

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~

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15th November 2020 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST KEVIN'S, AVOCA – 8.30am Mass 1st and 3rd Sundays each month.
FOR REGULAR ST KEVIN'S ATTENDERS ONLY (max 20 people limit)
8.30am Assembly at Avoca on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of each month.

ST MARY'S, DUNOLLY – 8.30am Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.
FOR REGULAR ST MARY'S ATTENDERS ONLY (max 20 people limit)
8.30am Assembly at Dunolly on 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.

ST PATRICK'S, BEALIBA – 8.30am Mass 5th Sundays
FOR REGULAR ST PATRICK'S ATTENDERS ONLY (max 20 people limit)
Next Bealiba Mass – 8.30am Sunday 29th November

NO WEEKEND MASS AT ST AUGUSTINE'S, MARYBOROUGH:
Due to current COVID-19 restrictions

Wednesday 18th November – 10.00am Mass (Maximum 20
Thursday 19th November – 10.00am Mass at each Mass)
Friday 20th November – 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
-12.00noon Mass

MASS RESTRICTIONS: We anticipate further easing of COVID-19 restrictions will include permitted numbers in places of worship to be increased to a number that will enable us to return to our former full weekend Mass schedule including within St Augustine's church. Keep praying and stay tuned!

FLAGS RETURNING TO MARYBOROUGH: Not the Aussie or Eureka flag but one of our past (1970's and early 1980's) parish priests, Fr Pat "Flags" Flanagan, who is now retired and has been intending for some time to return to his beloved Maryborough parish and many friends here. He has indicated he will be returning to us in February 2021 and will be moving into Bill and Paddy Harper's house at 53 Burke St we bought last year for retired priest accommodation.

2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS: Now available at Maryborough, Avoca and Dunolly for \$7

MARYBOROUGH PRIESTS AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATES PHOTOS: Kerry Cameron and Tony Plucke are collecting photos of all priests and pastoral associates who have worked in our Parish to display these as part of our Parish history. They are happy to copy and return photos. These can be given to Margaret or Tony or Fr John or Jill or dropped into our Parish Office on Wednesday or Friday mornings or emailed to our Parish.

FAITH AND THE US ELECTION: A German joke, opined Mark Twain, is no laughing matter. Nor is the US election. The result will leave many elated, many miserable, many bewildered. A consolation for believers – whomever they wanted to win – is the Biblical idea that God's benevolent will is not thwarted by human behaviour. In the 6th century BC, the prophet Jeremiah wrote: "Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord commanded it?" The ancient wisdom book of Proverbs notes that: "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases." There are several examples where the Bible says God used unbelieving rulers; among the most notable are Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus. Nebuchadnezzar was the king of Babylon who sacked Jerusalem in 597 BC and took the Jewish people into captivity. Jeremiah is explicit that Nebuchadnezzar is working God's will to refocus his rebellious people's attention on him. And, in turn, God humbled the cruel potentate by sending him insane, like "a beast of the field," until he acknowledged God's sovereignty in a humble prayer. While Christians who support Donald Trump prefer to see in him the example of Cyrus, who conquered Babylon in 539 BC to form one of the largest empires of the ancient world – that is, an unbeliever but God's man for the age. Cyrus as a man seems far more admirable – a tolerant ruler who has been described as the father of multiculturalism because he allowed the subject peoples of his empire to keep their culture and religion. In 538 BC he let the Jews return and rebuild Jerusalem. The biblical narrative makes the point that God's will works in every situation, however little us humans may understand that. And, just as the clay cannot question the potter, so humans cannot judge God (Isaiah). The long-suffering Job, the byword for the patience we all need, confesses: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." None of this, of course, removes our own moral responsibility or need to love our neighbour and build a better society. I cannot claim to know what God's purpose is in this election, or in any contemporary events, and am suspicious of anyone who does, but I do have faith that whatever it is, it will not be thwarted. And God's ultimate purpose was expressed in Jesus Christ, saving his people without compromising either his justice or his mercy. (*Barney Zwartz – Sunday AGE 8th Nov. 2020*)

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA. Victoria's bishops have announced the merging of CatholicCare Melbourne and Gippsland, Centacare Ballarat and CatholicCare Sandhurst into CatholicCare Victoria from 1st January 2021. Statements and further info are available from the diocesan website: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-care-victoria/>

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Jack Lindsay, Francis Lowery, Albert O'Donnell, Angus Hancock, Peter Baird, Sheila Anderson, Eddie Meagher, John Fainsh, Maureen Greaves, Geraldine Grimes, Ailien Lunt, Harold Harris and Ron Putman.