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
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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.



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

14th / 15th November 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. ***(R.)***

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. ***(R.)***

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. ***(R.)***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

BAPTISMS

Yass	Saturdays	10:30 am
Gunning Parish	2nd Sunday of the month	8:30 am (during Mass)

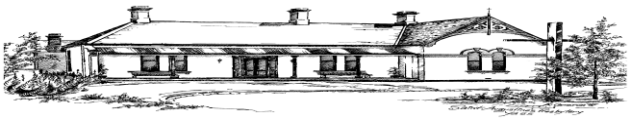
Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Monday or Tuesday). Notice of at least one month is required for a child 0-7 years. Enquiries for older children/adults please talk with the Parish Secretary.

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. Please pray for us: Archbishop, priests, deacons, seminarians as we start our annual retreat this Sunday at Galong and finish on Friday. On Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 of November there will be NO Mass but the Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.
2. Please be with me in the spirit as I continue to pray for all souls during this month of November wherever I say Mass.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15



In his message for the 10th World Day of the Poor on Sunday 15 November, Pope Leo XIV reflects on **God as "the refuge of the poor,"** urging Christians to rediscover the central place of the poor and examine our commitment to justice, solidarity, and human dignity.

"It is an opportunity for all Christians to draw closer to Christ by encountering those who live in poverty in the community", said Bishop Tim Harris, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. *"We who encounter Christ in the Eucharist cannot be indifferent to the plight of those who are poor; we must seek to become a refuge for the poor. We become a refuge for the poor when we leave our comfort zones and spend time with the poor, listen to their experiences and their feelings and become their companions…We are called to be signs of God's love in the community…it means walking side-by-side with the poor and challenging the injustices in society which cause their poverty."*

2026 PARISH ADVENT PRAYER GROUPS



This Advent two **Parish Prayer Group** opportunities are being offered:

- The **St Augustine's Prayer Group Advent Gatherings begin on Wednesday 25 November** at 3.30pm 15 Walker Place. They continues each Wednesday 2, 9 & 16 December at 3.30pm. **All are most welcome. Any queries please contact Susan Morrissey on 0402 915 546.**

- The **St Augustine's Online Advent Group** begins on Tuesday 1 December at 7.30pm-8.00pm. If you wish to join please email: philomenabillington@gmail.com **asap** and a booklet and Zoom Link will be provided. **All are most welcome.**



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:



On Remembrance Day, the 11November, we paused to honour those who gave their lives in war, in peacekeeping and in operations. We remember all who have borne the cost of service. Since then, each year a sacred minutes silence is kept, not to glorify conflict, but to remember courage, to mourn loss, and renew our commitment to a more peaceful world. As we recall the names etched in stone and in our hearts, we stand with veterans and their loved ones; acknowledging the wounds both seen and unseen. We seek the strength to care for all affected by war. We pray.

God of peace and compassion, we remember the fallen, those who laid down their lives in the service of their country. Hold in your care all who grieve, all who carry scars of body, mind and spirit, we hold up to you, all who still serve. Grant us the grace to honour their sacrifice not only with words, but with lives that seek justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Give us the wisdom and courage to pursue peace and the strength to bind up the broken hearted. May our remembrance lead to hope, and our silence to resolve. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Ref: Fr Meares, Archdiocese of Brisbane: https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/gods-people/remembrance-day-prayer)

Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

Religious Education in the Classroom

Year 5 students are examining the early Catholic pioneers and how they shared their Catholic faith and values. During my visit, students explored Caroline Chisholm and Saint Mary MacKillop, two significant females in Australian history who influenced the Australian Catholic faith and tradition. I asked a few students to share what they have learnt about the early Catholic pioneers and below are some of their responses.

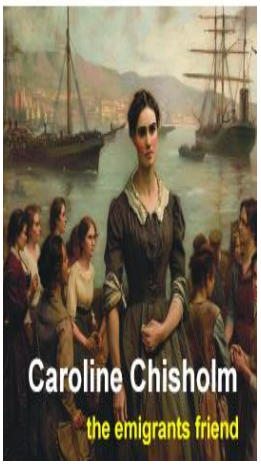
Asher: *I did not know that it was that hard for them to live. For example, if they did not attend Mass they would get beaten.*

Evelyn & Eleena: *They didn't get choices to do things and they were told to attend Mass.*

Blake: *There was a priest called Father Flynn, who secretly organised home church meetings because early settlers were not allowed to pray in public.*

Delilah: *Caroline Chisholm helped immigrants when they arrived.*

Hannah: *They travelled to remote places to share their Catholic faith and values.*



Eva Karakotas
Religious Education Coordinator

What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

November

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

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
Thu. 24th	**6.00 pm**	**Reconciliation** - St Augustine's Church
Thu. 24th	**7.00 pm**	**Christmas Eve Mass** - St Augustine's Church
Fri. 24th	**9.00 am**	**Christmas Day Mass** - Catholic Hall Murrumbateman

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

Healing Mass - Wednesday 18 November - 6pm-9pm - St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla ACT.

A Healing Mass will be celebrated by Fr David Tremble MGL on Wednesday 18 November 2026, at St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston St, Yarralumla. Hosted by the Good Shepherd prayer group, there will be Rosary at 6pm, Mass from 7pm, then Anointing and Healing prayer until 9pm. Confessions will be available before Mass; refreshments after 9pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information, call/text Gabriel on 0422 285 491 or Martin 0412 583 992.

Establishment of Holy Eucharist Parish, North Canberra

Archbishop Christopher Prowse has written to parishioners regarding the establishment of the new Holy Eucharist Parish, North Canberra. His letter is available at parishes or can be read on the Archdiocesan website using the link below.

https://cgcatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/Holy-Eucharist-Parish-Letter_-Archbihsop.pdf

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

20 November | Camino of St Joseph 2026 | 08:00 pm

CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH 2026 overnight Men's Pilgrimage walk 20–21 November 2026. Starts 8pm Mass St Joseph's O'Connor, stopping at five churches until Mary Help of Christians Pearce 8am Mass the next morning. The intention is to seek St Joseph's powerful intercession as he helped Jesus. There will be a trailing bus to offer rest breaks. For more information or to register https://canberracatholic.men, or email mat.wolnicki@menalive.org.au

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

You entrusted me with two talents; here are two more I have made.

We are familiar with the story
of the boy who wanted to bring a gift
to Jesus at his birth.
He saw others bringing expensive gifts
of gold, frankincense and myrrh;
he wondered what he had to offer,
and thought of his drum,
and how he could play a song
for Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

A simple story,
and isn't it true about our gifts and talents?

Each of us has different qualities, gifts:
all are given by God
and are valued in God's love:
gifts of music, sport and art,
of conversation and humour,
of compassion and leadership;
gifts of friendship, prayer and
caring for others,
of listening and encouraging;
whatever your gift, your talent;
your gift of being a caring parent,
of being able to help a younger generation in any way;
be grateful,
each of us has a 'bit of God' within us;
and each of us can offer to God
in our love and care for others
what he has given to us.

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = 1st Reading & Responsorial Psalm

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

15th Nov	Michael Green Peter Walker	1 3	Kate	Walker	2
22nd Nov	Russell Hill Greg Minahan	1 3	Linda	Swadling	2

ALTAR SERVERS

15th Nov	Jackson	Pearce		
22nd Nov	Zoe	Leahy	Mackie	Leahy

COUNTERS

15th Nov	Annalissa	Alexander	Dianne	Carey	Russell	Hill
22nd Nov	Peter	Cleary	Cathy	Cleary	Steve	Scroope

ALTAR CLEANERS

23rd Nov Sue Morrissey **11th Dec** **Christmas Clean**

Woolaroo Merino Stud

Kate and Mary-Clare Walker,
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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 22 NOVEMBER 2026:
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YR A

First Reading *Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17*
The Lord will rescue his sheep.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28*
When all has been subjected to Christ, all will be one in him.

Gospel *Matthew 25: 31-46*
Whenever you serve the least of people, you serve Christ.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

VINNIES MATTERS

October was a busy month for the conference, with 39 families being supported with food and other basics, up from 28 families in the same month last year. We assisted three families who had not requested help before, which was on par with October 2025.

We have also had some very positive busy-ness in the past week. I was able to address the Mount Carmel assembly on the day that they were launching their annual Christmas Appeal grocery donation drive and was able to sit in on a presentation by Milly, from the Vinnies Canberra School Team who was running social justice workshops. I want to recognise the support of the Mount Carmel community and especially Eva Karakotas, who keeps social justice firmly in the sight for all the children.

Last weekend, some members of the conference along with some family members were able to participate in one of the cook-ups for Pathway to Plates, which is the organisation which has been providing us with single serve, frozen meals. It was a long and somewhat exhausting day, but a wonderful experience to be able to see the process through from basic ingredients to the production of somewhere between 400 and 500 meals! Most of these meals will be distributed to other charities in Canberra and we were able to stock up our freezer and provide some more choices of nutritious meals for the people we help. Some members will attend another cook-up in December.

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