



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.~



17th December 2017 Third 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 \$713 – Clergy support and Presbytery expenses. Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving \$1884 – 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. 22 -	V. Lowery, J. Smith, P. Manning.
	Dec. 29 -	J. Egan, M. Egan, D. Weeks, P. Wagstaff
Planned Giving Counters	Dec. 17 -	E. McKinley, B. Alexander, P. Cameron, E. Meagher
	Dec. 24 -	V. O'Dwyer, P. O'Dwyer, K. Lloyd

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PSALM/PRAYER</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
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
Weekend Dec. 23/24				
6.00pm	G. Loyer	S. Huggett	T. Lacey, P. Huggett, J. McKnight	P. Patten/M. Harris
10.30am	C. Hadwen	M. Flowers	K. Lloyd, J. Maruca, M. McNeilly	Schwager Family

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM MASS
WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER - 11.00AM MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S REDBANK
WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER - 6.30PM ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS
THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER - 9.30AM MASS
FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER - 11.00AM EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
- 12.05PM MASS

St. Patrick's, Redbank – 11.00am Wednesday 20th December.
St. Patrick's, Bealiba – 8.30am Sunday 31st December.
St. Francis Xavier's, Tarnagulla – 11.00am Saturday 20th January 2018.
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.

CONGRATULATIONS PAT GLOURY AND VERA MILLS: With a combined 70+ years volunteering at Vinnies, Pat and Vera were deservedly honoured on International Volunteers Day for serving our community. We congratulate them for their marvellous work helping those in need. This is an opportune time for asking for other volunteers to assist them at Vinnies, 54 High St, Maryborough. Drop in and speak to Vinnies manager Margaret Stonehouse or discuss different ways we can help Vinnies with Pat and Vera or any of their other generous helpers.



CHOIR PRACTICE: Wednesday 10.00am

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL END OF YEAR MASS 6.30pm WEDNESDAY: All are welcome to join St Augustine's school children, families and staff in thanking God as the School Year draws to a close and praying for God's blessings at Christmas and throughout their well-earned break till commencing again in 2018.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS: 9.30am at St Augustine's, Maryborough.

NEW COUNTERS: Thank you to those who have responded. New rosters out in the New Year.

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.

MAKING A SCENE AT CHRISTMAS. Anyone going to Ballarat in the next few days are highly encouraged to visit the marvellous *Making a Scene at Christmas* displays at the Robert Clark Centre in the Ballarat Gardens from Friday, December 15 to Monday December 18.

THIS CHRISTMAS, GIVE A GIFT THAT CHANGES THE WORLD. If you would like to give a little extra to those who need it most at Christmas time, Caritas Australia offers Global Gift Cards. Donations go towards empowering the most marginalised members of our One Human Family to eradicate poverty in all its forms <https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/globalgifts>



**HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS TO STAFF, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
OF ALL SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH.**



Remembering those who have died:

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ada Egan, John Caret, Charles Balzan, John Lyell, Angelina Divola, Doris Mullins, Gilbert Aver, Vic Severino, Mary Witty, Phyllis Hynes and Frank Hynes.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

17th December 2017

Priest: Let us, as witnesses to the light of Christ, bring our prayers before the Lord.

Reader: That we may bring good news to our world, bind up hearts that are broken and proclaim the Lord's favour by our lives.

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

Reader: That all people and all nations will be guided in true peace by those who speak as witnesses for the light of Christ.

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

Reader: That those unwell or suffering in mind or body will find strength and healing in the Lord and know the support and love of those around them.

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

Reader: That during Advent we may make a way for the Lord in our hearts.

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

Priest: God of peace, hear our prayers and guide us in faith as we wait in joyful hope through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.