

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. Augustine's, Burke St, Maryborough~

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10th October 2021 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. KEVIN'S, AVOCA – 8.30am Mass 1st and 3rd Sundays each month.

– **8.30am Assembly at Avoca on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays** of each month.

(N.B. Numbers restricted to regular St Kevin's, Avoca Mass/Assembly attenders)

ST. MARY'S, DUNOLLY – 8.30am Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

– **8.30am Assembly at Dunolly on 1st & 3rd Sundays** of each month

(N.B. Numbers restricted to regular St Mary's, Dunolly Mass/Assembly attenders)

Tuesday 12th October – 10.00am Mass – Maryborough

Wednesday 13th October – 10.00am Mass – Maryborough

Thursday 14th October. – 10.00am Mass– Maryborough

**Friday 15th October – 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
– 12.00 Noon Mass – Maryborough**

OUR PARISH VACCINE ROADMAP: We look forward to when **70%** of those 16 and over are fully vaccinated (approx. **26th October**) and when **80%** of those 16 and over are fully vaccinated (approx. **5th November**). When the **70%** stage is reached, we'll be allowed to have up to 30 people indoors and, when **80%**, up to our density limit that in St Kevin's, Avoca is 50, in St Mary's, Dunolly is 36 and in St Augustine's, Maryborough is 100+ These limits are **only** for those who are **fully vaccinated**. If anyone is less than fully vaccinated, **please book or walk in to be vaccinated ASAP** as otherwise our limit will remain at 20 people. **Vaccination appointments can be made via Maryborough District Health Service on 5461 0300 or one can simply walk into High St. Guardian and Priceline Pharmacies for a quick and easy jab.**

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Maree O'Callghan (Mildura), Fr Noel Oliver (Melbourne) and Dante Venneri who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Margaretha Val, Bernard Walsh, Eileen Duffin, Raymond Noonan, Eileen Neil, William Petersen, Patrick Francis McKinley, Patrick Joseph McKinley, Alan Dunsmuir, Eileen Moschetti, Kathleen Wallace, Peter Mullane, Gavin Clohesy, Thelma Fardrew, Ethiny Farrel and Leonard Fardrew.

ST MARY'S DUNOLLY 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

Already deferred to the weekend of 4/5 December 2021, we may need to reconsider if we can continue to plan for then or if, due to the likelihood of pandemic-reduced limitations, it may be preferable to again defer these celebrations to another time when we can gather with minimal limitations.

ST PAT'S DAY AT AVOCA 2022: For many years we've had terrific St Pat's Day celebrations at Avoca Golf Club. For 2022, we have a proposal from Avoca resident, Gary Daly of Pyrenees Events, who is interested in organising a St Patrick's Day function in Avoca Town Hall. Gary has extensive experience with Irish dancing and would like to bring a band and Irish dancers to Avoca for the night for a BYO nibbles and drinks function which is different to our usual celebration. However it may be time to think about a change to keep the established interest going. Gary proposes to liaise with St. Kevin's and co-ordinate the event for us including ticketing and St. Kevin's will continue to be able to fundraise with a raffle. Avoca parishioners and St Pat's Day attendees are asked to consider this and provide feedback to Joan Quinlan or Fr John for considering after Mass next Sunday 17th October.

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA:

After a moving welcome to country by Aboriginal elder John Lochowiak, with visual images and songs evoking the many landscapes of this 'wide brown land', the first session of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia got underway on October 4 with a message of greeting from Pope Francis, and an address by the President of the Council, Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB. The theme of these official messages was one of communion, of belonging, among the many diverse people and groups that make up the Catholic community in Australia. Around 280 Council members, along with invited attendees from other countries, other churches, and experts in church teaching and canon law, are meeting by video conference each day this week, October 3 – 10. It is the most diverse and inclusive gathering in an official Catholic meeting in Australia's history, made up of ordained and lay people, women and men, younger and older, indigenous and those arriving from many countries, Latin and Eastern Catholics, leaders in Catholic education, health care and social services. These members are mindful of the comments of tens of thousands of Catholics who took part in the national consultation in recent years. The work of the Plenary undertaken by members in ten working groups. I am assigned to the group considering the place of Indigenous Australians in the church and in society. Other groups are reflecting on church renewal, governance, ministries, faith formation for families and young people, parish organisation, and social services. Each group is asked to develop concrete proposals for improving church life. These proposals further developed over the next nine months and decisions will be made at the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council in July 2022. On Thursday, October 7, all members will work together to consider how the church should respond to the ongoing need for healing, reconciliation, safeguarding and trust-building in the wake of crimes of child sexual abuse and other forms of abuse in the church. It's a difficult conversation, and members are conscious that more than words is needed in this situation. Some good advice came to the Plenary Council from St Mary Mackillop, whose words to her sisters were recalled in the opening session: 'Let us move forward being calm and full of hope.' Fr Kevin Lenehan – 6 October 2021

Priest: With open hearts, let us turn to God for whom everything is possible to pray for those in need.

Reader: That the Word of God will strengthen our commitment as followers of Christ.

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

Reader: We pray for delegates representing each diocese who are currently meeting on our behalf in the Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council. That they will be inspired by the Holy Spirit both now and until their Second Assembly in July 2022.

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

Reader: That we will forgo personal gain to ease the pain of those less fortunate than ourselves.

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

Reader: That those who are sick, including those across the world affected by the COVID pandemic, will find comfort and healing in the boundless love of God.

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

Reader: For Maree O'Callaghan, Fr Noel Oliver and Dante Venneri who died recently and those whose anniversaries are named on the Parish Bulletin.

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

Priest: For Mary's intercession we pray: "Hail Mary....."

Priest: Loving God, your words are truth and life. Hear our prayers and open our hearts to all who seek your truth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen