



St. Augustine's Parish, Maryborough
 ~inc. 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,
 St. Augustine's, Burke St, Maryborough~



23rd December 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

Parish Priest: Fr. John Monaghan, 21 Burns St. Maryborough. **Parish Secretary:** Jill Morse
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St Augustine's School: Ph. 5460 4440 **Principal:** Mrs. Sonia Turner principal@samaryborough.catholic.edu.au
Parish Child Safety Officer: Jill Morse.

Weekends: MARYBOROUGH – Mass 6.00pm Saturday & 10.30am Sunday.
 AVOCA – Mass 8.30am 1st & 3rd Sunday. Assembly 8.30am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday.
 DUNOLLY – Mass 8.30am 2nd & 4th Sunday. Assembly 8.30am 1st & 3rd Sunday.
 BEALIBA – Mass 8.30am each 5th Sunday of the month.

Collections "Thank You". First Collection – Presbytery \$690 Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.
Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving \$1365 For Parish expenses and Church maintenance.

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

Sanctuary Cleaning and Flowers December 28 - D. Rinaldi, R. Wiseman
 January 4 - I Lloyd, B. Alexander
Planned Giving Counters December 23 - C. Scott, C. Schwager
 December 30 - E. McKinley, B. Alexander, E. Meagher, C. Hadwen

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PSALM/PRAYER</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
<u>Weekend Dec. 22/23</u>				
6.00pm	T. Lacey	S. Huggett	T. & M. Lacey, J. Lacey	J. Walsh Family
10.30am	S. Dellavedova	C. Hadwen	M. Flowers, A. & J. Maruca	Meerbach Family
<u>Weekend Dec. 24/25</u>				
8.30pm	G. Loyer	M. Gowers	M. Flowers, K. & I. Lloyd	Fitzgibbon Family
10.30am	M. Flowers	G. Loyer	M. Flowers, M. McNeilly, B. Iles	Schwager Family
<u>Weekend Dec. 29/30</u>				
6.00pm	M. Lacey	T. Lacey	M. Forster, D. Forster, G. Loyer	Balzan Family
10.30am	C. Egan	H. Taylor	S. Meerbach, T. Plucke, F. Upson	Maruca Family

Monday 24th Christmas Eve 6.00pm Carols St. Kevin's Avoca.
 6.30pm Mass St. Kevin's Avoca
 8.00pm Carols St. Augustine's Maryborough
 8.30pm Mass St. Augustine's Maryborough

Tuesday 25th Christmas Day 8.30am Mass St. Mary's Dunolly
 10.30am Mass St. Augustine's Maryborough

Wednesday 26th December - 9.30am Mass (Boxing Day)
Thursday 27th December - 9.30am Mass
Friday 28th December - 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 - 12.00 Noon Mass at St Augustine's church

St. Patrick's Bealiba – 8.30am Sunday 30th December
St. Patrick's, Redbank – 11.00am Wednesday 20th February 2019
St. Patrick's, Amphitheatre – 6.00pm Friday 22nd February 2019.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018: 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 our diocese generously gave \$51,000 (including \$1,217 from our parish) to this Appeal which was distributed among thirteen worthy causes in Australia and overseas. While Christmas Mass First Collections along with those each Sunday support the bishop and clergy of our diocese, all loose money on the Second Collection at all Christmas Masses will go to this Appeal.

2019 COLUMBAN CALENDARS: \$7 each from Piety Stall and Avoca and Dunolly churches.

ST AUGUSTINE’S SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM THANK YOU: St Augustine’s children and staff sincerely thank Aileen Farley, Dot Weeks, Helen Taylor and Gretta Fitzgibbon for their friendly and enthusiastic help with this each Wednesday morning. We warmly welcome anyone else who may be able to assist with this in 2019 on either a regular or occasional basis. Please speak with any of these wonderful ladies about this great program and give your name to Fr John if you think you can help in some way.

SEEKING UPRIGHT FREEZER FOR MARIAN CENTRE: St Augustine’s Parish and School are wondering if anyone has a spare/unused Upright Freezer (not Chest type) at home that we could have for storing bread and other items in for School Children’s Wednesday breakfasts. Please let Jill or Fr John know if you can assist.

NEW PARISH PHONE NUMBER 0466 451 984: Our Parish is gradually moving from our old landline number 5461 1084 to a new Parish mobile phone number 0466 451 984. For now, messages can still be left on our old number or we can ring or text our new Parish mobile number which can also take messages when Jill or Fr John are unavailable to answer this personally.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTENING AND DIALOGUE ENCOUNTERS.

All are invited to participate in the *Listening and Dialogue* process to help prepare the Plenary Council agenda. Information flyers on Ballarat diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and in ODC invite us to answer: “What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?”

Questions for individuals or groups: 1. *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?* 2. *What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?* 3. *Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?* Responses due Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL – TIME TO SHARE OUR STORY AND SHAPE THE FUTURE:

The above notice urges us to think about what God is asking of us, to propose questions for our national Plenary Council to consider and to share stories about our faith including where we have felt God’s presence in our lives and been inspired by others. In the 2016 Australian Census, 95,688 people identified themselves as Catholics in the area covered by our Ballarat Diocese. Of these, 8,481 regularly attend Sunday Mass in our 2018 Mass Count figures. While some speak of us having fewer priests, our Diocese presently has a more significant shortage of people attending Mass than our current priest per Mass attender ratio that is relatively high in historical terms. Leaflets outlining a way we can begin contributing to the Plenary Council are enclosed in our current “Our Diocesan Community” magazine. Copies of these leaflets are also at the back of the church inviting each of us to participate in a “Listening and Dialogue” encounter to discern and share where we think the Holy Spirit is speaking to us and seeking to lead us in our parish, across our diocese and throughout our nation.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for those who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Agnes McKinley, Mary Schack, John Dunlop, Noah Slater, Scott Lawrence, Frank Hoban, Alan Lawrence, Gladys Impey, Kathleen Dridan, Alice Schmidt, Ronald Morgan, Francis Ellis, Robert Laverick and Mary Fraser Minehan.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 23rd December 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Priest: With Jesus' mother, Mary, let us open our hearts to the Lord in prayer.

Reader: That with the Virgin Mary we may be obedient to God's will and trust in God's promise of salvation.

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

Reader: That, in place of materialism and greed, our loves be characterised by generosity and goodwill.

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

Reader: That those preparing for the birth of a child may be supported by family and friends.

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

Reader: That those travelling to meet loved ones may safely reach their destination.

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

Reader: For all who died recently and those 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 Mary and Elizabeth, hear our prayers as we look forward to celebrating the birth of your Son; guided by the example of these holy women of faith who joyfully prepared for his coming. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.