St. Augustine's Parish, Maryborough

~inc. St. Kevin's, Barnett St. Avoca, St. Mary's, Hardy St. Dunolly,

St. Patrick's, Pyrenees H'way & Evans St. Amphitheatre,

St. Patrick's, Main St. Bealiba, St. Patrick's, Barkly-Redbank Rd. Redbank,

St. Augustine's, Burke St, Maryborough~

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21st February 2021 First Sunday of Lent Year B

Collections "Thank You". First Collection – \$731 For Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.

Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving – \$932 For Parish expenses and Church maintenance.

ST. KEVIN'S, AVOCA – 8.30am Mass 1st and 3rd Sundays each month.

- 8.30am Assembly at Avoca on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of each month.

ST. MARY'S, DUNOLLY - 8.30am Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

- 8.30am Assembly at Dunolly on 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month

ST. PATRICK'S, BEALIBA - 8.30am Mass 5th Sunday (30th May 2021)

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, MARYBOROUGH - 6.00pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday.

Tuesday 23rd February - 10.00am Mass Wednesday 24th February - 10.00am Mass Thursday 25th February - 10.00am Mass

Friday 26th February - 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

- 12.00 Noon Mass

WELCOME BACK "FLAGS": We warmly welcome Fr Pat "Flags" Flanagan who after his time as our Parish Priest 1973 – 1982 is now retired and this week returned to live in Maryborough where he looks forward to taking an active role in our parish as well as catching up with his many friends throughout our parish. We are blessed with having you back with us and pray that you have many fruitful and happy years of life and ministry in our midst.

SAMUEL NOEL WILLIAMSON: We also welcome Samuel into our parish and pray for him with his parents Charles and Sarah and family and friends. We Baptise Samuel during our 10.30am Mass and look forward to the many blessings God will bestow on him and through him throughout his life.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING POSTPONED:

Last Wednesday's meeting postponed till a later date.

ST MARY'S DUNOLLY 150th CELEBRATIONS: We needed to defer these due to pandemic uncertainty. Now rescheduled to the weekend of 27th/28th November with Bishop Paul Bird looking forward to celebrating our 150th Anniversary Mass with us at St Mary's on Sunday morning 28th November.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, REDBANK: After successfully selling the contents, settlement of St Patrick's building and land took place on 11th February for \$120,000 (less costs and GST). This has been invested for our Parish with the Catholic Development Fund, Ballarat.

ANOJA ANTON RIP: Known to her family as "Ano," she had been unwell for some time and died the week before last in her hometown of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. Ano's brother is Fr Neville Stanislaus of Camperdown, Vic parish. We pray for Ano and her husband FX, their daughter Nicalin and son Mario and her Stanislaus siblings who are grieving her loss. Fr John and Fr Neville stayed with Ano and her family for three weeks in September 2017.

GREGORY FRANCIS REGAN RIP: Greg died peacefully on 6th February at Havilah Hostel where he'd resided for several years since retiring here from Melbourne. We pray for Greg, his brothers (including Brendan who lives in Maryborough) and their families. Greg's Funeral Prayers were at Wagstaff's Chapel last Monday followed by his burial at Fawkner Cemetery on Tuesday.

MAVIS MUNKEMAN RIP: We pray for Ted de Koke's cousin from Wendichevern, Luneburg, Germany who died last week. Ruhe in Frieden.

CLERGY RETREAT THIS WEEK: Please pray for Bishop Paul and the clergy of our diocese as they gather at Halls Gap this week for their annual Retreat. We're grateful to Fr Pat for celebrating Mass with us this week.

LENT 2021: Lent commenced with Ash Wednesday even though we were unable to celebrate this due to our pandemic lockdown. Please take home Project Compassion envelopes and/or boxes so we can again generously support Caritas this Lent. In the words of El Salvador saint Oscar Romero (assassinated in 1980): "Aspire not to have more, but to be more."

LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS: We await the discussion booklets for our Lenten groups and will give further information when these arrive.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Ano Anton, Greg Regan and Mavis Munkeman who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Craig Paley, Patricia Crameri, Mary McKinley, Bridget Goodman, Phyllis McInnes, Alvin Hancock, Bruce Upton, Leila Corcoran, David Alexander, Elias (Leo) Crameri, Paul Hayes, Eileen Urquhart, Jacqueline Bond, Jock Zampatti and Agnes McInnes.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B 21ST FEB 2021

Priest: Sisters and brothers, during our forty days of Lent, may we

be confident in God's mercy as we place ourselves and our

prayers in God's hands:

Reader: That with Pope Francis and Bishop Paul we will be led by the Spirit to believe in the Good News of Jesus and by our lives proclaim this to our world.

(pause) Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That during Lent we will come to know the Lord more deeply through prayer, fasting and works of charity.

(pause) Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, when tempted by false ways of greed and power, we will be graced to be able to choose instead the Lord's way of justice and peace for all.

(pause) Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those suffering from the COVID pandemic and other illnesses will be sustained by God's mercy and kindness.

(pause) Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Ano Anton, Greg Regan and Mavis Munkeman who died recently and those whose anniversaries are named on the Bulletin.

(pause) Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: We ask for Mary's intercession – "Hail Mary ...

Priest: God of the covenant, hear our prayers and change our lives that we may be faithful to the Gospel and enter into your forgiveness and peace throughout Lent in Jesus Christ

our Lord.