

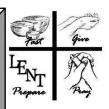
St. Augustine's Parish, Maryborough

~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~



8th March 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

Parish Priest: Fr. John Monaghan

Parish Secretary: Jill Morse Parish Office: 21 Burns St. Maryborough. 9.00am – 12.00 noon Wednesday and Friday

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St Augustine's School: Ph. 5460 4440 Principal: Mrs. Sonia Turner principal@samaryborough.catholic.edu.au

Parish Child Safety Officer: Jill Morse.

Weekends: MARYBOROUGH – Mass 6.00pm Saturday & 10.30am Sunday.

AVOCA – Mass 8.30am 1st & 3rd Sundays. Assembly 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays DUNOLLY – Mass 8.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays. Assembly 1st & 3rd Sundays

BEALIBA – Mass 8.30am each 5th Sunday of the month.

Collections "Thank You". First Collection – \$593 <u>For Clergy support and Presbytery expenses</u>. Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving \$1,317 <u>For Parish expenses and Church maintenance</u>.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Rite) – 10.00am Saturday (enter St Augustine's church via door near sacristy)

Sanctuary Cleaning and Flowers :- March 13 - J. Egan, D. Weeks

March 20 - V. Lowery, P. Gloury

<u>Planned Giving Counters</u>:- March 8 - P. Egan, N. Fitzpatrick, D. Weeks

March 15 - Diane Rinaldi, Michael Rinaldi

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Tuesday 10th March. - 9.30am Mass Wednesday 11th March - 9.30am Mass Thursday 12th March - 10.30am Mass

Friday 13th March - 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

- 12.00 Noon Mass

St. Patrick's, Redbank -11.00am Wednesday 18th March 2020

St. Patrick's, Amphitheatre – 6.00pm Friday 27th March 2020

St. Patrick's Bealiba - 8.30am Sunday 29th March 2020

LENT: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fasting is for those aged 18 to 59. Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent and Good Friday for those 14 and over. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others as with Christians throughout the world we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. A very beneficial way of helping others is through our support for Project Compassion. Please take home envelopes and boxes from each church.

RECONCILIATION: We pray for our children preparing for this Sacrament and look forward to celebrating this with them at 6.00pm on Wednesday 25th March.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION: Dinner, Irish jokes and sing-a-long 7.00pm Tuesday 17th March at Avoca Golf & Bowls Club. 2 course meal. Tickets \$35pp from Jeannie Scully 0409 592 627 and Joan at Avoca Post Office 5465 3006.

LENTEN GROUPS HAVE COMMENCED. This year's theme is "Be Opened – A Journey to New Life." All are welcome and the following are hosting a group: Brian Castanelli, 1 Dundas Rd. Maryborough – Tuesday 6.00pm − 5460 4011, Betty Arundell − 2/40 Raglan St Maryborough – Friday 2.00pm − 5460 4016, Tanya Waterson − 26 Gearing St. Maryborough – Thursday 7.00pm − 5461 4851, Jill Morse − 805 Maryb'gh/Dunolly Rd, Havelock – Wednesday 7.00pm − 5468 7444.

FR ERIC BRYANT AND STAWELL PARISH: After many years of declining health, Bishop Paul Bird announced the Retirement of Fr Eric Bryant last week. We pray for Fr Eric and wish him well as he joins the other retired clergy of our diocese. We also pray for our neighbouring parish of Stawell who will no longer have a resident priest and for Fr Andrew Hayes of Ararat who now takes on the role of parish priest in addition to his already substantial Ararat duties. It is likely that our parish will be called on to assist with some Masses (most likely at Landsborough) and other arrangements that will hopefully become clearer in coming weeks.

COME AND MEET OUR CONSULTANT MR. TERRY RANGER. Terry is available next Friday (13/03/20) for a chat. Terry's experience in counselling is vast and is a great help to anyone who needs to talk of any problem. If you would like to have a chat about anything please ring to make an appointment -5331 4032.

ROSTERS FOR COUNT TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH NOW.

"EAT, PRAY, LOVE" IN IRELAND 1–13 September 2020: Ararat parishioners Joyce Clery and Emma Coburn are co-hosting a tour of Ireland from 1-13, September 2020. More details can be obtained from parish secretary Joyce 5352 5460 or ararat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ask Fr John to email you their extensive brochure.

THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE: Mercy Connect invites us to a night with Mohamed Semra, a young Sudanese leader working to shatter stigma and misconceptions surrounding African migrants and refugees. The evening is open to all and part of the professional development provided to Mercy Connect Volunteers. Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Sisters of Mercy 151 Victoria Street, Ballarat East at 7.30pm. Please RSVP by March 2, 2020. Questions and RSVPs to Donna Stewart at Mercy Connect mercyconnectb@gmail.com.

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL DENNINGTON - CENTENARY

CELEBRATIONS. Centenary celebrations for St John's Primary School Dennington will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 beginning with Mass at 10.00am and celebrations to follow. If you have any memorabilia or stories, please contact Sharon Easley by text on 0423 361 914 or email 100years@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Leon Golding, Jessie Gough, Elidio Daghero, Brian Weeks, Dorothy Trainor, Stuart Robbins, Daniel Templeton, Doug and John Streeter, Agnes Robson, Violet Morgan and Ron Neill.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 8th March. 2020 Second Sunday of Lent

Through our faith in the transfigured Christ, revealed as Son of Priest:

God, let us turn to God with our prayers.

Reader: That we will be transformed not by our own efforts

but by the grace and power of Christ.

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

Reader: That God will bless our children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and everyone with whom

we'll be celebrating this Sacrament later this month.

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

That those who suffer anxiety, fear and depression will be Reader comforted and their spirits lifted up as we walk with Jesus

through Lent.

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

Reader: That all who are unwell, including those with corona virus, will feel Christ's healing touch and hear in their hearts his

words: Do not be afraid.

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

Reader: We pray for those who died recently and for all whose

anniversaries are named on the Bulletin.

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

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

Author of our salvation, revealing yourself to those who seek Priest:

> you with sincere and faithful hearts, help us listen to your words and with your grace find our lives transformed in Jesus Christ

our Lord.