

## **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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### **10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

#### **BISHOP PAUL BIRD'S EASTER PRAYER IN THIS CHALLENGING TIME OF COVID-19:**

O God, healer of all our ills, to whom we turn in this time of distress, grant we pray in the power of faith, eternal rest to those who have died and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all.

**LYLE COURTNEY OAM RIP:** Condolences to his beloved wife, Eileen, and his brothers and sisters upon the death of a Maryborough icon on 29<sup>th</sup> April aged 90.

**JESSIE PETERS RIP:** We pray for Jessie Peters of Avoca who died at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat, aged 86, her children, Tony, Mick, Mark and Julie, and her grand and great grandchildren. Jessie was prayed for and buried at Avoca cemetery on Thursday where she joined her husband, Alan, whom Fr Tuyen prayed for there in September 2015.

**MICHAEL McNAMARA RIP:** Rosemary Mecredy requests our prayerful support for her grandson and her family at this sad time for them. Michael McNamara of Colac died last week from complications arising from a life-long medical condition aged just 24.

**DOROTHY AND EWEN ROBERTS RIP:** Dorothy passed away suddenly on 28<sup>th</sup> April followed by the death of her husband Ewen on 4<sup>th</sup> May. A double tragedy for their son Craig and his wife Alison. A private graveside funeral will be held at Maryborough cemetery for Dorothy and Ewen as we mourn their deaths with their family.

#### **7/5/2020 Media Statement of Bishop Paul Bird on the Royal Commission Final Report:**

The Diocese is pleased that the sections of the final report of the Royal Commission released today are now publically available and we will consider particularly the findings, which relate to Cardinal Pell's time as a priest and consultant of the Diocese of Ballarat. I acknowledge the past failings in governance in the Diocese that allowed the terrible abuse of so many children who were entitled to feel safe in their interactions with the church. The Diocese also acknowledges the tragic consequences of that abuse to those abused and their families. The Diocese responds to all allegations of abuse and concerns about the welfare of children by reporting the allegations and concerns to the authorities. The Diocese is also continuing to meet its legal and pastoral responsibilities to the victims of sexual abuse.

+ Paul Bird, Bishop of Ballarat

## **LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR MAY 2020.**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, this month is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary. I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow. I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone. Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.  
*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020, Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist. Pope Francis*

### **FIRST PRAYER**

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of all people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

### **SECOND PRAYER**

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God". In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone. Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity. Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future. Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

### **Remembering those who have died:**

*We pray for Lyle Courtney, Jessie Peters, Michael McNamara and Dorothy and Ewen Roberts who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time especially: Givenda Dean, James Cramer, Bessie Hancock, Kevin Dridan, Victor Chapman, Mary Keating, Chelsea Clifford, John Clapton, Harry Whiting, Joe Gleeson, John Higgins and Russel Asprey.*