Welcome to the

HISTORIC PARISH OF ST AUGUSTINE, YASS

established 1838



St. Augustine's Church
Built 1954

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

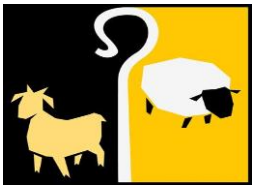
We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land in which we meet.

We pay our respects to the Elders of the past, present and future.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR A

21st / 22nd November 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. ***(R.)***

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. ***(R.)***

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. ***(R.)***

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. ***(R.)***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

BAPTISMS

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

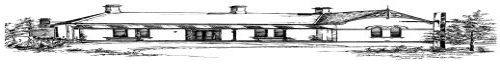
Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Monday or Tuesday). Notice of at least one month is required for a child 0-7 years. Enquiries for older children/adults please talk with the Parish Secretary.

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. **Parish Finance Committee meeting** will be held at 5.30pm on Tuesday 24 November at the Presbytery.
2. **Combined meeting of PPC and PFC** will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 24 November at the Presbytery.
3. This year's **Christmas Carols** for the whole Yass Valley will be held at Victoria Park on Sunday 6 December from 4.30pm until 7.00pm. We encourage all parishioners to please attend and join in the *Christmas Carols which an event with other churches in the Yass Valley*. If you can help in any way to ensure the success of this year's event, please contact the Parish Office.
4. The Murrumbateman Community Association is joining with the Murrumbateman Village Markets to arrange the 2026 **Murrumbateman Community Carols** and Twilight Market to be held on Sunday, 13 December 2026 at the Murrumbateman Stage and Recreation Grounds from 4pm-8

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome into our Church community:

Harriet
Brooke children of Julia and Luke
Billy
Madelyn

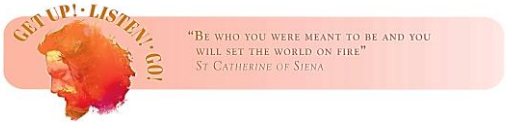
Archdiocese advances the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC): Please refer to the article published in The Voice on 16 November 2026 to see the latest update from the APC Working Party. Through this article, the draft Statutes for the soon to be formed APC, are published. We invite your reflection and comment on the draft Statutes so that the next Council of Priests meeting hears the voice of interested parishioners from across the archdiocese.

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 **by Tuesday 24 November.** A booklet and the Zoom Link will be provided. **All are most welcome. Please make contact by text (0428593191) if you are interested but prefer a different night.**



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…

This weekend, the Feast of Christ the King, marks the end of the Liturgical Year for 2026. Next weekend the 2027 Liturgical Year begins with Advent. Thus, we will complete our Remembrance Ritual at the end of the week and we recall with love:

'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'

Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel

Mt Carmel School's Upcoming

27/11	K, 2, 6 Gold celebrating Parish Mass, noon, Lovat Chapel
30/11	Advent Week 1 Prayer Service by Yr 4, PAC, Mt Carmel School
7/12	Advent Week 2 Prayer Service by Yr 4, PAC, Mt Carmel School
11/12	Christmas Concert, noon, Mt Carmel School
14/12	Advent Week 3 Prayer Service by Yr 4, PAC, Mt Carmel School
16/12	End of School Mass & Year 6 Graduation Mass, 9:30 am, St Augustine Church



Dear God,
As God's people we pray for the needs of the Church and the world. We pray for change: in ourselves and in the circumstances of those in need. May we pour out our lives in service. Unite us in faith, hope and love as we pray together.
Send your Holy Spirit to inspire and sustain us in our mission.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

What's on the Parish Grape Vine?

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

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



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



23 November | Launch of Domestic & Family Violence Resources | 05:00 pm

The Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce will be launching a set of resources to support members of our communities experiencing domestic and Family Violence. These resources have been developed with the endorsement of the Archbishop within the Catholic context.

Enquiries: Helena Zobec, Chair, Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce, Canberra Goulburn on 0405440463

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.

28 November | Celebrating the Franciscan Jubilee Year |

On 29 November each year, the Franciscan family celebrates "All Saints of the Seraphic Order". It is a unique Feast Day that honours the countless women and men who have followed in the footsteps of Sts Francis and Clare of Assisi. This date actually marks when Pope Honorius III confirm the Rules of St Francis in 1223.
A Votive Mass will be celebrated in St Christopher's Cathedral on Saturday 28 November at 12:15pm to recognise the Franciscan Jubilee Year which ends in early January.

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



Complaints and Concerns Form

Parishioners are encouraged to use the online Complaints and Concerns Form to raise a complaint, concern or provide feedback about any parish safeguarding matter. All submissions are treated with confidentiality and go directly to the Manager, Professional Standards and Safeguarding for review and follow-up in accordance with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

Online Form: https://cgcatholic.org.au/professional-standards/reporting-abuse/complaints-and-concerns-form/

PLANNING TO MARRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Go to the Archdiocesan marriage and family webpage (without delay) for information and to choose a marriage preparation program that suits at www.marriagefamily.org.au. For enquiries email marriage.preparation@cg.org.au or text Helena on 0405 440 463.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Mine is not a kingdom of this world.

Many voices direct our lives:
voices which direct to wealth and comfort,
or to relationships which do not last,
voices for peace and for justice,
and the voices we tune into in prayer.

Voices speaking of violence and power,
and others of compassion and forgiveness;
voices which call us back to another era
when things now seem better than they were then.

And the voice of Jesus.
The voice which appeals for peace and justice
in a world often proposing violence and greed;
the voice which is strong for forgiveness
when our hearts are bitter;
the voice which speaks the truth
that is fully human and is the word of God.

His Kingdom is not of this world,
but is part of this world;
like the branch is part of the tree.
And when we speak of justice, peace,
forgiveness and love,
we speak of his Kingdom;
and when we live from his truth,
we are not far from the Kingdom of God.

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

22nd Nov	Russell	Hill	1	Linda	Swadling	2
	Greg	Minahan	3			
29th Nov	Sue	Morrissey	1	Joe	Morrissey	2
	Michael	Green	3			

ALTAR SERVERS

22nd Nov	Zoe	Leahy	Mackie	Leahy	
29th Nov	Harrington	Roser			

COUNTERS

22nd Nov	Peter	Cleary	Cathy	Cleary	Steve	Scroope
29th Nov	Irene	Carr	Darren	Lepp	Tracy	McKay

ALTAR CLEANERS

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

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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 (18/11), Michael Power (20/11), John (Jack) Wales (21/11), 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 29 NOV. 2026: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR B

First Reading *Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1. 3-8*

May the Lord come when we are doing good.

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1 3-9:*

The Lord will strengthen us to the end.

Gospel *Mark 13: 33-37*

We know not the hour the Lord will come.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

VINNIES MATTERS

We are rapidly moving into the Christmas season, which is probably our busiest time of year. Requests for hampers from our companions are coming in steadily. If you are aware of anyone who is struggling a bit with the financial demands of the season this year, please give them the conference number towards the bottom of this notice.

We have been blessed with some wonderful donations towards the hampers from local organisations, both financial and in kind. We are not holding a Christmas Appeal as such this year, although the Liturgy team will be talking with you all soon to give you a way to support the hampers, if you'd like to.

If you would prefer to support our hampers financially, you can make an electronic payment:

BSB: 062786
Account No: 00014760
Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society
Include: "Yass Conference Christmas Appeal" in reference field.

It is also advisable to send an email to finance@vinnies-cg.org.au requesting a receipt and stating the date and amount of your deposit and confirming that it should be credited to Yass Conference.



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