

St. Augustine's Parish, Maryborough

~inc. St. Francis Xavier's, Stanley St. Tarnagulla. 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.~

24th December 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Weekends: - MARYBOROUGH – Mass 6.00pm Sat. & 10.30am Sun. AVOCA – Mass 8.30am 1st & 3rd Sun.
Assembly 8.30am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sun. DUNOLLY – Mass 8.30am 2nd & 4th Sun. Assembly 8.30am 1st & 3rd Sun.
BEALIBA – Mass 8.30am 5th Sun. *N.B. No Assembly at Avoca on Sunday 24th December*

Collections "Thank You". First Collection - Presbytery \$740 – Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.

Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving \$1301 – For Parish expenses and Church maintenance.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Rite) – Saturdays at 10.00am (enter door near Sacristy) or upon request.

Sanctuary Cleaning and Flowers Dec. 29 - J. Egan, M. Egan, D. Weeks, P. Wagstaff

Jan. 5 2018 - A. Butler, V. Lowery

Planned Giving Counters Dec. 24 - V. O'Dwyer, P. O'Dwyer, K. Lloyd

Dec. 31 - P. Walsh, B. O'Connor, D. Hamilton

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PSALM/PRAYER</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
<u>Weekend Dec. 23/24</u>				
6.00pm	G. Loyer	S. Huggett	T. Lacey, P. Huggett, J. McKnight	P. Patten/M. Harris
10.30am	C. Hadwen	M. Flowers	K. Lloyd, J. Maruca, M. McNeilly	Schwager Family
<u>Christmas Eve.</u>				
8.30pm	C. Hadwen	G. Loyer	K. & I. Lloyd, M. Lacey.	Fitzgibbon Family
<u>Christmas Day.</u>				
10.30am	G. Loyer	C. Hadwen	R. Iles, Volunteers.	Volunteers
<u>Weekend Dec. 30/31</u>				
6.00pm	T. Lacey	M. Lacey	M. Forster, B. Cramer, K. Broadway	B. Teggerth
10.30am	M. Flowers	R. Iles	S. Meerbach, F. Upson, T. Plucke	Knowles Family

TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM MASS

WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM MASS

THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER - 11.00AM EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

- 12.05PM ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER - 8.30AM MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S, BEALIBA.

St. Patrick's, Bealiba – 8.30am Sunday 31st December.

St. Patrick's, Redbank – 11.00am Wednesday 21st March 2018.

St. Francis Xavier's, Tarnagulla – 11.00am Saturday 20th January 2018.

St. Patrick's, Amphitheatre – 6.00pm Friday 23rd February 2018.

Christmas Eve: St. Kevin's Avoca: 6.00pm Carols, 6.30pm Mass.

St. Augustine's, Maryborough: 8.00pm Carols, 8.30pm Mass.

Christmas Day: Dunolly: 8.30am Mass. Maryborough: 10.30am Mass.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS: 9.30am at St Augustine's, Maryborough.

PETER BAIRD RIP: Peter's Funeral Mass was at St Bernard's, Batehaven NSW on Friday and he will be buried at Maryborough Lawn Cemetery 11.00am this Wednesday 27th December.

BISHOP PAUL'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: Can be viewed at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au This is part of his message: **2017 Joys and Sorrows** I write these reflections on the evening of Sunday December 10. For the past few days, over a hundred young people from our diocese of Ballarat have been in Sydney for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. I have been delighted to be there with them as they joined more than 18,000 young people from all around Australia in days of fun and faith. It was for me a time of great joy. By contrast, I felt deep sadness when I read reports from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse including of grave failures in the way the diocese had responded to complaints. As we come to the close of any year and look back on what the year has brought, we will usually find a mix of joys and sorrows. I hope we can draw lessons from both the joys and sorrows we have known in 2017. From failure to protect children in the past, may we learn to place the welfare of children at the centre of our concerns. From the witness of those who took part in the youth festival, may we learn to treasure the gift that young people are to our church and our world. + Paul Bird CSsR

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: All loose money on the Second Collection at our Christmas Masses will go to Bishop Paul Bird's annual Christmas collection for people in need in Australia and overseas. Christmas Mass First Collections support our clergy and Presbytery running costs.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL: St Vincent de Paul thanks St Augustine's parishioners for sharing your Christmas fare, money and toys with the needy in our community.

FIFTH SUNDAY EAST TIMOR APPEAL: Thank you to all who share your money to bring about change through Education for the people of Ainaro, East Timor.

NEW COUNTERS: Thank you to those who have responded. New rosters out in the New Year.

HOLY GOODS STORE: Christmas Cards \$7 (pack) and 2018 Columban Calendars \$7 for sale.

DIOCESAN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT PROJECT WORKER VACANCY: Ballarat diocese seeks to employ a Project Worker in Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2018, the Year of Youth. Initially a 12 month position, fulltime preferred but not essential. A position description will be available on the diocesan website in January or we can email: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

DIOCESAN e-NEWS: Published every two weeks and distributed via email. We are invited to subscribe to this on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and are welcome to submit items for publication to enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au relevant to the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the Diocese and where possible including photos.

FR ALBERT MLIGO: Several people, maybe many, have received emails from this Tanzania priest seeking donations in lieu of previous generous assistance given to Fr Albert and his Projects by the late Fr Paul Mercovich. Fr Albert will receive substantial ongoing benefit from Fr Paul's estate. Because of this and other issues with his fundraising, we recommend help be instead directed to other overseas charitable causes such as Bishop Paul Bird's Christmas Appeal, Caritas and Catholic Mission. Contact us for further information. Frs Ed Moloney and John Monaghan.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Peter Baird who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time include: Agnes McKinley, Mary Schack, John Dunlop, Noah Skater, Scott Lawrence, Frank Hoban, Alan Lawrence, Gladys Impey, Kathleen Dridan, Alice Schmidt, Ronald Morgan, Francis Ellis, Robert Laverick and Mary Fraser Minehan.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

24th December 2017

Priest: My brothers and sisters, as we prepare for the coming of Christ, let us ask God for our needs and the needs of the whole world.

Reader: That the Lord Jesus may heal the sick, rid the world of hunger and protect us from all harm.

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

Reader: That the Lord Jesus may find us watching and ready at his coming.

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

Reader: That our communities and our families may welcome Christ into our lives and learn to receive him in the poor and the suffering of this world.

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

Reader: That in our Christmas preparations we do not lose sight of the Lord Jesus.

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

Reader: For those who died recently and all 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: Almighty and ever loving God, we come before you in faith and love to praise your goodness and to acknowledge our need. We ask you to grant our prayers as we wait for the coming of Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.