

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.~

25th December 2017 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD.

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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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Rite) – Saturdays at 10.00am (enter door near Sacristy) or upon request.

Sanctuary Cleaning and Flowers	Dec. 29 - Jan. 5 2018 -	J. Egan, M. Egan, D. Weeks, P. Wagstaff A. Butler, V. Lowery
Planned Giving Counters	Dec. 31 -	P. Walsh, B. O'Connor, D. Hamilton

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PSALM/PRAYER</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
Christmas Eve. 8.30pm	Fitzgibbons	G. Loyer	K. & I. Lloyd, M. Lacey.	Volunteers
Christmas Day. 10.30am	G. Loyer	Volunteer	R. Iles, Volunteers.	Volunteers
Weekend Dec. 30/31 6.00pm	T. Lacey	M. Lacey	M. Forster, B. Cramer, K. Broadway	B. Teggerth
10.30am	M. Flowers	R. Iles	S. Meerbach, F. Upson, T. Plucke	Knowles Family

TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM MASS
WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM MASS
THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER - 9.30AM ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER - 11.00AM EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
- 12.05PM ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER - 8.30AM MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S, BEALIBA.

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

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

St. Patrick's, Redbank – 11.00am Wednesday 21st March 2018.

St. Francis Xavier's, Tarnagulla – 11.00am Saturday 20th January 2018.

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

**FR. JOHN AND JILL WISH YOU
A MOST HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS**

Many thanks for your generous help in the Parish throughout the past year.

May God bless you and your families throughout the Christmas Season.

May our New Year together be filled with many blessings.

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

PETER BAIRD RIP: Peter's Funeral Mass was at St Bernard's, Batehaven NSW on Friday and he will be buried at Maryborough Lawn Cemetery 11.00am this Wednesday 27th December.

BISHOP PAUL'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: Can be viewed at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: All loose money on the Second Collection at our Christmas Masses will go to Bishop Paul Bird's annual Christmas collection for people in need in Australia and overseas. Christmas Mass First Collections support our clergy and Presbytery running costs.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL: St Vincent de Paul thanks St Augustine's parishioners for sharing your Christmas fare, money and toys with the needy in our community.

FIFTH SUNDAY EAST TIMOR APPEAL: Thank you to all who share your money to bring about change through Education for the people of Ainaro, East Timor.

DIOCESAN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT PROJECT WORKER VACANCY: Ballarat diocese seeks to employ a Project Worker in Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2018, the Year of Youth. Initially a 12 month position, fulltime preferred but not essential. A position description will be available on the diocesan website in January or we can email: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

DIOCESAN e-NEWS: Published every two weeks and distributed via email. We are invited to subscribe to this on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and are welcome to submit items for publication to: enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au relevant to the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the Diocese and where possible including photos.

FR ALBERT MLIGO: Several people, maybe many, have received emails from this Tanzania priest seeking donations in lieu of previous generous assistance given to Fr Albert and his Projects by the late Fr Paul Mercovich. Fr Albert will receive substantial ongoing benefit from Fr Paul's estate. Because of this and other issues with his fundraising, we recommend help be instead directed to other overseas charitable causes such as Bishop Paul Bird's Christmas Appeal, Caritas and Catholic Mission. Contact us for further information. Frs Ed Moloney and John Monaghan.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

25TH December 2017

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 Christ, 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 we will take the light of Christ into our daily lives.

(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: 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.