

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.



**30th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**
24th / 25th October, 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

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

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.



"BE WHO YOU WERE MEANT TO BE AND YOU
WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE"
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

FROM FATHER PETER AT THE PRESBYTERY

- Next Sunday 1 November: The feast of All Saints**, we start the month praying for all souls.
 - A priest may celebrate or concelebrate Mass three times on All Souls Day, as long as the celebrations occur at different time of the day (GIRM204). Normally, a priest may not celebrate more than once a day, though the bishop may for a good reason allow priests to celebrate twice in a day or even, if pastoral need requires it, three times on Sundays and holy days of obligation (CCL905).
 - If a priest celebrates more than one Mass during All Souls Day, the second is to be offered for the souls of all the faithful departed and the third for the intentions of the pope. No offering may be received for either of these Masses.
 - November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions. (Norms 15.7).
- In our parish** I invite you to write names of those for whom you want to pray especially during this month in our November Book. I'll say all Masses during the month praying for this intention.

PPC UPDATES FROM 20/10/26 MEETING:

- PARISH LUNCH** – 70 attending which is great!
Thanks to all the volunteers
- Kairos Ministry** – Reflection to be included in the Bulletin soon.
- RCIA** is in its second phase – a great team all working together on the journey - we continue to keep the Team & Catechumens in Prayer.
- Youth Ministry**: PPC met with the Archdiocesan Youth Minister & follow up meetings in coming weeks
- CLAIM THE DATE: COMBINED CHURCHES CHRISTMAS CAROLS** – SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER
- PFC & PPC** to meet together in late November.
- Sausage Sizzle for Volunteers: Sunday 20 December after Mass**

THANK YOU everyone as we grow together as a Parish community – please contact any PPC members with ideas and queries.

PPC Members:

Fr Peter, Jennie Fischer, Steve Scroope, Joe Morrissey, Lara Kirk, Katarina O'Connor, Perry Healey, Michael Green, Zuzy Webster, Phil Billington (Chair)



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

LITURGY TEAM UPDATES – 20/10/2026

Liturgy Team met on 20/10/26

52 Volunteers for Ministry have been contacted! **Training** will be needed for: *Lectors/Readers; Special Ministers of the Eucharist & Acolytes early in 2027*. **Thank you** also for your ideas and initiatives such as the Baptism Team, which will begin in 2027 – keep the ideas coming.

- November Focus on the Holy Souls** – the Book of Remembrance & Focus in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel & Candles and cards will begin on Sunday November 1.
- ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PREPARATION:**
- Advent Prayer Groups** – 3.30on Wednesdays - see notice in Bulletin. **Advent Retreat** – notice in the Bulletin. **Online Advent Group** – notice in the Bulletin in early November.
- Advent Wreath Candle Ritual** & special Advent Hymns
- Vinnies Giving Tree during Advent**
- Christmas Masses: Yass – Christmas Eve at 7pm**
Murrumbateman: 9am Christmas Day
Children will be involved in all the Liturgies
With blessings & thanks everyone.

Liturgy Team Members:

Fr Peter, Peter Cleary, Di Carey, Anne Eade, Paul Trezise, Michael Green, Linda Swading, Susan Bucknell, Phil Billington (Chair)



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Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

And if you choose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift – thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

*Name changed for privacy



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

October

Sun. 25th 10.15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- St Augustine's Church

Sun. 25th 12.00 pm Parish Lunch 12.00pm noon
Please bring a plate to share
- Mt Carmel PAC

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
- St Augustine's Church

Sun. 22nd 10.15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- St Augustine's Church

Sun. 22nd 10.15 am Parish Morning Tea following Mass
Please bring a plate to share
- St Augustine's Church

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:

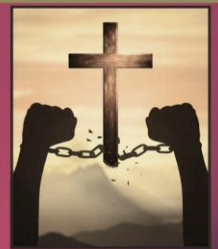
- Discovering the keys to freedom and being able to use them
- Forgiveness from the heart
- Renouncing the enemy's lies
- Listening to the Fathers voice and receiving His blessing

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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Sisters

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**.

30 Oct| Women in Leadership - Are We in a Change of Era? | 06:00 pm

All welcome! The 2026 Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Annual event is Friday 30 October 2026, from 6.00 pm at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in Woden. Guest speaker, **Ms Philomena ('Phil') Billington**, an experienced educator, leader, and facilitator will share her experience of serving in five dioceses and four states in Australia, in both rural and urban settings.

To register for this event please go to <https://events.humanitix.com/2026-annual-dinner>.

More information contact 0405 440 463.

31 October | Mothers Prayers National Day of Prayer | 10:30 am

All women, mothers and spiritual mothers are warmly invited to the Mothers Prayers National Day of Prayer on Saturday 31 October at St Benedict's Parish, Narrabundah. We will gather for 10:30am Mass, followed by Mothers Prayers, praying together for our children, grandchildren, families and the children of the world. A shared lunch will follow from 12-2pm – please bring a plate to share. Whether you are a mother, grandmother, godmother, aunt, or someone who carries children and families in your heart, you are very welcome. Come and join us in prayer, friendship and hope as we entrust our children to the loving care of Jesus. Info: Anne australia@mothersprayers.org

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 30th October at 7 pm.**

For more information contact: Anna Healey 0417 429 016



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

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER GROUP

Will gather for discussion and prayer on the

Wednesday 28th October @ 3.30 pm

Venue: 15 Walker Place, Yass

All Welcome

Enquiries please phone Sue Morrissey on 0402 915 546



COMMUNION REFLECTION

**There are only two commandments:
love God and love your neighbour.**

Hasn't Jesus made it a bit too simple?
Loving God - what a question!
Loving whom or what?
Loving what I cannot see,
the cause of all that moves,
the source of all life.

That would be remote,
frightening, distant.

Isn't it simpler to say:
what you love in another, you love in God.
When you love another, you love God.

**There are only two commandments:
love God and love your neighbour.**

Loving your child is loving God;
loving your husband or wife is loving God;
loving a pupil, a friend,
loving one you cannot stand,
this is loving God.

And in the evening of our lives,
we'll remember back
to whom we loved and tried to love,
we will dance with joy for those we loved,
and ask forgiveness of someone,
of God, of others, of life,
for those we hurt.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 1st November, 2026

ALL SAINTS - YEAR A

First Reading

Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14

Vision of those who survive the trial.

Second Reading

1 John 3: 1-3

We are already children of God.

Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-12

The Beatitudes.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

LOOKING AFTER PROPERTY, AND THE PEOPLE BEHIND IT.

RayWhite

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Jose Gomes, Harold O'Brien,
Fr. Sebastian Luistro and Monica Field

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

Joan Bartlett (1/10), Coral Davis (1/10),
Marie O'Mara (3/10), Theresa Epple (4/10),
Peter Stinson (5/10), Charles Harris (8/10),
William Grace (9/10), Emily Skillin (10/10),
Arthur Bush (12/10), Cheryl Harris (13/10),
Kevin Denny (14/10), Jayne Kemp (17/10),
Bryan Perryman (19/10), Grant Hanrahan (19/10),
Reginald Cassidy (22/10), John Richmond (23/10),
Allan Fitzpatrick (23/10), Frederick Leslie (23/10),
Terence McGann (24/10), Rita Slattery (26/10),
Cecil MacQuillan (27/10), Harold Carey (27/10),
Sylvia McCarthy (29/10), Grace McGann (30/10),
Edward Cassidy (31/10) and Patricia Fagan (31/10).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

2 = 2nd Reading & Prayers of the Faithful

3 = Acolyte

25 th Oct	Susan	Bucknell	1	Peter	Gibbs	2
	Bob	Nash	3			
1 st Nov	Reima	Joseph	1	Ronith	Joseph	2
	Sid	Mattapillil	3			

ALTAR SERVERS

25th Oct Zoe Leahy Mackie Leahy

1st Nov Harrington Roser

COUNTERS

25th Oct Peter Cleary Cathy Cleary Peter Gibbs

1st Nov Irene Carr Jenny Stewart Russell Hill

ALTAR CLEANERS

26th Oct Zuzy Webster 9th Nov Irene Carr

VINNIES MATTERS



Last weekend, 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