

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~

28th April 2019 SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER.

Priests: Fr. John Monaghan, Fr. Mark Chia CSsR

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

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Parish Child Safety Officer: Jill Morse.

Weekends: MARYBOROUGH – Mass 6.00pm Saturday & 10.30am Sunday.
AVOCA – Mass 8.30am 1st & 3rd Sundays. Mass or Assembly 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays (see below)
DUNOLLY – Mass 8.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays. Mass or Assembly 1st & 3rd Sundays (see below)
BEALIBA – Mass 8.30am each 5th Sunday of the month.

Collections "Thank You". First Collection – \$1116 *For Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.*

Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving \$1328 *For Parish expenses and Church maintenance.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Rite) – Saturdays at 10.00am (enter via door near Sacristy) or upon request.

Sanctuary Cleaning and Flowers	May 3 -	V. Lowery, J. Smith
	May 10 -	D. Rinaldi
Planned Giving Counters	April 28 -	P. Egan, N. Fitzpatrick, D. Weeks
	May 5 -	M. Gowers, D. Rinaldi

Weekend April 27/28

6.00pm	B. Crameri	M. Gowers	J. Leneaux-Gale, T. & M. Lacey	O'Connor Family
10.30am	S. Meerbach	M. McNeilly	T. Waterson. T. Plucke, F. Upson	Taylor Family

Weekend May 4/5

6.00pm	G. Loyer	K. Balzan	J. Walsh, M. & D. Forster	Lacey Family
10.30am	B. O'Connor	J. Taylor	S. Meerbach, T. Bell, M. Flowers	Schwager Family

Tuesday 30th April - 9.30am Assembly
Wednesday 1st May - 9.30am Mass
Thursday 2nd May - 9.30am Mass
- 6.00pm Information Evening for parents of Confirmation Candidates
Friday 3rd May - 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- 12.00 Noon Mass

St. Patrick's, Redbank – 11.00am Wednesday 15th May 2019

St. Patrick's, Amphitheatre – 6.00pm Friday 31st May 2019

St. Patrick's Bealiba – 8.30am Sunday 30th June 2019

AVOCA AND DUNOLLY SUNDAY MASSES and ASSEMBLIES in MAY:

While Fr Mark is with us, Avoca and Dunolly are each having 8.30am Mass most Sundays. This coming month, in addition to Mass on other Sundays, there will be an 8.30am Assembly at Dunolly on Sunday 5th May and an 8.30am Assembly at Avoca on Sunday 12th May.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: There is a Parent Information evening for parents of Grade Three children 6.00pm this Thursday 2nd May in St Augustine's School Library. This begins a four week Sacrament preparation program leading up to Confirmation during 10.30am Mass on Sunday 2nd June. For children at other schools wishing to be Confirmed, please ring our Parish on 0466 451 984 to notify you will be attending this meeting or for other enquiries.

SRI LANKAN TRAGEDY: We join with Fr Neville Stanislaus, parish priest of Camperdown, in his thoughts and prayers for his fellow Sri Lankans who were killed in the Easter Sunday church and hotel bombings. May they rest in peace and their families be consoled and supported during this sad and troubling time for them.

BISHOP PAUL BIRD'S EASTER MESSAGE: On Friday, March 29, around 20,000 people gathered in Hagley Park in Christchurch. There were representatives of many faiths and many nations. They were there to remember the 50 victims who were killed in the attacks on mosques two weeks earlier. They were there to support the Muslim community and to support one another in a time of tragedy.

People bowed their heads as members of the Muslim faith and the Christchurch Interfaith Society read out the names of the victims. One of the survivors of the attack, Farid Ahmed, offered a prayer. He prayed for safety and security in New Zealand. He prayed for peace and happiness for people throughout the world.

The attacks at the mosques on March 15 shocked people in New Zealand and around the world. There was bitter grief at the loss of loved ones, shot dead as they gathered for prayer in what should have been a safe and peaceful place. It was a day of enormous trauma. Yet, in the days and weeks that followed, people showed extraordinary strength as they came together to support one another through their time of sorrow.

People showed their support in the tears they shed, in the flowers they placed at the entrance to the mosques, and in many gestures of practical kindness to those in need. The community in Christchurch has entered a time of darkness but there have also been rays of light piercing their gloom – light that has come through prayer to God and care for one another. Holy Week and Easter is a celebration of darkness and light; the darkness of Christ's suffering and death; the light of his rising to new life. As we celebrate these days, we could draw on the experience of the last few weeks in Christchurch. We too can find strength through prayer to God and care for one another. In a prayerful spirit and a spirit of compassion, we reflect on the sufferings of Christ and the sufferings of people around the world today. And, in that same spirit, pray that God will raise us up as God raised up Jesus. We pray that, with the people of Christchurch, we will come through times of sorrow and darkness and be blessed with the gift of peace. +Paul Bird CSsR

PROJECT COMPASSION: Thank you to all who have supported the immense charitable work of Caritas throughout the world through your Project Compassion generosity throughout Lent. Envelopes and boxes can be returned on the collection plate at any weekend Masses.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY (ODC) MARCH ISSUE IS AVAILABLE NOW: Please collect your copy from our churches. There are many interesting articles – including on Samantha Meerbach's Myanmar Project trip and 130 years of Brigidine Life and Ministry in Ararat plus separate photos of Jill Morse and Fr Mark Chia.

CATHOLIC BISHOP'S FEDERAL ELECTION STATEMENT: The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at www.catholic.org.au

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for those killed in Sri Lanka last Sunday and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Mathew & Bitia Goland, Carmel Jamieson, Bill Delavedova, Erich Weber, Mary Curran, Jack Divola, Betty Walsh and Philip Hamilton.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 28th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

Priest: As we respond in faith to the risen Lord, let us bring our needs and those of the world before God whose love for us is everlasting.

Reader: For the Church, that we be a visible sign of the risen Christ's presence in our world.

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

Reader: For peace on earth, that nations will put aside division and work together for the common good of all.

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

Reader: That those who doubt may find belief in Christ who was once dead but now lives forever.

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

Reader: That those unwell and in need of healing will be blessed and made well in body, mind and spirit.

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

Reader: For those who were killed in Sri Lanka on Easter Sunday 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: Lord God, through the risen Christ you strengthen the hearts of believers. Hear the prayers we place before you, confident of your promise of life with you forever and ever.

All: Amen.