

CYNTHIA SINGE RIP: Condolences to Colleen and her family and Cynthia's many loved ones in our Parish. Cynthia's body was laid to rest with her beloved husband David last Monday.

THERESA RINALDI RIP: With her family we mourn Tess's sudden death at home last Monday. A stalwart of our Saturday evening choir and our Maryborough Nursing Home monthly prayers, among many other things she did in and for our Parish, it is a great shock for all of us. Our deepest sympathy to Tess's dad, Jim, and family and her extensive family and friends network throughout our Parish. Tess's Funeral Mass will be 11.00am Thursday at St Augustine's.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection helps to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with Jesus' life, provides health, education, employment and housing assistance for local Christians, and supports parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres. Last Good Friday our Ballarat Diocese contributed \$16,972 towards an Australian total of \$1,347,605.

PROJECT COMPASSION FINAL WEEK: Caritas Australia urges us this Lent to focus on "A Just Future For All" to assist their ongoing projects in remote, indigenous communities, people in need in many countries and urgent, on the spot relief when disasters strike throughout the world. Please help via Project Compassion boxes and envelopes in each church.

ST VINNIES UNITS VACANCY: A one bedroom unit will soon be available in Kars St. If interested in finding out more or you know of an aged person this could be suitable for, you are invited to contact Margaret Gowers 0427 612 352 for further details or an application form.

NEW VICAR GENERAL: Bishop Paul Bird is grateful to Fr Justin Driscoll for serving as Vicar General of our Diocese for the past five years and has appointed Fr Kevin Maloney, parish priest of Redan and Sebastopol, our new Vicar General from Monday 2nd April.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER ROSTER: On centre table: please fill in any position you can help with.

NEW MINISTRY ROSTERS: Now available on centre table in St Augustine's church.

ONLINE SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY AND SUNDAY REFLECTIONS:

Fr John McKinnon is a retired priest of our Diocese who has written books of the Gospels and whose website johnmckinnon.org is a vast Scripture resource with his Commentaries on each of the four Gospels plus Sunday and Weekday Homilies and Reflections.

NICENE CREED: Since 2011 we've had new translations of the Apostles Creed (an Early Church statement of belief) and the Nicene Creed (named after the First Church Council of Nicaea which formulated this in 325 A.D). While till now mainly using the Apostles Creed, since the start of Lent we've begun praying/reciting the Nicene Creed in our Parish each weekend.

St. Patrick's, Redbank –11.00am Wednesday 18th April.

St. Francis Xavier's, Tarnagulla –11.00am Saturday 21st April.

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

St. Patrick's Bealiba – 8.30am Sunday 29th April.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Cynthia Singe, David Hayes, Maree Faulkner and Theresa "Tess" Rinaldi who died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Townsing, Reg Hayes, Martha Maffescioni, Giovanni Caruso, Wayne Backway, Ferrance Cooper, Edna May Holland, Joan Leitch, Arthur Barker and Malcolm James Liston.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

25th March, 2018

Priest: Brothers and sisters trusting in God's mercy let us bring our needs before the Lord of all.

Reader: For the Church: that we will be a sign of Christ's humility and compassion in the world.

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

Reader: For peoples who live in fear of violence and war: that peace will reign.

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

Reader: That those who suffer greatly will become one with Christ.

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

Reader: That all who deny Christ or live with spiritual distress may become faithful witnesses of Jesus' love for all humanity.

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

Reader: For Cynthia Singe, David Hayes, Maree Faulkner and Theresa Rinaldi who died recently and all whose anniversaries are named on the Bulletin.

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

Priest: For Mary's intercession we pray: "Hail Mary....."

Priest: Faithful God, your Son Jesus was hailed as a king then suffered the agony of death on a Cross. Draw us more deeply into the mind and heart of the redeeming Christ as we enter Holy Week and through the Passion of your Son, prepare for life with you forever and ever.

All: Amen.