



## 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~



### 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Feast of the Holy Family

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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> Sundays. Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
DUNOLLY – Mass 8.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Assembly 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
BEALIBA – Mass 8.30am each 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

Collections "Thank You". First Collection – \$893 *For Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.*

Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving \$1299 *For Parish expenses and Church maintenance.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Rite)** – Usually 10.00am Saturday but NOT Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Sanctuary Cleaning and Flowers                      December 27 - A. Butler, V. Lowery  
January 3 2020 –I. Lloyd, B. Alexander

Planned Giving Counters                                      December 29 - P. Egan, N. Fitzpatrick, D. Weeks.

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PRAYERS</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
<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
<b>Weekend Jan 4/5</b>				
6.00pm	B. Crameri	J. Walsh	T. Lacey. M. Lacey, Volunteer	B. Teggerth
10.30am	K. Barber	T. Waterson	T. Bell, M. Flowers, R. Iles	Cameron Family

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.** - 9.30am Mass  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan** - 10.00am Mass – Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan.** - 9.30am Assembly  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.** - 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament  
- 12.00 Noon Assembly

**St. Patrick's, Redbank** –11.00am Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**St. Patrick's, Amphitheatre** – 6.00pm Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

**St. Patrick's Bealiba** – 8.30am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Remembering those who have died:

*We pray for Carol Troia who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Noah Slater, Scott Lawrence, Frank Hoban, Alan Lawrence, Gladys Impey, Mary Minehan, Robyn Eastwood, Renato Novelli, Patricia Wood, Leo Harnetty, Dianne Brown, Esther Corcoran, Julie Neville and Graham O'Shaunassy, Harold, Mary and John Harris.*

## **AVOCA, DUNOLLY AND BEALIBA MASSES IN 2020:**

Following Fr Mark's departure from our parish to take up his 2020 appointment at the North Perth Redemptorist Monastery, from next weekend 4/5 January we will return to our usual Mass/Assembly schedule at the top of our parish bulletin.

## **CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019:**

Sincere thanks on behalf of Bishop Paul Bird for the \$1160 we generously gave to this Appeal at this year's Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses that will greatly assist the many charitable organisations and programs he will be able to share this among in 2020 from our Parish's donation plus that from every other parish in our diocese.

**Gospel Reflection:** Dreaming is an important part of life, both the dreaming we do at night and the "day dreaming" we engage in as we look to the future. In today's gospel story, Joseph is a dreamer who listens to his dreams and hears the voice of God directing him to go where he may not have chosen to go. The visit of the wise ones or astrologers from the east has left him with some questions. Now the pieces begin to fall into place. In his dream, he becomes aware of the danger that is threatening the family. The new born child is at risk. Steps must be taken to protect the child and his mother.

The desert road to Egypt had long been the place of refuge for Joseph's ancestors. It is still a place of refuge and asylum, away from the centre of international affairs. Although the gospel presents a patriarchal image of family with the husband as head of the household, there is no sense that family leadership resides in the exercise of power over others. It resides rather in constant vigilance and in care and protection of the most vulnerable. The reader of the gospel has already been told that Joseph is "just": he has acted with integrity and will continue to do so.

The story-teller uses a literary device, that of "formula-citation", to locate the story of this special family within Israel's bigger faith story. Centuries before, Israel (Jacob's family) had fled into Egypt in time of famine. Their descendants were later rescued from slavery in Egypt. This new-born child will also go down into Egypt for protection and be led out to safety through God's providence. There is no neat correspondence of character to character or event to event, simply allusions to the power of God at work in the great saving events in the lives of God's people. The reader is being prepared for the momentous destiny in store for the world through the agency of a child at risk.

The child's mother receives little attention in the telling of this story. We may like to retell the story through the lens of her fears and hopes or through the lens of the fears and hopes of the millions of refugees and asylum seekers of our time. God is just as much at work in the lives of those who are threatened now as was the case in the life of the family we name as "holy". God worked through the agency of Mary and Joseph and other wisdom figures to protect the child. God works in our times through those who imagine or dream of a different future for the homeless and bereft and act to achieve those dreams. As we move into a new year, we need to ensure we are among them. And let's not forget the other-than-human families also at risk on our planet.

*Sr Veronica Lawson rsm*

Priest: In this season of great joy, through the Holy Family of Nazareth, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

**Reader: That Pope Francis and Bishop Paul be filled with grace and holiness as they exercise care and leadership serving our Christian family.**

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

**Reader: That government leaders will recognise the sanctity of families and serve them with peace, justice and harmony.**

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

**Reader: That those estranged from their families will find a reconciling and forgiving home among God's people.**

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

**Reader: That families seeking new life and new homes will be welcomed and supported so they can grow in holiness and love.**

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

**Reader: We pray for Carol Troia 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 Love, you created the human family as an image of your love for us and sent your Son to dwell among us. Hear our prayers and give us the grace to love, respect and care for one another as we follow in the ways of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.