

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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13th September 2020 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

NO MASS AT PRESENT DUE TO COVID-19 STAGE 3 RESTRICTIONS

Lord, may your love and light shine in and through me today in a way that no mask can hide. May my eyes dance with laughter and joy, replacing my hidden smile. May my actions of care and concern speak louder than any muffled voice ever could. And may the generosity of my heart radiate out through who I am and how I respond to the world around me, so that others may not see my mask but your image shining out, moving in and through me today. Amen.

DEIRDRE JOY ADAMS RIP: We pray for Deidre who passed away peacefully with her sons at her side on 2nd September aged 74. Loved wife of Anthony (Jock) (dec.), loving mother of Dean and Nick, mother-in-law of Melissa (Kevin and Irene Lloyd's daughter) and friend of Kelly. Cherished nan of Jakson and Reisha, Geordi and Gok, and Ruby, and great nan of Braxton. A family Funeral has been held for Deidre and we pray she now Rests in Peace.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Deidre Adams who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time including: Joseph Slater, Michael O'Sullivan, Ida Rossi, Bernard Jones, Kelly Olive, Valda Meagher, Helen Murphy, Robert Deason, Elizabeth O'Shea, Nella Wozny, Mary Dellavedova, Cyril Lunt, Betty Trainor, Beverley Moyle, Joyce Peterson, Sheilagh Shanahan, Andrew Cooper, Donal Cameron, Alan James, Valerie Belot, Christopher Gough, Pat Caruso, Patricia McQuillen, Eileen Muir, Hazel Hancock, Hanna Maddison, Kevin Cudmore, Cliff Smith, Ronald Jones, John O'Grady, Peter Alexander, Claude Harrison, Rita McQuillen, Jack Clancy, Jack Jess and Flo Bandt.



SEASON OF CREATION

The **Season of Creation** is an annual celebration of prayer and action for creation that is observed by Christians around the globe. Pope Francis is encouraging parishes and schools to participate in a Season of Creation, **commencing September 1 and ending October 4**, with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We are called to prayer, reflection and action towards care of our common home, the planet Earth. Key messages from Pope Francis include:

We are called to protect creation – and we are missing the mark.

“Something good in the eyes of God has become something exploitable in human hands.”

The Season of Creation is a time for prayer in action.

“This is the time to re-acquaint ourselves with praying immersed in nature, where gratitude to our creator God arises spontaneously.”

The Season of Creation is a time to grow in sustainability. “This is the time to reflect on our lifestyles ... Let’s change and adopt simpler and more respectful lifestyles.”

The Season of Creation is a time to urge governments to enact better climate policies.

“This is the time to take prophetic actions” and governments have the task of

“demonstrating political will to drastically hasten their measures to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible ... in line with the Paris Agreement goals.”

A Prayer for Our Earth Encyclical:

Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home - *Pope Francis*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

We can learn more about Pope Francis’s Encyclical on Climate Change at:

<http://igsol.net/pope-ecology>