

St. Augustine's Parish, Maryborough

~inc. St. Francis Xavier's, Stanley St. Tarnagulla. 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.~

5th March 2017 1st Sunday of Lent Year A

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Weekends: - MARYBOROUGH – Mass 6.00pm Sat. & 10.30am Sun. AVOCA – Mass 8.30am 1st & 3rd Sun. Assembly 8.30am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sun. DUNOLLY – Mass 8.30am 2nd & 4th Sun. Assembly 8.30am 1st & 3rd Sun. BEALIBA – Mass 8.30am 5th Sun.

Collections "Thank You". First Collection - Presbytery \$807.00. *This supports our Priest and Presbytery running expenses.*
Second Collection \$1334.00 towards Parish Planned Giving - *For Parish expenses and Church maintenance.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Rite) – Saturdays at 10.00am or by appointment.

Sanctuary Cleaning and Flowers	Mar. 10 -	J. Egan, M. Egan, D. Weeks, P. Wagstaff.
	Mar. 17 -	A. Butler, V. Lowery.
Planned Giving Counters	Mar. 5 -	V. O'Dwyer, P. O'Dwyer, K. Lloyd.
	Mar. 12 -	P. Walsh, B. O'Connor, D. Hamilton.
Home Rosary	Mar. 5 -	Mr. & Mrs. P. Weir, 53 Flagstaff St., Flagstaff 4.00pm

Weekend Mar. 4/5.

READER	PSALM/PRAYER	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	GIFTS
6.00pm T. Lacey	D. Forster	J. McKnight, G. Loyer, R. Putman.	P. Micallef, C. Leech.	J. Walsh Family
10.30am St Augustine's School		A. & J. Maruca, E. McKinley	C. Schwager.	St Augustine's School

Weekend Mar. 11/12.

READER	PSALM/PRAYER	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	GIFTS
6.00pm M. Lacey	J. Fleischmann	S. Turner, J. Walsh, P. Weir	A. & G. Mottram.	Huggett Family
10.30am M. Flowers	B. O'Connor	S. Meerbach, I. & K. Lloyd.	L. Murphy	Maruca Family

THIS WEEK

TUE. 7 TH MARCH	9.30AM	ASSEMBLY
WED. 8 TH MARCH	9.30AM	MASS
THURS. 9 TH MARCH	9.30AM	MASS
FRIDAY 10 TH MARCH	11.00AM	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRIDAY 10 TH MARCH	12.05PM	MASS

NEXT COUNTRY MASSES:

St. Patrick's, Redbank – 11.00am Wednesday 15th March

St. Patrick's, Amphitheatre – 6.00pm Friday 31st March.

St. Francis Xavier's, Tarnagulla – 11.00am Saturday 22nd April

St. Patrick's, Bealiba – 8.30am Sunday 30th April.

LENTEN GROUP MEETINGS have commenced. Please join in with one of the parishioners holding the meetings in their homes:- **Betty Arundell**, 2/40 Raglan St, Maryborough 5460 4016 Tuesday 2.00pm, **Brian and Dianne Castanelli**, 1 Dundas Rd, Maryborough (Enter from Palmerston St.) 5460 4011 Wednesday 7.00pm, **Tanya Waterson** 26 Gearing St, Maryborough 5461 4851 WEDNESDAY 7.00pm, or **David and Margaret Forster** 981 Bet Bet Creek Rd, Bet Bet 5462 6190. Thank you.

10.30am MASS VISITOR: Today we welcome **Amanda Smith**, the Pastoral Services Consultant of our Diocese. After Mass, Amanda would like to hear feedback about our parish: the good things that are happening as well as any areas of concern, to help Bishop Paul Bird prepare for his visit in a fortnight. Amanda apologises she is unable to be at all Masses and Assemblies this weekend. Anyone else who would like to speak with Amanda can contact her this week on 5337 7125 or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

LENT: Lent began last Wednesday (1st March). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fasting for those who from eighteen till fifty-nine. Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent and Good Friday for those who have completed their fourteenth year. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, Christians throughout the world prepare for Holy Week with those who are to be baptised and received into the Church at Easter.

BISHOP'S MARYBOROUGH PARISH VISITATION 17TH – 20TH March:

Bishop Paul Bird begins formal visitation of each parish in our diocese with our parish in March:

Friday 17th March: 6.00pm Mass (Feast of St Patrick) at St Kevin's, Avoca; 6.45pm Dinner at Avoca Golf Club.

Saturday 18th March: 11.00am Mass at St Mary's Dunolly (instead of Sunday 19th Assembly); cuppa/lunch. 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Augustine's Maryborough followed by a cuppa.

Sunday 19th March: 8.30am Mass at St Kevin's, Avoca and morning tea.

10.30am Mass at St Augustine's Maryborough and morning tea.

6.00pm Parish Council and Finance Committee meeting and 7.00pm Dinner at Maryborough Highland Society.

Monday 20th March: 9.00am St Augustine's School Beginning of Year Mass.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING Wednesday 15th March. 7.30pm St. Augustine's Hall. All Welcome.

ST. PAT'S CELEBRATIONS IN AVOCA - Friday 17th March, 2017. Mass at St Kevin's at 6.00 pm, followed by a two course meal at the Avoca Golf/Bowls clubrooms from 6.45 pm. Singing and fun will then continue. Tickets are now \$30.00 each. Bookings essential as there are only 80 seats available (Ph. Dave and Helen Porra 54653945). A raffle will be held during the evening.



CONGRATULATIONS EDDIE MEAGHER: We give thanks to God for your 90th birthday last Monday and pray you have many more!



RELAY FOR LIFE Mar. 31st – April 1st: It's that time of year again. All are welcome to support this important cause. Entry forms and time sheets on the centre table in St Augustine's church. For further information please contact Anne 0408 120 920 or Jsanna 0409 916 046

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: We pray for our parish children preparing for this Sacrament and look forward to celebrating this with them at an all parish Second Rite of Reconciliation with visiting priests as part of our Lenten journey preparing us for Holy Week. This will be at 6.00pm on Tuesday 28th March in St Augustine's church. All welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION – HELPING OUR GLOBAL NEIGHBOURS: Through our support for Project Compassion each Lent (\$11 million in 2016), Caritas Australia funds humanitarian and long-term development programs in more than 29 countries across Asia, Africa, the Pacific, Latin America and in First Australian communities, assisting them to lift themselves out of poverty. We are invited to continue our generous support of Project Compassion via the envelopes and boxes in our churches that can be put on the collection plate each week during Lent.

RESOURCES FROM THE DIOCESE FOR PARISHES. The Diocesan Resource Centre has a wide range of resources that can be borrowed free by groups or individuals in parishes. There are books, music and DVDs on many topics including Sacraments, Lent, the Gospel of Matthew, Pope Francis, social justice and resources for children. See www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ring 5337 7149.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Bruce Dellavedova and Bob Eastman who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Macy Baker, Max Trainor, Kevin Dam, Michael Lindsay, John Eastwood, Joan Zampatti, Leon Golding, Jessie Gough, Elidio Daghero, Brian Weeks, Agnes Robson, Violet Morgan, Ron Neill and Shannon McKnight

NEW PARISHIONERS, CHANGED ADDRESS, CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS FORM

Please fill in and leave in box at rear of Church, or on the collection plate or drop in to the Parish office.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER

(HOME).....(WORK).....

I wish to join the Planned Giving Program.

Yes No. (Please circle)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

5th March 2017

Priest: As we begin enter into Lent, let us pray for what we need.

Reader: **That the Church will be faithful through prayer, fasting and almsgiving in this time of preparation for Easter.**

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **That nations will care for those who face the wilderness of poverty and homelessness.**

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **That those who are preparing for baptism may persevere in their desire to enter the waters of rebirth**

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **That those tempted by evil will, like Christ, choose the path of goodness.**

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **That we will follow Christ and serve him alone.**

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **For Bruce Dellavedova and Bob Eastman who have 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 full of grace....."

Priest: Loving Father, you shower us with mercy and compassion. Help us to enter into your forgiveness and mercy throughout Lent that we be living witnesses to your Good News in and for our world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord: