



**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~



**25<sup>th</sup> December 2019 The Nativity of our Lord**

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

**Collections "Thank You". First Collection** – Presbytery \$893 Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.  
**Second Collection** - Parish Planned Giving \$1299 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>
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY.</b>				
8.30pm	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteers	Volunteers
10.30am	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteers	Volunteer
<b>Weekend Dec. 28/29</b>				
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

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December** - 10.00am Mass at St Augustine's, Maryborough  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December** - 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and  
 - 12.00 Noon Mass at St Augustine's, Maryborough  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December** - 6.00pm at St Augustine's, Maryborough  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December** - 8.30am Mass at St Kevin's Avoca and St Pat's Bealiba  
 - 10.30am Mass St. Augustine's Maryborough

**St. Patrick's Bealiba** – 8.30am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
**St. Patrick's, Amphitheatre** – 6.00pm Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020  
**St. Patrick's, Redbank** –11.00am Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**FR. JOHN, FR MARK 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**

**FAREWELL FR MARK:** Grateful that he is with us for our Christmas Masses then Bealiba on 29<sup>th</sup> December, we reluctantly say goodbye to Mark after enriching us with his presence throughout 2019. We're immensely thankful for his time with us, wish him well for his 2020 Perth appointment and warmly assure him he is welcome back here anytime!

**BAPTISM: WILLIAM HENRY FARRELL:** We welcome William, his parents, Benjamin and Danielle, and their family as he begins his journey of faith with them during Christmas Eve Mass at St Kevin's, Avoca. May God's blessing of Father, Son and Holy Spirit nourish and guide William and his family throughout his life.



**CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019:** Bishop Paul Bird writes: "I thank you for generously supporting this appeal each year and 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:** There will be 8.30am Mass at Bealiba (with Fr Mark) and Avoca on 29<sup>th</sup> December then from the beginning of January 2020, we will revert to our usual Mass/Assembly schedule at the top of our parish bulletin.



**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019 The Nativity of Our Lord.**

Priest: On this special night of nights, / day of days, God entered our world as one of us, let us pray as one for everything God desires for us to be fulfilled.

**Reader: That all families will see themselves as holy and their struggles and joys bring them ever closer to the Holy Family of Bethlehem.**

**(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 those separated from loved ones this Christmas will find assurance in the care and companionship of those who reach out to them.**

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

**Reader: That, as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, we will be inspired by Jesus to work for peace on earth and good will for all.**

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

**Reader: That our loved ones who have died will see you face to face.**

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

Priest: For Mary's intercession, we pray: "Hail Mary....."

Priest: Lord God, on this night/day you proclaimed your saving power for the world, hear our prayers and continue to bless us with your peace, joy and love for ever and ever.

All: Amen.