

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~

Parish Priest: Fr. John Monaghan **Deacon:** Rev. Matthew Restall

Parish Secretary and Child Safety Officer: Jill Morse **Pastor Emeritus:** Fr. Pat Flanagan

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St Augustine's School: 5460 4440 **Principal:** Mrs. Sonia Turner

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Collections "Thank You" First Collection – \$804.65 *For Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.*

Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving – \$727.00 *For Parish expenses and Church maintenance.*

ST. KEVIN'S, AVOCA – 8.30am Mass 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.
– **8.30am Assembly at Avoca on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of each month.**

ST. MARY'S, DUNOLLY – 8.30am Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month.
– **8.30am Assembly at Dunolly on 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.**

ST. PATRICK'S, BEALIBA – 8.30am Mass on the 5th Sunday of each month.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, MARYBOROUGH – 6.00pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday

Tuesday 29th March – 10.00am Mass

Wednesday 30th March – 10.00am Mass

Thursday 31st March – 10.00am Mass

Friday 1st April – 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
– **12.00 Noon Mass at Maryborough**

| | Readers | Psalm/Prayer | Gifts |
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| March 26 | J. Walsh | Volunteer | Lacey Family |
| March 27 | C. Egan | T. Waterson | Knowles Family |
| April 2 | B. Crameri | J. Walsh | B. Teggerth |
| April 3 | C. Hadwen | S. Dellavedova | Cameron Family |

BEALIBA STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 6.30pm each Friday at St Patrick's church. Contact Chris Newdick 0429 169 363 for more details.

ROSARY IN LENT: 20 minutes before each weekday Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: We pray for our children preparing for this Sacrament and are invited to celebrate this with them in St Augustine's church at 5.30pm Wednesday 6th April. All welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 6.00pm Thurs. 7th April 68 Burke St.

CARITAS UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL: Sincere thanks for the \$1783.50 generously given in our parish last weekend for the people of Ukraine that will be forwarded to Caritas. Further donations can be made by enclosing in an envelope, marked “Ukraine” and placed on any collection.

PAPAL CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE: On Friday 25th March, Feast of the Annunciation, Pope Francis prayed with the world’s bishops for peace for the people of Russia and Ukraine through Mary’s intercession and invites us to pray their Prayer of Consecration:

O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples’ dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbour’s keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: “Am I not here, I who am your Mother?” You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid. Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer. Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war. Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation. Queen of Heaven, restore God’s peace to the world. Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness. Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons. Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love. Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity. Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world. May your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The “Fiat” that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God’s mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the “Fiat,” on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our “living fountain of hope,” water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.

Remembering those whose anniversaries are at this time: Eileen Townsing, Reg Hayes, Martha Maffescioni, Giovanni Caruso, Wayne Backway, Terrance Cooper, Josie Long, Winifred O’Halloran, Graham Allen, Mavis Montgomery, Helen Van den Beld Angus Littlehales, Patricia Ryan, Wes Dawson and Kevin Corcoran.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 27th March 2022 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Priest: Let us place our prayers before the God of forgiveness and mercy:

Reader: **For our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and Russia. We pray with Pope Francis that a just and peaceful solution be quickly found for those enduring horrendous suffering, pain and loss.**

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

Reader: **That Christ's message of reconciliation and forgiveness will find a place in our hearts and minds including those preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and those struggling with division and conflict.**

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

Reader: **That God's abundant mercy will lead us to renewed understanding and acceptance of one another; setting aside differences for the greater things that bind us together.**

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

Reader: **That our Project Compassion generosity this Lent may bear abundant fruit; helping people in need throughout the world who are striving for a better life.**

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

Reader: **For all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries are named on the Bulletin.**

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

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

Priest: God of all people, holding out your arms to us even before we seek you, we ask you to hear and grant our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.