



**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 Highway & Evans St. Amphitheatre, St. Patrick's, Main St. Bealiba. St. Patrick's, Barkly-Redbank Rd. Redbank.~



## 4<sup>TH</sup> December, 2016 2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A

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**Weekend Times:** - MARYBOROUGH – 6.00pm Sat. & 10.30am Sun. AVOCA – Mass 8.30am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. Assembly 8.30am 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sun. DUNOLLY – Mass 8.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun. Assembly 8.30am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. BEALIBA – Mass 8.30am 5<sup>th</sup> Sun.

**Collections "Thank You". First Collection - Presbytery \$406.00.** This supports our Priest and Presbytery running expenses. Second Collection \$1130.00 towards Parish Planned Giving - For Parish expenses and Parish Churches maintenance.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Rite)** – Saturdays at 10.00am or by appointment.

**Sanctuary Cleaning and Flowers**

Dec. 9 - K. Mullane, J. Lennen

Dec. 16 - H. & B. Mennen

**Planned Giving Counters**

Dec. 4 - P. Walsh, B. O'Connor, D. Hamilton

Dec. 11 - P. Egan, N. Fitzpatrick, D. Weeks, P. Egan.

**Home Rosary**

Dec. 4 - Mrs. P. Harper, 53 Burke St. Maryborough 4.00pm

**Children's Liturgy**

*Children's Liturgy will resume again in February 2017.*

**Weekend 3/4 December.**

READER	PSALM/PRAYER	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	GIFTS
6.00pm E. Arundell	J. Walsh	K. Balzan, D. & M. Forster	C. Leech, H. Hare	P. Patten/M. Harris
10.30am T. Waterson	M. Alexander	T. Bell, J. Fleischmann, R. Iles	C. Schwager	Schwager Family

**Weekend 10/11 December.**

READER	PSALM/PRAYER	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	GIFTS
6.00pm K. Balzan	S. Turner	B. Crameri, J. & K. Broadway	E. & T. Chaplin	B. Teggerth
10.30am B. O'Connor	K. Cameron	T. Jacka, I. & K. Lloyd	C. Knowles	Knowles Family

### **CALENDAR**

SAT. 3 <sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER	6.00PM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH
SUN. 4 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	8.30AM	MASS ST. KEVIN'S AVOCA
SUN. 4 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	10.30AM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH
TUE. 6 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	10.00AM	ANOINTING MASS IN ST. AUGUSTINE'S HALL. FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA. ALL WELCOME
WED. 7 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	9.30AM	MASS
THURS. 8 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	8.30AM	MASS (NOT USUAL 9.30AM)
FRIDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	11.00AM	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRIDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	12.05PM	MASS
SAT. 10 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	6.00PM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH
SUN. 11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	8.30AM	MASS ST. MARY'S DUNOLLY
SUN. 11 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	10.30AM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – INDY ANNE MASON.** We welcome INDY along with her parents Timothy and April, as she begins her journey of faith. May God bless her and her family and friends as we together celebrate her Baptism.



**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:-** Christmas Eve – St. Kevin's Avoca 6.00pm Carols, 6.30pm Mass. St. Augustine's 8.00pm Carols, 8.30pm Mass. Christmas Day – St. Mary's Dunolly 8.30am Mass, St. Augustine's 10.30am Mass.

**ROSTERS FOR ALL MINISTRIES OF THE MASS FOR THE PERIOD 3<sup>RD</sup> OF DEC. TO 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017**

**ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CENTRE TABLE IN THE CHURCH – PLEASE COLLECT YOURS.**

**PLEASE IGNORE THE LAST WEEKEND ON THE CURRENT ROSTER. Thank you.**

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTERS FOR THE PERIOD 10<sup>TH</sup> DEC. TO 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2017 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY.**

**PLEASE COLLECT YOURS. Thank you.**

**CHOIR PRACTICE WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 10.15AM IN THE CHURCH.**



**ANOINTING MASS – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am in St. Augustine's Hall followed by morning tea.**

**CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE HOLY GOODS STALL.**

**NEXT COUNTRY MASSES:**

**St. Francis Xavier's Tarnagulla** - 11.00am Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**St. Patrick's Redbank** – 11.00am Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

**St. Patrick's Amphitheatre** 6.00pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

**PARISH COUNCIL CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm in the Presbytery.**

**BYO plate of supper.** Please collect your minutes from the centre table in the Church.

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS – 6.30pm Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – 12.30pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.** For those interested in the Christmas Eve church pageant, ages open from 3-13. Practice dates and further information will be placed in the newsletter in the following weeks. For any interest or questions please contact Maddy Egan on 0427303601.

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL.** Instead of a special collection, donations can be made by putting these in an envelope, marking this "Catholic Missions" and putting this on the collection plate or in the letter box slot next to the parish office/presbytery front door.

**ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE** at St. John's Anglican Church Avoca on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, at 5.00pm.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL.** We are invited to select a card from the giving tree near the lectern in St. Augustine's church and place non-perishable goods in the box below the tree for Vinnies to give to needy families. There are also envelopes that can be used for making a cash donation that can be put on the collection plate between now and Christmas.

**COLLECT YOUR COPY OF AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS AND OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY (ODC).** There are a couple of interesting articles in this edition of Australian Catholics – see page 10 for a thought provoking article from Pope Francis and on page 30, for Downton Abbey followers, there is an interesting background into making a hit TV show. Copies are placed around the church – so pick up yours. In the ODC there is a short story on Fr. Pat Flanagan as he celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and a tribute to Sr. Barbara on page 30.

**SON OF GOD: THE DAILY GOSPEL YEAR A-1.** This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader/ tablet/ i-phone, offers the Gospel for every day of this Liturgical Year A-1 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 1), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. This Liturgical Year A-1 begins on the First Sunday of Advent 2016 and will continue till November of 2017. The e-book may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given to this publication when he was Bishop of Parramatta. ***Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-1*** may be accessed at the following URL address: [www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

**ADULT PRISONS ARE NO PLACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.** Catholic Social Services Victoria calls for an urgent, comprehensive response to the problems faced in youth justice, including a systematic expansion of prevention and diversion, urgent attention to remand and a comprehensive focus on the development of each person. This is in the interests of these young Victorians and is needed to build the safe community that we all desire.

**MAKING A SCENE AT CHRISTMAS.** A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat from Wednesday evening December 14 – Sunday, December 18. On display there will be in excess of 300 nativities from over 40 countries. Opening hours are Wednesday 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Thursday and Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm; Saturday 10.00am – 8.00pm and Sunday 9.00am – 7.00pm. The organising committee would like to hear from anyone who is willing to loan a nativity scene for display, in particular cribs from other cultures, previous eras or which 'have a story' would be most welcome. Security is guaranteed. If you are able to assist please leave your name at the Cathedral office, ph. 5331 2933.

**ACRATH: 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (November 25–December 10).**

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) has developed resources and prayers for this awareness campaign. Please consider joining in prayer with family members at home or any gatherings when attending Church. Go to <http://bdsjc.weebly.com/share-your-story> to download the prayers and view other resources or <http://acrath.org.au/take-action/campaigns/16days/16days-prayers/>.

**xt3 Advent Calendar – online & free app** Journey with xt3 this Advent 2016. The first Advent calendar door will open on November 27. Online calendar and free app for your mobile device available at <http://www.xt3.com/advent/>

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

***We pray for those who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mick Gallagher, Ann Maree Jones, Shane Melton, Thomas Maffescioni, Graeme Pora, Jack May, Lou Prunty, Una Mary Burns, Bernard Maffescioni, Leo Grigg and Mary Agnes Chapman.***

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Let us bring our prayer before the God of all mercy and compassion.

Reader: **That the Church be known by its integrity and understanding.**

*(pause)*

**Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **That basic rights and respect for human persons be established in all nations.**

*(pause)*

**Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **That those who daily live with anger and disharmony will find peace and unity.**

*(pause)*

**Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **That the poor and afflicted will find us generous, compassionate and responsive.**

*(pause)*

**Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

*(pause)*

**Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: We ask for Mary's intercession – "Hail Mary full of grace....."

Priest: God of justice and peace, your prophets challenge us and confront our complacency. Hear our prayers and teach us to heed the words of John the Baptist that we may prepare the Way of the Lord in our day. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.