



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.~



11TH December, 2016 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A

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Weekend Times: - MARYBOROUGH – 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.

Collections "Thank You". First Collection - Presbytery \$866.00. *This supports our Priest and Presbytery running expenses.*
 Second Collection \$1209.00 towards Parish Planned Giving - *For Parish expenses and Church maintenance.*

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

Sanctuary Cleaning and Flowers	Dec. 16 -	H. & B. Mennen
	Dec. 23 -	V. Lowery, P. Gloury
Planned Giving Counters	Dec. 11 -	P. Egan, N. Fitzpatrick, D. Weeks, P. Egan.
	Dec. 18 -	M. Gowers, M. Taylor
Home Rosary	Dec. 11 -	Mr. & Mrs. S. Taylor, 6 Rogers St. Maryborough 4.00pm
Children's Liturgy	<i>Children's Liturgy will resume again in February 2017.</i>	

Weekend 10/11 December.

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PSALM/PRAYER</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
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

Weekend 17/18 December.

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PSALM/PRAYER</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
6.00pm	K. Barber	R. Putman	M. Gowers, S. & P. Huggett	H. Hare, J. Huggett	Taylor Family
10.30am	S. Meerbach	B. Dellavedova	G. Loyer, M. Flowers, E. McKinley	B. Singh	Cameron Family

THIS WEEK

SAT. 10 TH DECEMBER	6.00PM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH
SUN. 11 TH DECEMBER	8.30AM	MASS ST. MARY'S DUNOLLY
SUN. 11 TH DECEMBER	10.30AM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH
TUE. 13 TH DECEMBER	9.30AM	MASS
WED. 14 TH DECEMBER	6.00PM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S GRADUATION MASS.
THURS. 15 TH DECEMBER	9.30AM	MASS
FRIDAY 16 TH DECEMBER	11.00AM	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRIDAY 16 TH DECEMBER	12.05PM	MASS
SAT. 17 TH DECEMBER	11.00AM	MASS ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S TARNAGULLA.
SAT. 17 TH DECEMBER	6.00PM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH
SUN. 18 TH DECEMBER	8.30AM	MASS ST. KEVIN'S AVOCA
SUN. 18 TH DECEMBER	10.30AM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH

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

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

Christmas Day – St. Mary's Dunolly 8.30am Mass.

– St. Augustine's, Maryborough 10.30am Mass.

NEXT COUNTRY MASSES:

St. Francis Xavier's Tarnagulla - 11.00am Saturday 17th December.

St. Patrick's Redbank – 11.00am Wednesday 21st December.

St. Patrick's Amphitheatre 6.00pm Friday 27th January.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS – 6.30pm this Wednesday.

CHOIR PRACTICE – TUESDAY 13TH AT 10.15AM IN THE CHURCH.



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

ROSTERS FOR ALL MINISTRIES OF THE MASS FOR THE PERIOD 3RD OF DEC. TO 14TH MAY 2017 NOW AVAILABLE – PLEASE IGNORE THE LAST WEEKEND ON THE CURRENT ROSTER.

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTERS FOR THE PERIOD 10TH DEC. TO 2ND JULY 2017 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – 12.30pm Friday 16th 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.

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



The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS) are encouraging parishes to spread the word of *Laudato Si*. There will be information sent regularly to parishes to include on parish bulletins and other information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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. In the ODC there is a short story on Fr. Pat Flanagan as he celebrated his 80th birthday and a tribute to Sr. Barbara on page 30.

BDSIC: WHO IS COMING FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER? In September the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement was titled 'A Place at the Table' *Social Justice in an Aging Society*. In responding to this statement the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is asking the families in our Ballarat Diocesan community to consider whether there might be an extra place at their Christmas dinner table for an elderly relative, friend or neighbour who may otherwise be spending Christmas Day alone.

MAKING A SCENE AT CHRISTMAS. A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in Mildura from December 8-11, St Arnaud on December 12 and St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat from December 15 –18.

LAY PASTORAL MINISTRY PROGRAM – start in 2017. The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers. Details on the diocesan website (link to Program on lower front page) Email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for those who have died especially Amelia Rolph and June Paley and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Robert Mooney, Norma Lindsay, Gerald Halpin, David Singe, George Moschetti, Ellie Wicks, Sheila Field, Anthony Felton, Francis Lowery, John Spencer, Kevin Meagher, Ada Egan, John Carey, Charles Balzan, John Lyell, Mary Witty, Phyllis Hynes and Frank Hynes.

NEW PARISHIONERS, CHANGED ADDRESS, CHANGED PHONE NUMBERS FORM

Please fill in and leave in box at rear of Church, or on the collection plate or drop in to the Parish office.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TELEPHONE NUMBER

(HOME).....(WORK).....

I wish to join the Planned Giving Program.

Yes No. (Please circle)

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: In this time of joyful expectation let us bring our needs before the God of hope and salvation.

Reader: That we will be ready to meet the coming of our Saviour with joy and thanksgiving.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations who yearn for peace will have their longing fulfilled.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those plagued by doubt and questions will find in Christ a renewed sense of hope and confidence.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are sick will be blessed with patience and healing.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That by our actions and deeds we will be heralds of the coming of Christ in to our world.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who have died recently especially Amelia Rolph and June Paley 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: O God, sustain us and give us hope as we make haste to meet our Saviour. May we see the precious harvest of your kingdom when your saving work is complete. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son.

All: Amen.