Welcome to the

HISTORIC PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE, YASS



St. Augustine's Church
Built 1954

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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FATHER PETER MY, PARISH PRIEST
St. Augustine's, Yass and St. Francis Xavier's, Gunning



Original St. Augustine's Church
- The Lovat Chapel

ST AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLICPARISH 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

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, *(starts with 8:40am Rosary)*	Yass	9:00 am

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

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.



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

7th / 8th November 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. ***(R.)***

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. ***(R.)***

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy ***(R.)***

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ***(R.)***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

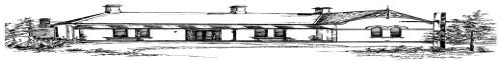
BAPTISMS

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.



FROM FATHER PETER AT THE PRESBYTERY

1. The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be conducted on Wed 18, Thu 19, Fri 20 due to my annual retreat. Urgent matters call Galong Monastery 02 6380 5222.
2. **Christmas Liturgical celebrations**:

- **A Second Rite of Reconciliation Tuesday 15th December**
  6pm at St Augustine's Church – Yass
- **Reconciliation Thursday 24th December**
  11am-12pm at St Augustine's Church – Yass
- **Christmas Eve Mass Thursday 24th December**
  5pm at Gunning
- 7pm at St Augustine's Church - Yass
- **Christmas Day Mass Friday 25th December**
  9am at Catholic Hall Murrumbateman

Baptisms *This weekend we welcome into our Church community:*

Gemma and Patrick children of Douglas and Kathy



Each year on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work that prison chaplains and Kairos undertake. Prison Sunday began in 2016 as an initiative of Pope Francis to observe the Jubilee for Prisoners. 'We need to nourish the roots of our hope so that they can bear fruit . . . despite whatever evil we have done. There is no corner of our heart that cannot be touched by God's love,' Pope Francis said at the time.

Our local Kairos Team Members (Stephen Scroope & Michael Green) reflected:
The Kairos team was able to complete the Goulburn '26 short course in September. The men in green wanted us to pass on their thanks for the love shown to them in the form of prayer and baking and letters. They were completely taken aback that people they had never met would care for them in this way. So, thanks to you all once again for your generosity. We had stories of physical, spiritual and mental healing. The Spirit was certainly working in the Centre. If anyone is interested in joining the Kairos Inside or Outside Teams, please contact Steve: 0427673455 or Michael 0411106562.

Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

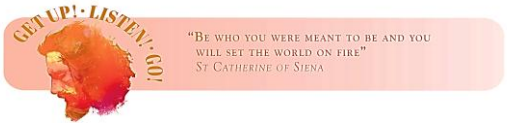
Remembrance Day Prayer Service

Remembrance Day falls on the 11th of November each year. On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minute's silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. Our Mt Carmel community has many defence force veterans who have dedicated their lives to serve the nation. We thank them for their service.

1 Red will be leading a prayer service on Wednesday 11 November to celebrate Remembrance Day. The prayer service will start at 10.40 am in the PAC and parents and friends are invited to join us.

Eva Karakotas
Religious Education Coordinator





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.

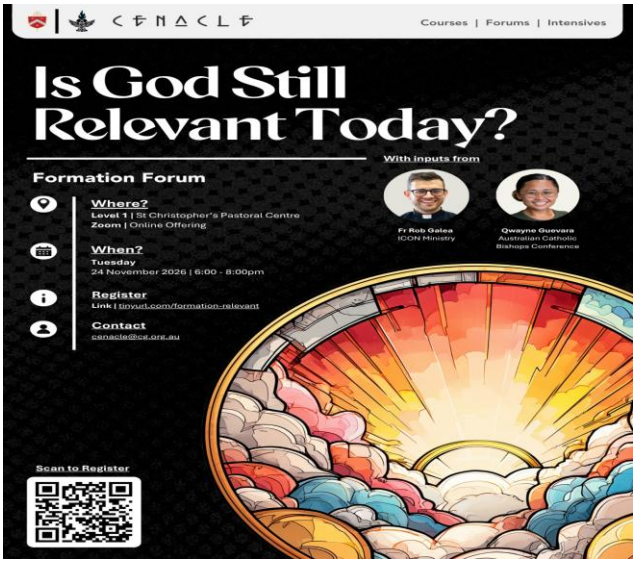
Amen



WE REMEMBER & WE PRAY…

The **Communion of Saints** is the spiritual union of all holy people, living and dead, who are united with Christ as the head of one Mystical Body. This "communion" involves a mutual sharing of spiritual goods and a solidarity based on charity, including prayers and merits exchanged between the church on Earth, souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. We light candles and remember during November - we reflect on the lives of those who have gone before us. Some thoughts of others:

'We never lose the people we love, even to death.
They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make.
Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.'



What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

November

Sun. 8th	**10.15 am**	**Children's Liturgy of the Word** - St Augustine's Church
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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

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@cg.org.au

Purchase a Caritas Australia Global Gift this Christmas

With Caritas Australia's Global Gifts, you can give a meaningful Christmas card that helps create lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues, you'll find a gift that continues to make a real difference long after Christmas Day. Each Global Gift card you buy helps make the world a little better every day. Your gift can change lives by putting food on a family's table or helping a young girl stay in school. Give a gift this Christmas that reflects the true spirit of giving and makes a lasting impact. Browse the full range of Global Gifts: https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts







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

They brought oil as well as their lamps.

We are each the light of God;
a light given with the candle given to our parents in baptism,
the light of faith
to guide our steps in the way of Jesus,
to enlighten our minds in the truth of Jesus,
to nourish our love with the life of Jesus.

You are light,
you are the lamp of God,
and this light is the warmth of God.

And the power of the lamp is the love of God.

In the Eucharist our light is brightened,
and the lamp is renewed,
as a waterfall generates electricity,
as love generates new life.

They brought oil as well as their lamps.

Take time to refresh your spirit,
take time for prayer,
take time for Eucharist,
take time for wonder,
be surprised by God
in the November sunrise,
in the Christmas anticipation,
in the evening's winter peace,
and your light glows new again.

They brought oil as well as their lamps.

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

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

8th Nov	Phil Russell	Billington Hill	1 3	Peter	Cleary	2
15th Nov	Michael Peter	Green Walker	1 3	Kate	Walker	2

ALTAR SERVERS

8th Nov	Rithika	Joseph	**15th Nov**	Jackson	Pearce

COUNTERS

8th Nov	Zuzy	Webster	Darren	Lepp	Rhonda Hagerty
15th Nov	Annalissa	Alexander	Dianne	Carey	Russell Hill

ALTAR CLEANERS

9th Nov	Irene	Carr
23rd Nov	Sue	Morrissey

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

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), 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

READINGS NEXT WEEK: 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

First Reading *Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31*
A worthy wife is invaluable.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6*
You are children of the light.

Gospel *Matthew 25: 14-30*
The rich man, his servants and the talents.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

VINNIES MATTERS



In recent months, we have seen an increasing number of people who are homeless. The situation with accommodation whether long-term or for emergencies is dire in Yass, as it is in many towns in the region. People are more likely to get accommodation in the bigger centres like Goulburn and Queanbeyan, but it is not always easy to get to those centres given the availability of public transport. Sometimes, people just have to sleep rough until they can move on.

We can provide these companions with vouchers to have a shower at the caravan park. We would like to put together some packs of basic hygiene products to have ready for such situations. The photo accompanying this article is what we have in mind. We could really use some plastic soap holders, toothbrush holders, single toothbrushes and roll-on deodorant. These products would answer a need that we really hadn't anticipated twelve months ago.

As I noted a few weeks ago, your response to our request for basic hygiene products was just amazing and very much appreciated. If the types of items we're asking for at present are out of reach for you at the moment, that's okay. Your prayers are also invaluable.

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 Sr 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