



**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.~



**18<sup>TH</sup> December, 2016 4<sup>TH</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 \$721.00.** *This supports our Priest and Presbytery running expenses.*  
 Second Collection \$1139.00 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. 23 - V. Lowery, P. Gloury

Dec. 30 - I. Lloyd, B. Alexander

**Planned Giving Counters**

Dec. 18 - M. Gowers, M. Taylor

Dec. 25 - M. & M. McNeilly, J. Taylor

**Home Rosary**

Dec. 18 - Mrs. R. Moclair, 70 Quarry Rd., Timor 4.00pm

**Children's Liturgy**

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

**Weekend 17/18 December.**

READER	PSALM/PRAYER	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	GIFTS
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

**Weekend 24/25 December.**

READER	PSALM/PRAYER	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	GIFTS
6.00pm K. Broadway	S. Meerbach	J. Lacey, T. & M. Lacey	P. Micallef, C. Leech	P. Egan Family
10.30am M. McNeilly	C. Egan	A. & J. Maruca, F. Upson	C. Schwager	Lloyd Family

**CALENDAR**

SAT. 17 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	1 1.00AM	MASS ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S TARNAGULLA.
SAT. 17 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	6.00PM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH
SUN. 18 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	8.30AM	MASS ST. KEVIN'S AVOCA
SUN. 18 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	10.30AM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH
TUE. 20 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	1 1.00AM	FUNERAL MASS GRETA HARNETTY.
TUE. 20 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	10.15AM	CHOIR PRACTICE.
WED. 21 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER	1 1.00AM	MASS ST. PATRICK'S REDBANK.
THURS. 22 <sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER	8.30AM	MASS
FRIDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER	1 1.00AM	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRIDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER	12.05PM	MASS
SAT. CHRISTMAS EVE	6.00PM	CAROLS ST. KEVIN'S AVOCA
SAT. CHRISTMAS EVE	6.30PM	MASS ST. KEVIN'S AVOCA
SAT. CHRISTMAS EVE	8.00PM	CAROLS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH
SAT CHRISTMAS EVE	8.30PM	MASS
SUN. CHRISTMAS DAY	8.30AM	MASS ST. MARY'S DUNOLLY
SUN. CHRISTMAS DAY	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.**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** Bishop Paul Bird asks us to take up our annual Christmas collection for needy people in Australia and overseas. All loose money on the Second Collection at Christmas Masses will go to this appeal.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – MAX JASON NALDER.** Welcome to Max and his parents, Jason and Natalie, as he begins his journey of faith during 6.00pm Mass this weekend.



**GRETA HARNETTY RIP** With her family and many relatives and friends we mourn the passing of our longstanding and popular parishioner. Greta's Funeral Mass is 11.00am this Tuesday in St Augustine's church followed by her burial at Rheola cemetery beside her beloved husband Leo.

**NEXT COUNTRY MASSES:**

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

**St. Francis Xavier's Tarnagulla** – 11.00am Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

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

**ROSTERS FOR ALL MINISTRIES OF THE MASS FOR THE PERIOD 3<sup>RD</sup> OF DEC. TO 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 and FLOWER AND CLEANING ROSTER FOR 2017 NOW AVAILABLE on the centre table in the Church –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.**

**CHOIR PRACTICE – TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> AT 10.15AM IN THE CHURCH.**



**“CAROLS IN THE CATHEDRAL”** A Festival of Readings and Carols. Featuring five choirs, the Creswick Brass Band and the beautiful Cathedral pipe organ with guest organist Mr. Leigh Askew. Friday December 23 at 7.30 pm. All proceeds to Vinnies Christmas Appeal. A beautiful way to prepare for Christmas.

**WOULD YOU LIKE A CHAT????** Terry Ranger has been coming here for many years. Terry's experience in counselling is vast and is a great help to anyone who needs to talk of any problem. His next visit will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. If you would like to have a chat about anything please ring to make an appointment - 5331 4032.

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

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.** For those interested in the Christmas Eve church pageant, ages open from 3-13. For any interest or questions please contact Maddy Egan on 0427303601.

**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 for cash donations that can be put on the collection plate between now and Christmas.

**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*. The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission asks us to consider making an extra place at our Christmas dinner tables for an elderly relative, friend or neighbour who may otherwise be spending Christmas Day alone.

**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](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

*Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas and New Year to all staff,  
parents and students in all schools throughout our parish.*

**Remembering those who have died:**

*We pray for those who have died especially Greta Harnetty, Gail Davey and Noel Faid and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Angelina Divola, Doris Mullins, Gilbert Auer, Vic Severino, Agnes McKinley, Kathleen Dridan, Alice Schmidt, Ronald Morgan, Francis Ellis, Robert Laverick and Mary Fraser Minehan.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Confident that God is with us, let us bring our needs before the God of all.

**Reader: That the Church, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, will proclaim the coming of Christ in word and deed.**

***(pause)* Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader: That nations will bring about conditions where peace and goodwill can flourish.**

***(pause)* Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader: That those who must make difficult decisions will be given strength and courage.**

***(pause)* Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader: That those who await the birth of a child will be filled with joy at the wonder of God's creative love.**

***(pause)* Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader: That our Parish community, baptised in Christ, will be drawn more deeply into the mystery of his presence as our Emmanuel; the one who is "God is with us."**

***(pause)* Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader: We pray for those who have died recently especially Greta Harnetty, Gail Davey and Noel Faid 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 peace, Joseph and Mary responded to your will by embracing your plan of salvation. Hear our prayers and plant within our hearts the living presence of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.