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

Parish Safeguarding Commitment:

St Augustine's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all of our children and vulnerable people. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Parish 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

Lovat Chapel **Wed**. 5:30 pm **Thu**. 7.30 am **Fri**. 12 noon
St. Augustine's **Sat**. 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

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.





FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

28th/ 29th November 2026



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. ***(R.)***

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. ***(R.)***

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. ***(R.)***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

BAPTISMS

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

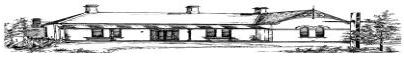
Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Monday or Tuesday). Notice of at least one month is required for a child 0-7 years. Enquiries for older children/adults please talk with the Parish Secretary.

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. **Four Canberra/Goulburn seminarians will be placed during Advent to selected Archdiocesan Parishes.**
   - Nick Barry - Temora and West Wyalong for six months prior to studies in Rome.
   - Dylan House - Moruya
   - Jeremy Cain - Temora
   - Isaac de Raadt - Yass/Gunning

   Please pray for the seminarians and make Isaac de Raadt welcome in our Parish. Isacc will arrive this Saturday and finish on Christmas Day.
2. On the first Sunday in Advent, please see below **Christmas Liturgical Celebrations**
   - **Second Rite of Reconciliation Tuesday 15th December**
     6pm St Augustine's Church – Yass
   - **Reconciliation Thursday 24th December**
     11am-12pm 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
3. **Mt Carmel End of School and Graduation Mass** will be celebrated on **Wednesday 16 December at 9.30am at St Augustine's Church**. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



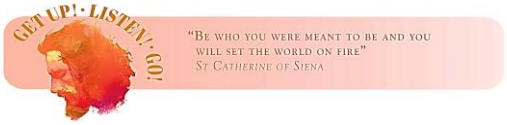
ANOINTING MASS

Next Saturday 5th December at 9.00am
in St Augustine's Church.
Prior to Mass the Holy Rosary will be recited at 8.40am

JOINT MEETING OF PPC & PFC

The PPC & PFC met on 24 November and reflected on the achievements of 2026 and areas of focus for 2027 building on the Parish Pastoral Priorities from the 2026 Renewal Process. We also confirmed how we will work together in 2027. A fulsome report will be presented in coming weeks.
It is a privilege to work together with everyone for the growth of Faith in our Parish community.
Advent Blessings

Phil Billington — ***Chair PPC***
Anthony Ockwell — ***Chair PFC***



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



WELCOME TO ADVENT

Advent is a time that reminds us to reflect on the coming of the human face of God in Jesus at Christmas, and the face of Jesus that lives in our hearts throughout the year.

During Advent this year, we are invited by the Australian Bishops, to listen to the Readings with ears and hearts open to a deeper understanding of the life of Jesus as being Jewish and living within the culture of first century Judaism.

The First Readings of the 4 Sundays of Advent are from the Old Testament, particularly the prophet Isaiah, the Scriptures which Jesus knew and loved - they nourished him and Jesus often referred to them in his teaching.

Let us listen with open ears and hearts!

Our Parish School – Mt. Carmel



Sport Dates for Term 1 2027

Mt Carmel Swimming Carnival - Thursday 18 February

Northern Region Swimming Carnival (Queanbeyan) - Friday 26 February

C/G Primary Swimming Championship (Narooma) - Friday 5 March

Mt Carmel Cross Country Carnival - Friday 18 March

Mt Carmel Athletics Carnival - Friday 2 April

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	**11am- 12noon**	**Reconciliation** - St Augustine's Church
Thu. 24th	**7.00 pm**	**Christmas Eve Mass** - St Augustine's Church
Fri. 25th	**9.00 am**	**Christmas Day Mass** - Catholic Hall Murrumbateman

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





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/

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





12 December | Sacred Heart Church Pearce Golden Jubilee | 07:00 pm

Sacred Heart Church Pearce, Golden Jubilee Dinner: join us to celebrate 50 years of Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 12 December 2026 at 7pm. Enjoy a catered dinner for $40 per person. Venue: Parish grounds, register trybooking.com/au/event/1669771 or email wodensouth@cg.org.au

40th Anniversary of Pope John Paul II's Alice Springs Address:
Sunday, 29 November, marks 40 years since Pope John Paul II's historic address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Watch the video: https://youtu.be/EG7tWN6Jf48
Additional resources:
https://www.natsicc.org.au/resources-data/pope-john-ii-40th-anniversary

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.**

The Bulletin (Updates from the Synodal Evangelisation Team)
The Bulletin is the online space where the Synodal Evangelisation Team within the Archbishop's Office shares stories, reflections, ideas and resources emerging from their work. Whether you're leading a parish, supporting a ministry, forming young people, working with families or simply looking for ways to help people encounter Christ, we hope you'll find something here that is useful, challenging or encouraging. Visit:
https://www.cgevangelisation.org.au/bulletin



Santa Paws Photos
Animals and Kids
Yass Uniting Church
Saturday 5 December

$20 All profits to Christmas Charities
More info: https://yass.uca.org.au/events/
Bookings: Yasssantapaws@outlook.com

COMMUNION REFLECTION

It is said that while there is life there is hope.
This has an even deeper meaning in reverse:
while there is hope there is life.
Hope is strength,
Hope sheds light into despairing hearts.
It inspires the will to live.
It is the doctor's most powerful ally.
It is a shield against defeat and failure.
It revives ideals and renews dreams.
As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible.
Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
In the final analysis, he is our hope.

ROSTERS

LITURGY

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

29th Nov	Sue	Morrissey	1	Joe	Morrissey	2
	Michael	Green	3			
6th Dec	Eva	Karakotas	1	Steve	Scroope	2
	Peter	Cleary	3			

ALTAR SERVERS

29th Nov	Harrington	Roser	**6th Dec**	Rithika	Joseph

COUNTERS

29th Nov	Irene	Carr	Darren	Lepp	Tracy	McKay
6th Dec	Annalissa	Alexander	Jenny	Stewart	Rhonda	Hagerty

ALTAR CLEANERS

11th Dec **Christmas Clean**

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 on a regular basis.

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 is a 'Tap Machine' setup for donations using your debit card or credit card. Try it out, if this is a more suitable way of giving for you.



Talk to Zuzy at the Parish Office (6226 1086) for further information on the various ways that you can donate.

LOOKING AFTER PROPERTY, AND THE PEOPLE BEHIND IT.

RayWhite.

Whether it's a family home, hobby farm, rural enterprise or investment portfolio, Team Southwell is proud to support our local community with trusted real estate advice. Call us in for a cuppa today to discuss your next move.

George Southwell 0429 838 345

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Connor Rorison 0473 333 707

Ray White Rural Yass 02 6226 4400

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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 6 DECEMBER 2026: 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR B

First Reading *Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11*

In the desert make ready the way of the Lord.

Second Reading *2 Peter 3: 8-14:*

The Lord shows great patience.

Gospel *Mark 1: 1-8*

John the Baptist proclaims the coming of the Messiah.

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