



# 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</i>
		<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
		<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
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### 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

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

### SUNDAY MASSES:

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

### 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

<b>Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am

### Horton/Warmington

4 <sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Yass</b>	Saturday	10:30 am
<b>Gunning Parish</b>	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

**Mon:** The Chair of Saint Peter

## Desert Temptations

The story of the temptation is a wonderful portrait of physical and spiritual realities in juxtaposition. On one side is the Spirit, driving Jesus inward to encounter Satan for a contest over authority. In the end, we find Jesus in the company of wild beasts and angels, in perfect harmony, as if heaven and earth were finally made whole. The lion lies down with the lamb, and an angel protects them both.

Jesus struggles over temptations that appeal as much to the body as to the spirit. Both his physical and spiritual natures must be surrendered to God's will, and it is that surrender which marks the beginning and end of his work on earth. "Into your hands I commit my spirit," Jesus sighs from the cross. His body is already committed.

The image of Jesus with beasts and angels reminds us of humanity's ideal: to be at peace with this world and the next. So long as we neglect our responsibilities to one or the other, we won't know lasting peace.

### **How are your temptations both physical and spiritual?**

Honour the natural world. Plant some bulbs, take a child to an arboretum, support a wildlife organisation. Honour the spiritual world. Renew your commitment to the spiritual works of mercy.

GPBS eNews

## REFLECTION

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.

Dianne Bergant CSA

**GIVE UP** your worries and anxieties! They're too heavy for you to carry anyway. Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

## 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> )

## Wilderness

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to embrace the wilderness. The past year has given us experience of wilderness as our world battled a pandemic. Many people were afraid, isolated, alone, and uncertain of what the future would bring. Humanity was adrift in what seemed like a desert moment. However, wilderness can bring opportunity. It can be a time for deep reflection, where we take stock of what is most important to us, a chance to let go of things that are really not important and focus on where we are being called to be. During this past year, what opportunity did this wilderness offer you?

Lent is also a time where people give up something, focus on weight loss or getting fit, take on a course, try to better themselves in some way. And these can be good things, but Lent is so much more than that. It is a retreat time, a time to make room for something deeper. It is a spring-cleaning sort of time, an opportunity to ask, 'what needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God?' 'What changes am I being called to embrace?' Without change we cannot grow, and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. Lent offers us the opportunity to make space for something new, to let go of that which is keeping us from living life to the full.

The Gospel today is short, Jesus is sent into the wilderness, into the desert, and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space. It is true that we might encounter our demons there, but we should not be afraid because as the Gospel tells us clearly today, this is a Spirit-led desert. God is with us. Let us try to embrace this wilderness. How we make use of this time determines what will be.

'You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be yourself.'

Alan Alda

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## Living the Gospel – Change of heart

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural – to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.

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**



*Next week we welcome into  
our Church community:*

Leroy child of Ashley & Carly

### **WALK IN THE SPIRIT, LENTEN RENEWAL EXPERIENCE**

The Archdiocesan Lenten Renewal Experience "Walk in the Spirit" 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://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/> or contact [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

*When:* Starting 19<sup>th</sup> February and every Friday during Lent

*Where:* Lovat Chapel, Meehan Street, Yass

*Time:* 5:30pm

### **MURRUMBATEMAN MASS**

*When:* Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February

*Where:* Clonakilla Winery, 3 Crisps Lane, Murrumbateman

*Time:* 5:00pm

*RSVP:* Paul at [paultrezise@bigpond.com](mailto:paultrezise@bigpond.com) or 0412 256 014

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

*When:* Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **LENT 2021 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY**

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### **INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION IN LENT – 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY**

*7:15pm*

*St Peter Chanel's Parish room, Loch St. Yarralumla*

The simplicity of Christian Meditation is emphasised in Ps 46 – "Be still and know that I am God".

Introductory sessions each Tuesday for 1 hour, from 23<sup>rd</sup> February for 5 successive Tuesdays.

No cost, no RSVP required, just turn up.

*Enquiries:* Rod or Susan: 0401 731 918  
([wccmaustralia.org.au](http://wccmaustralia.org.au))

### **CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY PLANT SALE**

*When:* 11<sup>th</sup> March

*Where:* Jamison Centre

*Time:* 8:00am – 4:00pm

*When:* 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March

*Where:* Belconnen Markets

*Time:* 8:00am – 5:00pm

A wide variety of indoor and outdoor plants, herbs, succulents, natives at bargain prices.

All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients.

### **MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND – 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

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

Places are limited.

For details contact Geoff at [chantel1997@hotmail.com](mailto:chantel1997@hotmail.com) or call 0451 013 772.

### **CALVARY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY CRAFTS STALL – 27<sup>th</sup> TO 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

*Where:* Belconnen Markets

*Time:* 8:00am – 5:00pm

Home-made cakes, jams, pickles, knitted goods, gifts and more.

All proceeds go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients.

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### Jesus was tempted by Satan.

We allow ourselves this day  
to feel the courage of Jesus.

He had the courage to continue faithfully  
what he had just begun -  
the work his Father gave him to do.

And to remember the poor with love  
in every decision he made.

His was the courage to lead his life  
in such a way  
even though he knew it would lead  
to rejection and to death.

Often we are tempted  
to give up on what is good,  
to live lives of shallow hopes,  
shallow relationships and shallow cares,  
and we know that when we want to do something good,  
another whisper or strong voice  
suggests something else.

Then the Lord is near;  
do we need others in life  
to encourage us in the good we want?

Can we allow Jesus,  
the one who conquered his own temptations,  
to encourage us in our efforts  
to remain true in love to what is right.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



### Recently Deceased

Peter Bell

### Prayers for

Gerald Longley

### 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**

## ROSTERS

### LITURGY

1 = Reader		2 = Intro and Prayers of the Faithful	
3 = Saturday Acolyte		4 = Sunday Acolyte	
<b>20/21 Feb</b>	Kate Walker	1 Dianne Carey	2
	Bob Nash	3 Peter Walker	4
<b>27/28 Feb</b>	Tom Considine	1 Rod Perceval	2
	Russell Hill	3 Frank Grace	4

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## READINGS NEXT WEEK: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

### First Reading

Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God puts Abraham to the test.

### Second Reading

Rom 8:31-34

God, sacrificing even his Son for us, will grant us victory.

### Gospel

Mk 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

**Please reflect on these readings over the coming week**



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