

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.~

10th December 2017 Second 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 \$500 – Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.

Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving \$1425 – 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. 15 -	D. Rinaldi, T. Branton, J. Branton, R. Wiseman.
	Dec. 22 -	V. Lowery, J. Smith, P. Manning.
Planned Giving Counters	Dec. 10 -	J. Morse, Volunteer.
	Dec. 17 -	E. McKinley, B. Alexander, P. Cameron, E. Meagher

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PSALM/PRAYER</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
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
Weekend Dec. 16/17				
6.00pm	J. McKnight	P. Huggett	D. Forster, K. Balzan, J. Broadway	M. Lang Family
10.30am	K. Cameron	R. Iles	T. Jacka, I. Lloyd, A. Maruca	M. Flowers

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM MASS

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM MASS

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM MASS

**FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER - 1 1.00AM EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
- 12.05PM MASS**

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER - 1 1.00AM MASS AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S TARNAGULLA

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.

ROYAL COMMISSION – BALLARAT DIOCESE (CASE 28): On Wednesday 6th December the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse released its Report on the Ballarat Diocese. This found serious failures in our Diocese' response to victims' complaints. Bishop Paul Bird issued a media release that day apologising on behalf of our Diocese and promising we will learn from this Case Study and the forthcoming Royal Commission Final Report. While we are thankful our parish has not been associated with any complaints, we are heartened by Bishop Paul's assurance of the policies and procedures our parishes and schools now have in place for the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. Bishop Paul's media release and attached to this a link to the Royal Commission's Case Study 28 are on our Ballarat Diocese website.

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: Bernard Maffescioni, Leo Grigg, Robert Mooney, Norman Lindsay, Gerald Halpin, David Singe, Greta Harnetty, Noel Faid, Gail Davey, George Noschetti, Ellie Wicks, Sheila Field, Anthony Felton, Kevin Meagher, Beth Prunty, Francis Lowery, John Spencer and Mary Agnes Chapman.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

10th December 2017

Priest: Dear friends, let us bring our prayers before the Lord, who is our hope and our salvation.

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope Francis will be a sign for our world of Christ's presence in our midst.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nothing will hinder us from receiving Christ with joy and proclaiming his Good News.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That basic rights and respect for human persons be recognised in all nations, creeds and cultures.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those unwell in mind or body will be comforted by the Good Shepherd.

(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: Lord God, the coming of our Saviour was foretold by the prophets. Hear our prayer and teach us to heed the words of John the Baptist in preparing the way of the Lord. This we pray in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.