



**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.~



**25<sup>TH</sup> December, 2016 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD.**

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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 \$847.00.** *This supports our Priest and Presbytery running expenses.*  
 Second Collection \$2143.00 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. 30 -	I. Lloyd, B. Alexander
	Jan. 6 -	D. Rinaldi, T. Branton, J. Brnaton, R. Wiseman.
Planned Giving Counters	Dec. 25 -	M. & M. McNeilly, J. Taylor
	Jan. 1 -	R. Iles, M. Hutchinson, A. Butler, C. Scott.
Home Rosary	School Holidays.	
Children's Liturgy	<i>Children's Liturgy will resume again in February 2017.</i>	

**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

**Weekend Dec. 31/ Jan 1..**

READER	PSALM/PRAYER	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS	GIFTS
6.00pm B. Crameri	J. McKnight	G. Loyer, D. & M. Forster	A. & G. Mottram	J. Walsh Family
10.30am E. McKinley	P. Egan	M. Flowers, S. Meerbach, T. Plucke	L. Murphy	C. Egan Family

**CALENDAR**

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
TUE. 27 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	9.30AM	MASS
WED. 28 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	9.30AM	MASS
THURS. 29 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	9.30AM	MASS
FRIDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	11.00AM	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRIDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER	12.05PM	MASS
SAT. 31 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER	6.00PM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH
SUN. 1 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2017	8.30AM	MASS ST. KEVIN'S AVOCA
SUN. 1 <sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2017	10.30AM	MASS ST. AUGUSTINE'S MARYBOROUGH

**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 – BLAKE ARCHER HAMILTON.** Welcome to Blake and his parents, Luke and Jade, as he begins his journey of faith with his family and friends during the 6.30pm Mass this weekend.



**NEXT COUNTRY MASSES:**

**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.

**St. Patrick's Bealiba** – 8.30am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

**St. Patrick's Redbank** – 11.00am Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

**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.**

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

**REV. ANDREW EATON.** May God bless Andrew & Monica and their children Njeri and Wanjiku upon his appointment to Wallsend parish, Newcastle NSW, and we pray for our local Anglican brothers and sisters in Christ in their search for his replacement.

**CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM SR. MAREE HOLT (Ararat) AND THE BRIGIDINE COMMUNITY.** Dear Fr. John and Maryborough people:- Sr. Barbara has left a big gap in your lives – especially at Christmas time. May you all be richly blessed for your goodness and kindness to her over the years. May her joy for life, good nature and love, live on in you all. God Bless – Much love – Sr. Maree.

Dear John, we wish you and your Parish the Hope and Joy of Christmas, with gratitude for your support of Barbara and of us – Sisters of Brigidine Victorian Community Leadership Team.



**MAY JOY BE YOUR GIFT AT CHRISTMAS  
AND MAY FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE BE YOUR TREASURES IN THE NEW  
YEAR**

**Remembering those who have died:**

*We pray for those who have died especially Laurie O'Shannessy and Tony Christiano and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Schack, John Dunlop, Noah Slater, Scott Lawrence, Frank Hoban, Alan Lawrence, Gladys Impey, Robyn Eastwood, Ray Severino, Esther Corcoran, Julie Neville and Graham O'Shaunassy.*

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: On this holy day God has appeared among us. Let us join with all peoples and bring our prayer before the Lord of light.

Reader: **That Christ's coming will bring peace to nations on earth.**

*(pause)*

**Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **That all families will see themselves as holy.**

*(pause)*

**Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **That Jesus, born in a lowly manger, will stir us to show compassion for those in need.**

*(pause)*

**Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **That those who are alone this Christmas will find comfort and companionship.**

*(pause)*

**Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **That we who gather here will take the light of Christ into our daily lives.**

*(pause)*

**Lord, hear us:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: **We pray for those who have died recently especially Lawrie O'Shannessy and Tony Christiano 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: Lord God, your son took on our humanity so that we all might one day share in your glory. Hear our prayers this glorious day and draw us ever closer to you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.