

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.~

3rd December 2017 First 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 \$764 – Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.

Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving \$1259 – 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. 8 -	I. Lloyd, B. Alexander
	Dec. 15 -	D. Rinaldi, T. Branton, J. Branton, R. Wiseman.
Planned Giving Counters	Dec. 3 -	M. & M. McNeilly, J. Taylor
	Dec. 10 -	M. Hutchinson, C. Scott, J. Morse.

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PSALM/PRAYER</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
Weekend Dec. 2/3				
6.00pm	M. Forster	M. Gowers	R. Putman, J. Walsh, P. Weir	Bates Family
10.30am	K. Lloyd	C. Egan	M. McNeilly, T. Waterson, T. Bell	Meerbach Family
Weekend Dec. 9/10				
6.00pm	T. Micallef	D. Hamilton	M. Gowers, J. Lacey, S. Huggett	B. Teggerth
10.30am	T. Jacka	P. Egan	M. Flowers, R. Iles, G. Loyer	Lloyd Family

TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER - 10.00AM ANOINTING MASS & MORNING TEA
IN ST AUGUSTINE'S HALL – ALL WELCOME

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM MASS

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM MASS

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER - 11.00AM EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

- 12.05PM MASS

St. Francis Xavier's, Tarnagulla – 11.00am Saturday 16th December.

St. Patrick's, Redbank – 11.00am Wednesday 20th December.

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

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

Maryborough and Dunolly 23/24 Dec. Masses at usual Saturday/Sunday times.
N.B. No Avoca Assembly on Sunday 24th December

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.

WELCOME TO ADVENT: This is the season of new beginnings. A new liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent that beckons to us with images of transformation and hope. It is the season of the impossible becoming possible. In the scriptures we read of the dry, barren wilderness bursting into bloom; of broken hearts healing; of a barren woman and a young virgin both conceiving children. It is the season of longing and light. Each week, candles are lit on the Advent wreath signifying our longing for the light of Christ, as the time of his birth draws near. Yet Advent heralds more than Christ's birth. It paves our way toward celebrating Christ as God-with-us, God in human flesh; the profound mystery at the heart of our faith and the cause of our abundant joy at Christmas.

CONGRATULATIONS JEREMY AND JSANNA: We warmly congratulate Jeremy Dellavedova and Jsanna Leech whose Wedding at Lorne yesterday (Saturday) was celebrated by Fr Ed Moloney.

ANOINTING MASS: 10.00am Mass & Morning Tea this Tuesday in St Augustine's Hall.

ST KEVIN'S AVOCA ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS: 6.00pm Sun. 10th December.

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER PARISH COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Christmas Gathering 7.30pm at the Presbytery. Short meeting followed by supper. All Parish Council and Finance Committee members and partners invited. Please bring a plate to share.

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER TARNAGULLA MASS AND LUNCH: 11.00am Mass at St Francis Xavier's church followed by Lunch at the Golden Age Hotel, Tarnagulla. All welcome.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS ROSTERS: All those interested in helping out in the various Ministries on Christmas Day, please put your name on the sheet provided on the centre table.

NEW COUNTERS URGENTLY REQUIRED: For counting Planned Giving and Presbytery Collections for approx. one hour every 5 or 6 weeks any time Sunday to Tuesday. Join a current group or help form a new one. Please phone the Parish Office 8.00am – 12noon Wednesday or Friday mornings 5461 1084 and Jill will explain what is required and how straightforward this is.

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

CGSC WASTE VOUCHERS: Hard Rubbish / Transfer Station waste vouchers needed by St Augustine's School. Your spare vouchers welcomed at the School office or can be given to Fr John.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY + AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: FREE at back of church.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Last year Vinnies gave \$14.9 million assistance to people in need in Victoria. Envelopes at back of church can be put on Collection or dropped in to Vinnies shop.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Bishop Paul Bird commends his annual Christmas Appeal to us as: "one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance." Last year \$52,000 from our diocese (including \$1,158 from our parish) helped 14 worthy causes in Australia and beyond. This will be taken up at Christmas Masses.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

***Anne Brown, Sara Melbourne, Rolph Amelia, Mick Gallagher, Shane Melton,
Thomas Maffescioni, Graeme Pora, Jack May, Lou Prunty, Una Mary Burns,
William Corcoran and Clare Arrowsmith.***

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

3rd December 2017

Priest: As we begin this time of joyful expectation we turn to the Lord who comes to the aid of those in need.

Reader: That we will be alert and ready for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Reader: That nations will put away words and instruments of violence and hatred and, led by the Holy Spirit, enter an age of peace and understanding.

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

Reader: That the hungry, unemployed, homeless, and those weighed down by the cares and struggles of everyday life, will find new hope.

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

Reader: That, enriched by the gifts of the Spirit, we will be compassionate and generous this Advent; loving others as God loves us.

(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: Seeking Mary's intercession, we pray: – "Hail Mary

Priest: God our Father, you are the potter; we the work of your hands. Continue to shape us into your image and help us to faithfully keep watch with open hearts for the coming of our redeemer. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.