

St. Augustine's Parish, Maryborough

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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~

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9th August 2020 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

MARIE MALONE RIP: Our popular and dearly loved parishioner died peacefully, aged 99, at Wattle Rise Nursing Home on Wednesday. Marie and her late husband, Ed, (who died in 2003) ran the Railway Hotel, Maryborough for 55 years. When Sunday trading came in, they attended 8.30am Mass at Avoca each Sunday so they could be back to open up. Marie will be sadly missed by her many friends who, unable to attend her Funeral next week due to COVID-19 restrictions, will hold her close in our hearts and prayers. She will be laid to rest in Maryborough cemetery beside her husband Ed. Sincere condolences to her children and in-laws: Carl (RIP) and Pam, Graeme, Clare and Russell.

MASSES CANCELLED FOR NEXT SIX WEEKS: We've begun another time of having to forgo Masses and Assemblies as together we try to reign in the COVID-19 pandemic. Let's do what we can to pray for and assist each other during the coming weeks and trust in prayer to empower our otherwise risk of succumbing into helplessness. We pray for those elsewhere who are affected much more than us either by the virus itself and/or even severer restrictions. May God bless us throughout this time of more uncharted territory and bring us safely through to what lies on the other side.

FR PATRICK "FLAGS" FLANAGAN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE: We pray for our former parish priest and long-time friend of many who was ordained at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne on 24th July 1960 along with Frs Bob Maguire, Paul Garland, Eric Hodgens, Barry Moran and Karmel Borg as they celebrate their Diamond Jubilee. Unlike 10 years ago when Flags returned for special Golden Jubilee Masses, his Anniversary Mass and what he calls a Reflection rather than a Homily can now be viewed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO2rdq4-DbU>

or search on YouTube for: "Father Pat Flanagan 60 Years"

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time including: Brenda Cameron, Tim Castleman, Dennis Patten, John Smith, Wally Rogers, Leon Wozny, James Hickey, Christopher Hogan, Stan Czochara, Stan Balfour, Shane McInnes. David Chadwick, John Gloury, Ern Nicholson, Dulcie Harnetty, Edwin McArdle, Noah Ahearn, Peter Ormesher, William Thomas Dridan, Mary Ellen Hynes, Mary Dowd and Elizabeth Harrison.

LETTER FROM BISHOP PAUL BIRD:

Hello Everyone,

As you would be aware, the Victorian government has introduced further restrictions to counter the renewed spread of COVID-19.

In regional Victoria, including our Diocese of Ballarat, Stage 3 restrictions will apply from midnight on Wednesday August 5 until September 13.

The regulations require that “religious ceremonies and private worship” be “broadcast only”. This means that our churches and chapels will be closed to the general public. It will still be possible to live stream Masses or other services from churches or chapels, although this would only involve those necessary to conduct the services and enable the live streaming. For information about Masses online, you could go to our diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

In regional Victoria, there are exceptions for weddings and funerals, though with limited numbers. For weddings, there may only be 5 people (the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant). For funerals, there may be up to 10 people, plus those conducting the funeral.

It is very sad that we will not be able to gather for Mass in the coming weeks. However, medical advice indicates that the restrictions are necessary for the health of the community. I hope and pray that these steps will be effective in reducing the impact of the pandemic and that we will be able to come together again soon to give thanks to God. In the meantime, we can pray anywhere and anytime in our own heart. Families can pray together at home. We might also pray with others online or simply with a phone call.

Christ promised to be with us always. May we know his presence in the weeks ahead.

Peace be with you.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

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