

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.~

12th March 2017 Second 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 \$590.00 *This supports our Priest and Presbytery running expenses.*
Second Collection \$1,333.00 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. 17 -

A. Butler, V. Lowery.

Mar. 24 -

K. Kullane, J. Lennen

Planned Giving Counters

Mar. 12 -

P. Walsh, B. O'Connor, D. Hamilton.

Mar. 19 -

P. Egan, N. Fitzpatrick, D. Weeks, P. Egan.

Home Rosary

Mar. 12 -

Mrs. E. Arundell, 2/40 Raglan St. Maryborough 4.00pm

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

Weekend Mar. 18/19.

READER

PSALM/PRAYER

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

ALTAR SERVERS

GIFTS

6.00pm G. Loyer

K. Balzan

J. McKnight, K. & j. Broadway.

B. & L. Bates

Forster Family

10.30am C. Egan

T. Waterson

M. McNeilly, T. Plucke, F. Upson

C. Knowles

Bates Family

THIS WEEK

TUE. 14TH MARCH

9.30AM

ASSEMBLY

WED. 15TH MARCH

11.00AM

MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S REDBANK

THURS. 16TH MARCH

9.30AM

ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

11.00AM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

12.05PM

MASS

FRIDAY 17TH MARCH

6.00PM

MASS AT ST. KEVIN'S AVOCA

SAT. 18TH MARCH

11.00AM

MASS AT ST. MARY'S DUNOLLY

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.

LENT: Lent began on Wednesday 1st March. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. Fasting is for those who are 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.

JOAN CHESSER RIP: Much loved in Avoca and beyond, community stalwart and former St Kevin's church sacristan, Margaret "Joan" Chesser was farewelled on Friday with Mass at St Kevin's and burial at Avoca.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – **March 19th 6.00pm Highland Society.** Minutes on centre table

CUPPA AFTER MASS WITH BISHOP PAUL: Please join us for tea and coffee with Bishop Paul after all Masses next weekend to give him the chance to meet as many of us as possible during his parish visit.

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 Friday 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.

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

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

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 - THURSDAY 16th March. 7.30pm St. Augustine's Hall. All Welcome.

AUSSIE CATHOLICS – OUT NOW: Please pick up your free copy of the Autumn 2017 edition of "Australian Catholics" magazine on "Tuning the Spirit – Our Journey to Jesus through Music" spread throughout the church.

ST. PAT'S CELEBRATIONS IN AVOCA - Friday 17th March, 2017. 6.00pm Mass at St Kevin's then two course meal at Avoca Golf/Bowls Club from 6.45 pm followed by singing and fun! Tickets \$30.00 each. Bookings essential as only 80 seats available (Ph. Dave and Helen Porra 54653945). Raffle during the evening.



RELAY FOR LIFE March 31st – April 1st: It's that time of year again. All 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 – WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH: We pray for our parish children preparing for this Sacrament. Due to other commitments for our visiting priests, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Second Rite) will now be celebrated at **6.00pm on WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH** (not Tuesday 28th) and look forward to celebrating this with them at an all parish Second Rite of Reconciliation with visiting priests to which both our children and all parishioners are invited to use this opportunity for Lenten Reconciliation in preparation for Holy Week.

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 in Ballarat has a wide range of resources that can be borrowed free by parish groups or individuals. 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.

MASS OF THE OILS Monday April 10, 2017. The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 10, 2017. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, musicians and singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

BUSH DANCE AT DONEGAN'S FARM GORDON. Ballarat Friends of Ainaro Health Group are holding a Bush Dance at Donegan's Farm to raise funds for the Health Student Scholarship Fund to tertiary train Timorese health-workers so they can work in their local community. Fun, music, dance, auction, Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 6.30pm to 11.00pm, \$25.00 each or \$60.00 a family. Part of Harmony Fest – Cultural Diversity Week Ballarat. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/ONIR enquiries 0409 458 053.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for all who died recently especially Joan Chesser and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dorothy Trainor, Stuart Robbins, Daniel Templeton, Doug and John Streeter, Alex Passalick, Joyce Lanfranchi, Loris Hynes, Millie Cook, Edna Lavery, Beverley Hetherington, Peter Morgan, John Simpson and Vera Slade.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

12th March 2017

Priest: Sisters and brothers, through faith in the transfigured Christ,
let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

**Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis will continue to proclaim Christ's message
and guide us in God's ways.**

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader: That governments will make good decisions based on Christ's message of grace
and mercy.**

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader: That we will be enlightened by our own mountain top experiences of Christ
and discover the glory of his Resurrection.**

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader: That those who suffer and with special needs will know the presence of Christ
our rock of salvation.**

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader: For all who have died recently especially Joan Chesser
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 God, you ask us to listen to the words of your Son.
Grant us faith in the risen Christ who blesses us with the Good News
of life with you for ever and ever.

All: Amen.