

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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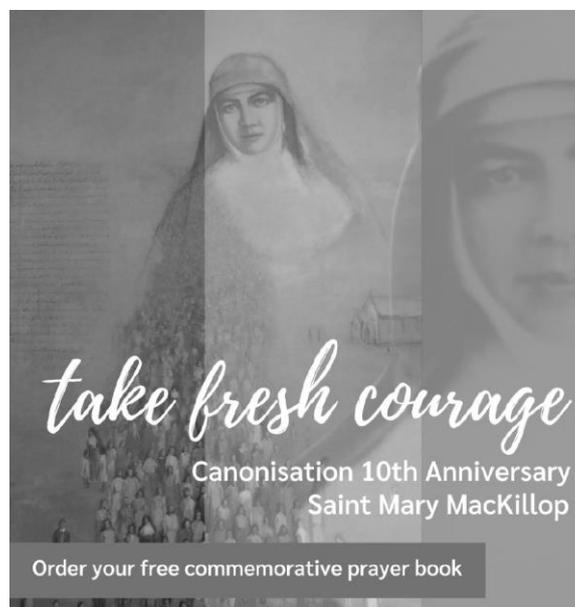
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11th October 2020 Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ELIZABETH "BETH" ELLEN MADDISON: We pray for Beth, who died suddenly on 29th September, and her sons Peter and Andrew and their families. A family funeral will be held for Beth followed by her cremation. May she rest in peace with her beloved husband Bud.

EQUALITY FOR VICTORIA'S PEOPLE OF FAITH: Following up the Open Letter Bishop Paul shared with us, and with his blessing, we are invited to sign the online petition 'Equality for Victoria's People of Faith' at <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/faith-equality> that takes up the arguments from the Bishops' letter, asking simply that we may be treated fairly as faith communities under the Roadmap restrictions and be allowed to gather with the same restrictions as the hospitality industry and that we are confident that we can do so safely. "Dear Premier Daniel Andrews, We, people of Victoria's faith community, request that the 'Roadmap' out of lockdown be amended so that people of faith and places of worship are treated equitably and fairly..."



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

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ENGAGING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH. Engaging Your Catholic Faith is a series of short sessions offered online by Catholic Theological College lecturers on a range of topics including theology, scripture, pastoral studies and spirituality. The 90 min sessions are held via Zoom from September 14 - October 31. Cost \$20/session. More information and enrolment www.ctc.edu.au.

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE HOSTED BY ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY: “LITURGY, PRAYER, PASTORAL CARE AND PANDEMICS” On Monday, October 12 the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Sr Prof Julia Upton rsm, a member of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, who will give an online public lecture entitled “Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics”. Applying her expertise in liturgy and her education and interest in public health, Dr Upton’s lecture will be of great interest to all those involved in pastoral care in this time of global pandemic. The Lecture will run from 10.00am – 11.30am AEDT via Zoom. Registration by October 7 is essential <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training>. The Zoom link will be sent on October 9 to the email address you provide.

SEASON OF CREATION 2020. Season of Creation 2020 continues with prayer resources, liturgical resources, Global Catholic Climate Movement reflection videos, resources to host online prayers, outdoor services and retreat. An App can be downloaded for Ignatian meditations, prayers and resources to reduce your eco-footprint. While October 4th, St Francis of Assisi Feast day heralds the end of the Season of Creation season, the Laudato Si Anniversary year continues with ongoing activities to celebrate the Jubilee for the Earth. Resources are available at: <https://seasonofcreation.org/catholic/>

PRAYERS AND IMAGES IN THE TIME OF VIRUS. Following the success of Michael McGirr’s Trees in Solitude, Prayers and Images for Pentecost, Garratt Publishing are pleased to present a complimentary second ‘Trees’ series from Michael – Trees Without Masks. Over the coming weeks these beautiful prayers and images will be shared. Download the prayers from the news section of the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

**Today’s Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10, Psalm 22, Philipians 4:12-14,19-20, Matthew 22:1-14.
(Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding)**

Dining at God’s House

This is a strange story: why would invited guests not come to a king’s wedding feast? In our time, any celebrity who throws a party can expect everyone to come, the invited along with the uninvited. People want to see and be seen at notable occasions. Certainly, a royal wedding qualifies as a must-see event.

But in this story people do the remarkably inappropriate thing: they snub the king. And when the king practically begs them to come a second time, some of those invited do violence to their messengers. This is such an incredible response, we recognise that Jesus is referring to the response to himself and to prophets who came before him. No one would behave this way to a king, his son, and his servants, Jesus is saying. And yet you behave this way to God, God’s son, and the prophets.

As listeners to this story, we have a choice. We can be like those invited who don’t bother to go, or who retaliate with rage. We can come without preparation. Or we can have something to say for ourselves if caught poorly clad at God’s feast. “O God, have mercy on me, a sinner,” is a good prayer to have on hand.

Which role do you see yourself playing in the parable of the wedding feast?

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Beth Maddison who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time including: Bernard Walsh, Eileen Duffin, Raymond Noonan, Eileen Neil, William Petersen, Patrick Francis McKinley, Alan Dunsmuir, Eileen Moschetti, Kathleen Wallace, Peter Millane, Lillian Maffescioni, Mary Quinly, Catherine Branton, Edward Meagher, John Henry Dridan and Kath Armstead.