



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

Bowning, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gunning, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

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ST AUGUSTINE'S 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 Priest	Father	Peter My
Youth Worker	Clare	Barry
Chair Finance Committee	Paul	O'Mara
Chair Parish Council	Sarah	Johnston
Principal of the School	Michael	Green
School Community Council	Amber	Maher
Sacramental Team Leader	Dianne	Carey
RCIA	Sister	Aileen
Parish Office	Zuzy	Webster
	<i>Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

13th & 14th February 2021



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **R**

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **R**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

PARISH PRAYER

Lord God, may we, as St Augustine's Parish, be a united and welcoming community recognising the need for Christ in our lives and serving the Christ in others. May we, as community, continue to face challenges together serving and supporting individuals and our families through our own personal efforts and our parish support groups. Guide us with your patient love. Fill us with your infinite Wisdom. Pour out your rich blessings upon us as we reach out to one another to fulfil our spiritual and pastoral needs as One in Christ, in community, and in faith, hope and love. AMEN.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Yass:	<i>St Augustine</i>	
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm
Gunning:	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	8:30 am
Murrumbateman:		10:15 am
	<i>To be held at Yass until further notice</i>	

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday	Yass	5:30 pm
Thursday	Yass	7:30 am
Friday	Yass	12:00 noon
Saturday	Yass	9:00 am

Nursing Home/Hostel

Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)		
2 nd Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am

Horton/Warmington

4 th Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
	<i>Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass with the residents at both locations.</i>	

Exposition

Saturday after 9:00am Mass until 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday	Yass	10:00am, 5:00pm – 5:30pm
Sunday	Gunning	8:00am – 8:15 am

Baptisms

Yass	Saturday	10:30 am
Gunning Parish	Sunday	12:30 pm
	<i>Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Mon, Wed. or Fri.)</i>	

Marriages

By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

School Enrolments

Mt Carmel Central School: Kindergarten to Yr 6. Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wed: Ash Wednesday

A Dwelling Apart

Here's something curious: the leper and Jesus trade places in the story. At first, it's the leper who's forced into the wild by communal dread of his disease. In the end, it's Jesus who must retreat to the desert to avoid the crush of crowds brought on by publicity.

Biblical desert is a land of many facets. Literally, it's a place where life is challenging and death is near. Theologically, it's the domain of the devil, where temptation roams free. Both physical and spiritual realities of the desert made it a place to avoid when possible. To be sentenced to live there, with lepers and other outlaws, was a lonely and dangerous existence.

Yet Jesus, we know, often chose the desert. The Spirit first drove him there to test himself against the devil. Later, Jesus often returned there to pray and gather strength. Because he tamed the desert at the start of his journey, it was no longer a land of danger for Jesus, but a refuge. In the same way, we can surrender the desert terrain of our lives to the Spirit's authority, and let it be transformed into a sacred place.

**Where are the desert areas in your life?
How can you be transformed?**

Find a place apart where you can sit in stillness or walk in solitude. Bring nothing with you and don't "fill up" the time and space with an agenda. Wait for Jesus to come and join you.

So eat your meals heartily, not worrying about what others say about you - you're eating to God's glory, after all, not to please them.

GPBS eNews

A PRAYER FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

Praise to the One whose love stirs the ancient embers
sparks the breath of prayer

Praise to the One whose love entices the wandering
beckons the confused

Praise to the One whose love grows wings on the weary
dreams hope in the discouraged

Praise to the One whose love soothes with the ointment of
mercy
transforms with the touch of compassion

Praise to the One whose love threads the energy of
friendship
stitches the strength of fidelity

Praise to the One whose love tickles the soul with laughter
urges the heart toward joy

Praise to the one whose love embraces the untamed
dances with the passionate

All praise to this Gracious One
All gratitude to this Beloved
All love to this Mentor of Friendship
All devotion to this Shaper of Hearts

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Father Peter My	Stan Waldren
David Garland	Mark Valencic
Paul O'Mara	Trish Gibbs
Irene Carr	

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Annabelle O'Connell (<i>Youth</i>)	Peter Cleary (<i>Liturgy</i>)
Bryan Coleborne (<i>Ecumenism</i>)	Michael Green (<i>School</i>)
Genevieve Colbert (<i>Education</i>)	Lourdes O'Keefe (<i>Social</i>)
Bob Nash (<i>Maintenance</i>)	Michael Van Wanrooy (<i>Welfare</i>)
Ex Officio Member: Fr Peter My	Sarah Johnston (<i>Social Justice</i>)

'Stretched out his hand...'

Jesus, in today's Gospel, cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand. A leper was completely outcasted from society due to the huge stigma surrounding the disease, which was highly contagious but was also seen as a punishment from God in Jesus' time. Jesus is moved with pity for this man and reaches out to him. Jesus sends the man to the priests, as a testimony to them. Jesus' 'pity' also conveys anger at the leper's situation. It is the religious hierarchy of Jesus' time who have alienated this man. What they are incapable of doing (healing him), Jesus has done by 'stretching out his hand' in love.

A question for us from this Gospel today might be, who are those our society outcast? Who is alienated in our communities? What moves you with pity? Who is it that we need to reach out to at this time?

Jesus, in Mark's Gospel, is forever asking people to keep quiet and not tell anyone about what he does. Yet, after such a radical encounter with God which frees this man from all that keeps him trapped, of course he wants to shout from the roof tops. Why would Jesus want his miracles to be kept a secret? Jesus wants to be able to fulfil his mission without attracting the wrong kind of attention. Eventually those who are against him will use encounters like this one to compile evidence against him. For now, the less they know the better. We might think today of those who bravely speak out, even if it means they are punished in some way. May all of us have the courage, like the man who is healed in the Gospel today, to proclaim the truth, even if it costs us.

'There is a need for paths of peace to heal open wounds. There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter.'

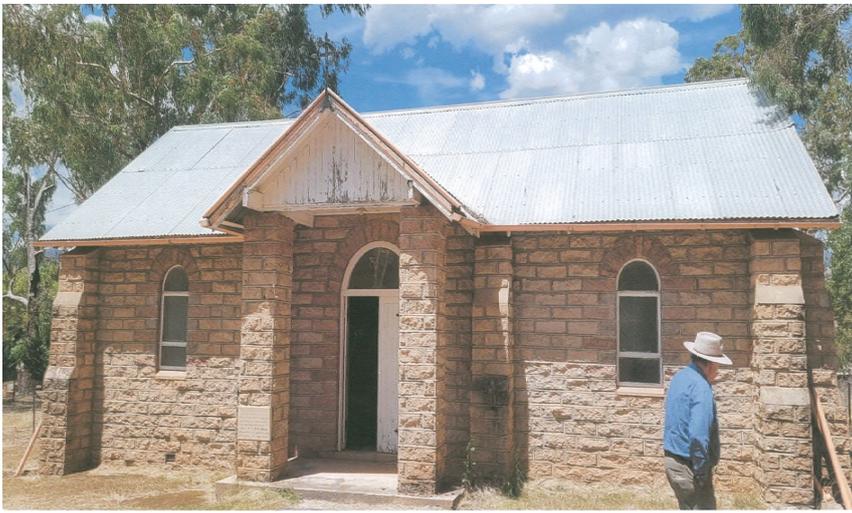
(Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 225)

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Living the Gospel – Who is your leper?

There is a story of Francis of Assisi in which he encountered a horribly disfigured leper. Initially, Francis was repulsed by the man but remembered that this man too was a child of God and made in the image and likeness of God. Overcoming his fears, Francis ran forward and embraced the man. Rather than seeing the disease, Francis saw the person. We can ask the question, Who is your leper? Who is the person in your life that you need to embrace rather than reject? Who would benefit from you viewing them with different eyes? Soft eyes! Eyes of compassion!

Greg Sunter



A PROPOSAL FOR THE CLOSURE AND SALE

of the

Our Lady of the Rosary Church,

Wee Jasper

is being considered by

Fr Peter My and the Parish Finance Committee

Any questions and/or comments are invited

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DISCUSS THIS
MATTER WITH FR PETER OR**

A MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

8:30am Gunning

5:30pm Yass

School Liturgy 9:00am Prayer

VATICAN MODIFIES DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

The Congregation for Divine Worship releases a note laying out the procedures priests around the world are to follow for the distribution of ashes at the start of Lent.

The health situation caused by Covid-19 continues to force changes on daily life, which are also reflected in the Church's sphere.

Ahead of the beginning of Lent, on Wednesday, 17 February, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has published a note detailing how Catholic priests are to distribute ashes.

Instructions

After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

At that point, the note continues, the priest "cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places."

He then sprinkles the ashes on each person's head "without saying anything."

Vatican News

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

When: Starting 19th February and every Friday during Lent

Where: Lovat Chapel, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 5:30pm

MURRUMBATEMAN MASS

When: Sunday 28th February

Where: Clonakilla Winery, 3 Crisps Lane, Murrumbateman

Time: 5:00pm

RSVP: Paul at paultrezise@bigpond.com or 0412 256 014

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

When: Friday 5th March

Where: Lovat Chapel, Meehan Street, Yass

Time: 10:00am

This year it is St. Augustine's turn to host this annual Ecumenical event.

Please come along and support our parish effort for about an hour and then join in our morning tea after.

*Helen Murphy
0409 458 043*

WALK IN THE SPIRIT, LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE

The Archdiocesan Lenten Renewal Experience "Walk in the Spirit" starts this week and will be broadcast around the Archdiocese each week till Holy Week.

Watch from home, start your own group or join one of the groups already happening in our parish:

Thursday evenings

7:30-9:00pm

Hartigan Centre, Yass.

Contact Perry Healey 0432 120 362 or Amber Maher 0418 681 437 or just turn up.

Thursday evenings

7:30-9:00pm

Clonakilla Winery, Murrumbateman.

Contact Lara Kirk 0429 192 869 or Phil Seselja 0414 182 812 or just turn up.

Saturday mornings

10:30 am-12:30

Hartigan Centre, Yass.

Contact Lourdes OKeefe 0413 096 413 or Tim Kirk 0404 805 082 or just turn up.

For more information go to <https://cgcatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/> or contact lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869.

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For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au.

MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND – 25th MARCH

A Canberra-Goulburn Cursillo men's retreat will be held over a three-day weekend starting on the evening of Thursday 25th March.

Places are limited.

For details contact Geoff at chantel1997@hotmail.com or call 0451 013 772.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

REJECTED BY MANY, ACCEPTED BY JESUS.

A person rejected in society came to Jesus, and openly knelt before him to be healed. The leper was an outcast; people feared he would contaminate them. This illness was a way of defining him; and then he was put out of sight. Labels for people define them and narrow them. We don't want to be labelled. Maybe we label people out of fear, or for a quiet life. If we think they are different from us, we don't have to deal with them. Jesus sees the whole person, not any single part of the personality. And Jesus was so compassionate, so open that people couldn't take it, and he stayed outside the town, the place where rejected people live. He was at home there because he himself was rejected by his own; he was at home there, because he touched those people with love; he is always at home with love.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

Peter Bell, Mary Wales

Prayers for

Gerald Longley, Barry Wales, Tony Cooke, Peter & Gioan Baotixita

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

Barbara McKeown (1/2), Roger Vanden Bulk (1/2), Helaine Hallahan (1/2), Nola Cooke (5/2), Kingswell Brown (6/2), Eileen Power (7/2), Erzsike Devrieze (10/2), Catherine Ryan (13/2), Faye Kaveney (13/2), Bill McManus (15/2), Jakob Oakey (19/2), Bill Patrick (20/2), Denis Maher (20/2), Betty Carey (20/2), Isabella Polyak (22/2), Sydenham Dobbin (22/2), Bruce Simpson (23/2), Muriel Hobday (23/2), Robert Ryan (23/2), Mary Morris (24/2), Olive Dyball (25/2), Allan Field (25/2), Harry Cooke (25/2), Reginald Bainbridge (26/2), John Murphy (28/2), Thomas Barber (28/2) and Marija Ivanisevic (28/2).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

READINGS NEXT WEEK: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

First Reading

Gen 9:8-15

God establishes a covenant with Noah and his descendants.

Second Reading

1 Pt 3:18-22

As life was saved by the ark, so are our lives saved in Baptism.

Gospel

Mk 1:12-15

After forty days in the desert, Jesus proclaims the reign of God.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Reader		2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Saturday Acolyte		4 = Sunday Acolyte
13/14 Feb	Gaye McManus	1 Peter Gibbs 2
	Frank Grace	3 Peter Cleary 4
20/21 Feb	Kate Walker	1 Dianne Carey 2
	Bob Nash	3 Peter Walker 4

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Dr Shyama Gonakumbura

Dr Ann Stephenson – Psychiatrist
Ruth Sneesby – Foot Nurse

Monday - Friday

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