

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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3rd January 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord.

Collections "Thank You". First Collection – \$897 *For Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.*
Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving – \$1951 *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 5th January	– 11.00am Funeral Mass for Lorraine Jones
Wednesday 6th January	– 10.00am Mass
Thursday 7th January	– 10.00am Mass
Friday 8th January	– 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
	– 12.00 Noon Mass

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: This ancient celebration proclaims Israel's Messiah being also the Saviour of the entire world. The wise men are led to Jesus by a divinely inspired combination of natural wisdom and biblical prophecy. Their own gifts, the wisdom of their people and their scientific investigations (astronomy) have impelled their quest. They have seen in their eastern homeland a "star" that according to biblical prophecy (Numbers 24:17) signaled the birth of a king who will have universal significance. They have followed this star on their journey and it has brought them to Jerusalem. To locate more precisely the One whose birth it announces, they also need to consult the scribal wisdom of Israel. The chief priests and scribes tell them of the prophecy of Micah that points them to David's city, Bethlehem.

Foreshadowing the later adherence of multitudes of Gentile believers to the faith, the wise men discover the child with his mother Mary and pay homage to him as their ruler. They place before him the gifts of their culture that also complete the biblical picture of the nations of the world bringing their wealth to Jerusalem in exchange for the spiritual riches they will receive from the Jewish Saviour.

Their journey is one of faith and risk. Their coming causes "disturbance" in Jerusalem. The treacherous figure of Herod looms over all, foreshadowing Jesus' final days, but even he cannot impede the riches of God's salvation promised to all, Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, slave and free. We walk in the footsteps of those who visited Jesus, sharing their wisdom, their longing, their faith, and the joy of their discovery. *Fr Brendan Byrne SJ*

MARGARET PETERSEN RIP: With her children, Ray, Gary and Karyn, we mourn the passing of a wonderful pillar of our parish and longtime Vinnies volunteer. We're thankful Margaret suffered little prior to her relatively sudden leaving us on 23rd December aged 91. Margaret's Funeral Mass was celebrated at St Augustine's on Thursday, following which we laid her body to rest in Maryborough cemetery beside her beloved husband, Bill, who died on 12th October 2008. May they enjoy eternal peace together.

LORRAINE JONES RIP: We pray for Lorraine Jones of Talbot and her children, David, Darren, Bernadette and Michelle. Lorraine died aged 81 on 23rd December. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Augustine's 11.00am this Tuesday 5th January then she will be buried at Ballarat New cemetery with her husband, Bernard, who died on 6th September 2000. May they rest in peace.

MAUREEN HEALEY RIP: We pray for Maureen who died on Christmas Day aged 83. We offer our sincerest condolences to her family who include her son, Mark, who retired the week before Christmas after 41 years teaching including the last 21 as teacher, principal and vice principal at St Augustine's school. Maureen's Funeral Mass was celebrated at St Pius X church, West Warrnambool, last Wednesday following which her body was laid to rest beside her late husband, Peter. May eternal rest be theirs forever.

EUGENE'S CENTURY: Our heartfelt congratulations to Chris Hadwen's father, Eugene McEvoy, who turned 100 on Boxing Day. Eugene is a popular fixture in our midst for three months each year but alas was prevented from travelling from his home in England to be with us this Christmas due to pandemic restrictions. Thankfully he is in good health and spirits and was able to heartily celebrate his century and enjoy reading his letter from the Queen with his geographically closer family members. Many happy returns, Eugene!

AVOCA, DUNOLLY AND MARYBOROUGH "QR" CODES: Mass attendance can be recorded by ticking the date next to our name on the clipboard at church entrances or scanning the QR code with our phone. If difficulty scanning, location codes 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.

NEW AUSSIE MOVIE "THE DRY": Jane Harper's highly acclaimed debut novel "The Dry" is now a film starring Eric Bana. Filmed in western Victoria, its opening funeral scene features Fr Eugene McKinnon of our neighbouring East Wimmera parish at St Patrick's church, Banyena. Now screening at Maryborough's Paramount Cinema and elsewhere.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Margaret Petersen, Lorraine Jones and Maureen Healey who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Patricia Wood, Leo Harnetty, Dianne Brown, Harry Daly, Mary Grigg, Henry Dam, Thomas Peterson, Rosaleen McVeigh, Norma Sutton, Brian O'Halloran, Julie Paul, Kevin Mullins, Kevin Egan, Nadia Zinko and Patricia Fernandez.

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

3rd January 2021

Priest: Inspired by those who followed the star to Bethlehem, let us bring our intentions before Christ our Lord, the light of the world.

Reader: That the Good News of Jesus' birth will continue to be proclaimed to the ends of the earth.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all nations will walk in the light of Christ to true peace and justice.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the brightness of Christ will drive darkness from our hearts and we will be united by God's love for all creation.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this New Year will be a source of hidden treasures revealed and unexpected blessings for all, especially those whose lives have been dramatically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

(pause)

Lord, hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Margaret Petersen, Lorraine Jones and Maureen Healey 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: Loving Father, you have gifted us with your Son as a light for all nations, hear our prayers as you seek to lead us to your kingdom of hope and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.