNCH

About 70 members of our Parish from both the communities of Yass and Murrumbateman gathered on Sunday. Families of all ages were present and there was a great atmosphere - everyone enjoying each other's company. A special thanks to everyone who helped in any way at all and there were many who did!
Blessings & thanks from Your PPC Members.



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

On behalf of the Church in Malawi, thank you once again for your generosity.

Your support is helping create spaces where children like Yamikani* can learn, families can rebuild, and communities can move forward together.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, please visit catholicmission.org.au/united to lend your support today.

To learn more about the impact you can make through Catholic Mission, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work to see other examples of life-giving programs around the world.

*Name changed for privacy



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

November

- Sun. 8th 10.15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word**
- St Augustine's Church
- Sun. 8th 10.15 am Parish Morning Tea following Mass**
Please bring a plate to share
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December

- Sun. 13th 10.15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word**
- St Augustine's Church
- Sun. 13th 10.15 am Parish Morning Tea following Mass**
Please bring a plate to share
- St Augustine's Church
- Tue. 15th 6.00 pm Second Rite Reconciliation**
- St Augustine's Church
- Sun. 20th 10.15 am Parish Morning BBQ following Mass**
As a thank you to all who have been supporting our Parish during 2026 by volunteering. Please bring a plate to share

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

Parish Support Finance Officer

People are invited to apply for the position of **Parish Support Finance Officer**. This is a permanent full-time position supporting parishes across the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn with the **inputting of financial data and reporting** requirements.

Essential Requirements:

- Bookkeeping experience
- Accurate data entry skills
- Experience with financial packages
- Awareness of GST legislation and reporting requirements
- Experience with Microsoft 365 and excel
- Strong verbal communication skills to be able to serve as the primary point of contact for financial queries.

Salary will be subject to qualifications and experience. The position will be based in the Archbishops Office for Evangelisation, Canberra.

For a copy of the Duty Statement and to submit an application please email Leanne Boyd, Parish Support Manager leanne.boyd@cq.org.au

Position Vacant – Retreat Centre Manager, St Clement's, Galong

Essential Requirements:

- Demonstrated experience in hospitality
- Strong people leadership capability
- Excellent organisational skills
- Demonstrated ability in planning and logistics
- Well-developed communication skills
- Experience in finance and administration
- Understanding of Safeguarding, health and safety standards
- Confidence using Microsoft products
- Alignment with Catholic values

You are invited to apply for this permanent full-time position based onsite in Galong via Seek at <https://au.seek.com/job/94830582>, where full position details are available including the application process.

Freedom in Christ Advent Retreat

A weekend of teaching and prayer to find healing and freedom in Christ

Retreat focussed on:

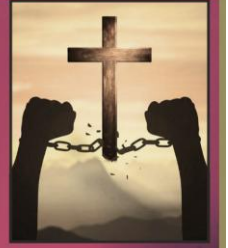
- Discovering the keys to freedom and being able to use them
- Forgiveness from the heart
- Renouncing the enemy's lies
- Listening to the Fathers voice and receiving His blessing

4th Dec Friday 6pm - 6th Dec Sunday 2pm
♥ St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah

Contact - Sharita DSouza, MGL - 040356388 or email on - sharitadsouza.mgl@gmail.com

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Scan the QR Code to Register



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Everyone is Invited

Christmas Cover Competition

Could one of your students create our Christmas cover?

We're inviting school students across the Archdiocese to enter the **Catholic Voice Christmas Cover Art Competition**. This year's theme is **"Everyone is Invited"**, exploring how the birth of Jesus brings people together. Encourage your students to get creative. The winning artwork will feature on our **December Christmas cover**.

Scan the QR code for full details and how to enter. Entries close **16 November**.

18 November | Exploring the Horizons of a Pope Leo Church | 07:30 pm
Fr Tony Banks OSA (Augustinian Provincial, Australasia, someone who knows Pope Leo well) and Dr Anne Benjamin (Hon Prof at ACU, co-author "Leadership after the Synod")....will explore key focal points of the Leo pontificate – one that will build the church for the next generation. What skills, strategies and attributes will be needed by both ordained and non-ordained, in a church where the laity has a greater role in shared leadership, decision-making and accountability? Venue: Marist Canberra

Ending Violence Against Women: Call to Prayer and Action

7:30 pm | Wednesday, 25 November | Online

As Christians, we are called to uphold the dignity and safety of every person. Join this important online event for prayer, reflection and practical learning on how we can respond to violence against women and help create safer communities. **Be part of the response. Register today**
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/ending-violence-against-women-day>
All are welcome.

4 December | Freedom in Christ Advent Retreat

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full - John 10:10
The Good News is that Jesus brought salvation and liberation by dying for our sins and setting us free from this bondage. But even after accepting this gift of salvation, we don't always fully experience freedom, we continue to feel anxious, afraid, guilty, or hopeless.
This retreat through the Unbound model will aim to help you respond to the good news of the gospel.

Contact: Sharita Dsouza, MGL – 040356388 or

Email: sharitadsouza@gmail.com Register: www.trybooking.com/dpqom

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR WELL-READ MUM GROUP.

Read great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship and meaningful conversations.

The group next meets on **Friday 27th November at 7 pm.**

For more information contact: Anna Healey 0417 429 016



ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Will gather for discussion and prayer on the

Wednesday 25th November @ 3.30 pm

Venue: 15 Walker Place, Yass

All Welcome

Enquiries please phone Sue Morrissey on 0402 915 546



COMMUNION REFLECTION

The Saints Show Us How to Love

At the heart of every saint's life is love.
 Not sentimental love. Not shallow love.
 Not convenient love.
 But sacrificial love—the kind that mirrors Christ Himself.
 To be a saint is to love:

- when it is difficult,
- when it is costly,
- when it is inconvenient,
- when it requires forgiveness,
- when it demands humility,
- when it calls for courage.

Holiness is simply love lived to the fullest.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 8th November, 2026

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom comes to those who are worthy.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

God will raise up those who have died in Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 25: 1-13

Parable of the ten bridesmaids.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

VINNIES MATTERS

Recently some of our members were able to support the Murrumbateman Catholic community with their tea rooms at the Field Days. This is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society and Vinnies with the Catholic community, as well as with the public who attend this event. This collaboration also kicks off our fund-raising for Christmas.

We are currently working with two local businesses which are keen to support us to make Christmas a little brighter for the people we meet.

In the first three months of this financial year, we have seen the same number of families as we did in the same period last year. The number of visits is up by 17% though, meaning we are seeing some families and individuals quite often as cost-of-living pressures make it increasingly difficult to get by. So as always, we really appreciate any contributions that parishioners can make to the grocery basket at the back of the church. Your response to our request for basic hygiene products was just amazing – thank you!

If you hear of anyone who might need our help, please give them our number: 0429 506 220. This number is also on the side wall of the Vinnies building in Sister Fielding Lane.

If you would like to know any more about the work that we do, please pick up our brochure from the back of the church or call me on 0427 674 246.



*Deb Valencic, President,
 St Augustine's Conference of SVdP*

Say hello to better health

Priceline Pharmacy Yass
 104-108 Cornur Street, Yass
 Ph: 6226 1003

priceline pharmacy

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Jose Gomes and Harold O'Brien

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

Vernon Norris (1/11), Christopher Butt (1/11),
 Colin Cregan (2/11), Colin O'Mara (2/11), Rita Davis (3/11),
 Barry Cassidy (3/11), David Longley (3/11),
 Al Lustenberger (5/11), Fr Phil Buckley (5/11),
 Fr Bill Crahan (6/11), Melissa Merritt (7/11),
 Michael Abbey (8/11), Eunice Turner (9/11),
 Roma Longley (10/11), Thora Hoey (12/11),
 John Brennan (13/11), Lachlan Betts (13/11),
 Una Corkhill (13/11), Janice Stuart (13/11),
 Ronald Waters (15/11), William Haynes (17/11)
 Bernard Finn (18/11), Sr. Aileen Wailes (RSM),
 Michael Power (20/11), Anne Benson (22/11),
 Gregory Barton (24/11), Bruce Merritt (24/11),
 Mary Richmond (25/11), Keith Blundell (26/11),
 Ellen Agnew (27/11), Bruce Wales (28/11),
 John Best (28/11), Geraldine Smith (28/11),
 Garry Cooke (29/11) and Patrick Corcoran (29/11).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful

3 = Acolyte

1 st Nov	Reima Joseph	1	Ronith Joseph	2
	Sid Mattapillil	3		
8 th Nov	Phil Billington	1	Peter Cleary	2
	Russell Hill	3		

ALTAR SERVERS

1st Nov Harrington Roser

8th Nov Rithika Joseph

COUNTERS

1st Nov Irene Carr Jenny Stewart Russell Hill

8th Nov Zuzy Webster Darren Lepp Rhonda Hagerty

ALTAR CLEANERS

9th Nov Irene Carr 23rd Nov Sue Morrissey

MAKING A DONATION

You can make a donation during Mass using the plate or collection bag as it is handed round at both Yass and Murrumbateman. Also, donations can be made via EFT using your home computer, or by Credit Card.

The Planned Giving Programme is still operating in both Murrumbateman and Yass and is another excellent way in which to donate as it assists in the financial planning of Yass and Murrumbateman.

Located at the back of the church in Yass you will find a 'Tap Machine' which is setup for donations using your debit card or credit card. Try it out, if this is a suitable way of giving for you.



Phone the Parish Office for further enquiries.

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