



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~

22nd December 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Priests: Fr. John Monaghan, Fr. Mark Chia CSsR

Parish Secretary: Jill Morse **Parish Office:** 21 Burns St. Maryborough. 9.00am – 12.00 noon Wednesday and Friday

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Parish Child Safety Officer: Jill Morse.

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

Collections "Thank You". First Collection – \$686 For Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.

Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving \$1050 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 27 - A. Butler, V. Lowery
January 3 2020 –I. Lloyd, B. Alexander
Planned Giving Counters December 22 - P. Walsh, B. O'Connor, D. Hamilton
December 29 - P. Egan, N. Fitzpatrick, D. Weeks.

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PRAYERS</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
Weekend Dec. 21/22				
6.00pm	B. O'Connor	Volunteer	K. Balzan, B. Crameri, H. Taylor	Lacey Family
10.30am	C. Hadwen	Volunteer	M. Flowers, Volunteer, Volunteer	B. Alexander
Weekend Dec. 28/29				
6.00pm	J. Walsh	G. Loyer	T. & M. Lacey, Volunteer	B. Crameri
10.30am	M. Flowers	S. Meerbach	T. Bell, T. Plucke, F. Upson	C. Egan

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

Christmas Day - 8.30am Mass St. Mary's Dunolly
- 10.30am Mass St. Augustine's Maryborough

Boxing Day 26th Dec. - 10.00am Mass

Friday 27th December - 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
- 12.00 Noon Mass

St. Patrick's, Redbank –11.00am Wednesday 18th March 2020

St. Patrick's, Amphitheatre – 6.00pm Friday 31st January 2020

St. Patrick's Bealiba – 8.30am Sunday 29th December 2019

FAREWELL TO FR MARK THIS WEEKEND 21/22 DECEMBER:

While he'll be with us for Christmas Masses then Bealiba on 29th December, this weekend we reluctantly say goodbye to Fr Mark after his twelve wonderful months with us; knowing he leaves us to continue ministering in the Lord's vineyard in Perth. Everyone is invited to farewell Mark at a sausage sizzle after 6.00pm Mass and morning tea after 10.30am Mass; both at 68 Burke Street. Food and drink provided. We're deeply thankful to Mark for his time with us, wish him well for his future appointments and warmly assure him he is welcome back here anytime!

SPECIAL THANK YOU: As Provincial of the Redemptorist Congregation, I extend a heartfelt thanks to you for all your kindness in welcoming Fr Mark Chia CSsR among you this year. He will share with you many things for which he is grateful because in welcoming Mark as a newly ordained priest you have played an important part in his introduction to priesthood, and it is often said that the first appointment after ordination is remembered so fondly. May God bless each one of you as together we await the Birth of our Redeemer. May the New Year be a blessed one for our world and your parish. Fr John Hodgson CSsR.

WELCOME PORSCHE-LEE KNIGHT AND ZANE RYDER KNIGHT:

Porsche-Lee has been a Prep student at St Augustine's School this year. She and Zane will be Baptised into the faith community of the Catholic Church during 10.30am Mass today and we pray for them on their faith journey throughout their lives.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019: Bishop Paul Bird writes: "I am aware of many times throughout the year when we are invited to respond to appeals for very worthy causes and thank the people of our diocese for generously supporting this appeal each year. I again commend this to you as a way of helping our diocese respond to many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance." Last year we gave \$45,000 (including \$1,243 from our parish) which was distributed among thirteen charitable organisations and programs. Christmas Mass First Collections, as with those each Sunday support the bishop and clergy of our diocese and all Christmas Mass Second Collection loose money will go to this Appeal.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Christmas gifts and non-perishable items can be placed in the basket near the Baptism font in St Augustine's Church or a monetary donation can be made via the Vinnies envelopes on the table next to this basket.

AVOCA AND BEALIBA MASSES NEXT WEEKEND: Thanks to Fr Mark generously returning to us for Mass at Bealiba next Sunday, Avoca will also have 8.30am Mass on Sunday 29th December. Then, from the beginning of January 2020, we will revert to our usual Mass/Assembly schedule at the top of our parish bulletin.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2020. This beautiful Calendar that makes a great Christmas gift is now available in the Piety Stall. Cost is \$7.00.

ROSTERS JAN.4TH 2020 TO MAY 31ST 2020. New Rosters are available on the centre table in St. Augustine's Church. PLEASE COLLECT YOURS.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Vi Severino, Agnes McKinlsy, Mary Schack, John Dunlop, John James Schmidt, Kathleen Dridan, Alice Schmidt, Ronald Morgan, Francis Ellis and Robert Laverick.

Priest: With the confidence of the Virgin Mary, let us bring our prayers to the Lord.

Reader: That with Jesus' mother, Mary, we will be graced to entrust ourselves to God and God's will for us.

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

Reader: That with Joseph we will be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the coming of Christ in word and deed.

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

Reader: That the poor and marginalised, sick and housebound will be waited on by others throughout the festive season.

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

Reader: That those who await the birth of a child will be filled with joy at the wonder of God's creative love.

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

Reader: We pray for those who died recently and for those whose anniversaries are named on the Bulletin.

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

Priest: We ask for Mary's intercession – "Hail Mary full of grace ..."

Priest: God of peace, Joseph and Mary responded to your will by embracing your plan of salvation. Grant us the confidence to welcome Christ's coming as God-with-us and plant within our hearts the living presence of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.