



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~

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25th December 2020 The Nativity of Our Lord.

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

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, MARYBOROUGH – 6.00pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday.

**ST. KEVIN'S, AVOCA – 8.30am Mass 1st and 3rd Sundays each month.
– 8.30am Assembly at Avoca on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of each month.**

**ST. MARY'S, DUNOLLY – 8.30am Mass 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.
–8.30am Assembly at Dunolly on 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month**

ST. PATRICK'S, BEALIBA – 8.30am Mass 5th Sunday (31st January 2021)

Tuesday 29th December – 10.00am Mass
Wednesday 30th December – 10.00am Mass
Thursday 31st December – 10.00am Mass
Friday 1st January – 10.00am Mass (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

N.B. Face masks not required when sufficient social distancing in place.

**FR. JOHN AND JILL
WISH YOU A HAPPY AND
HOLY CHRISTMAS 2020**

**Many thanks for your generous help in our Parish over the past
12 months. May God bless you and your families for your goodness.
May our New Year together be filled with many blessings.**

DESMOND O'MEARA RIP: We pray for Des who died peacefully on 19th December aged 90, his wife Loretta and their family. Des and Loretta were born and bred city folk who have greatly enjoyed their time in Maryborough since making the tree change here nine years ago. Des' Funeral Prayers were held on Christmas Eve followed by cremation. May he rest in peace.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FR MARK CHIA CsSR:

Fr Mark wishes us the joy, love and happiness of Christmas as he continues to be most grateful for sharing his first twelve months of priestly ministry with us leading up to celebrating last Christmas in our parish before departing for his Perth appointment.

AVOCA, DUNOLLY AND MARYBOROUGH "QR" CODES:

Under COVID-CARE protocols, we need to register our attendance at Mass. This can be done by ticking the date next to our name on the clipboard at church entrances or by scanning the QR code with our phone. If difficulty scanning, the location code can be used:

HAX B5G for St Kevin's Avoca, **ZRN LCM** for St Mary's Dunolly and **SRR THW** for St Augustine's Maryborough.

2020 CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Through Bishop Paul's annual Christmas Appeal, our diocese is able to help communities near and far who turn to us for assistance both through agencies such as Vinnies and directly in times of disasters and other special need. Bishop Paul is grateful for our past generosity and again commends this to us at the end of a difficult year for many. This special Second Collection is taken up at each Christmas Mass following our usual First Collection for the support of the bishop and clergy of our diocese.

NEW AUSSIE MOVIE "THE DRY": Jane Harper's highly acclaimed debut novel "The Dry" has been made into a film starring Eric Bana. Filmed in Western Victoria, its producers searched for a priest to play the opening part: "The fat old padre made his way to the lectern to begin the funeral ..." We don't know why our priest was overlooked for this role and instead Fr Eugene McKinnon from our neighbouring East Wimmera parish was chosen? Possibly because one of his parish churches, St Patrick's Banyena, was used for the funeral location. "The Dry" commences screening at Maryborough's Paramount Cinema and other movie theatres throughout Australia on 1st January 2021.

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Priest: On this holy night/day that a light shone upon our world and God appeared among us, let us pray with people throughout the world.

Reader: That Christ's coming will bring joy and hope to people of all nations.

(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, hear our prayers as we joyfully proclaim the glory of your infant Son on earth and draw us ever closer to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.