



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~



15TH December 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

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

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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 – \$770 For Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.

Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving \$935 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 20- D. Rinaldi December 27 - A. Butler, V. Lowery
Planned Giving Counters	December 15 - V. O'Dwyer, P. O'Dwyer, K. Lloyd December 22 - P. Walsh, B. O'Connor, D. Hamilton

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PRAYERS</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
Weekend Dec. 14/15				
6.00pm	B. Crameri	M. Lacey	T. Lacey, T. DeKoke, Vo,lunteer	O'Connor Family
10.30am	M. Flowers	T. Jacka	I. & K. Lloyd, Volunteer	Taylor Family
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

Tuesday 17th Dec. - 9.30am Assembly
Wednesday 18th Dec. - 11.00am Mass at St. Patrick's Redbank
 - 6.30pm St Augustine's School Graduation Mass
Thursday 19th Dec. - 9.30am Mass
Friday 20th Dec. - 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 - 12.00 Noon Mass

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

Christmas Eve: St. Kevin's Avoca: 6.00pm Carols, 6.30pm Mass.
St. Augustine's, Maryborough: 8.00pm Carols, 8.30pm Mass.
Christmas Day: Dunolly: 8.30am Mass. Maryborough: 10.30am Mass.

WILLIAM GRANT RIP: We pray for Betty Alexander's brother-in-law, Bill, and his family upon his being called to eternal life on 6th December aged 91 after 65 years marriage to Betty's sister, Joy. Bill's Funeral was held at Le Pine's Chapel, West Footscray on Friday.

FAREWELL TO FR MARK NEXT WEEKEND 21/22 DECEMBER: While reluctant to say goodbye to Fr Mark as we near the end of his twelve months with us, we do this knowing he leaves us to continue ministering in the Lord's vineyard in Perth. While Avoca, Dunolly and Bealiba have had or will be having their own farewells after his final Sunday Masses, Maryborough parishioners (and anyone else!) are invited to farewell Mark after Masses next weekend 21/22 December. There will be a sausage sizzle after 6.00pm Mass and a morning tea after 10.30am Mass; both at our new Presbytery at 68 Burke Street. Food and drink will be provided. We are deeply thankful to Mark for his time with us and wish him well for his future appointments plus 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. Provincial, Redemptorists of Oceania.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2019: Bishop Paul Bird writes: "I am aware there are 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 the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance." Last year our diocese gave \$45,000 (including \$1,243 from our parish) which was distributed among thirteen charitable organisations and programs. While Christmas Mass First Collections along with those each Sunday support the bishop and clergy of our diocese, all loose money on the Second Collection at all Christmas Masses 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 DUNOLLY DECEMBER MASSES: After this weekend's Dunolly Assembly due to Fr Mark away, Avoca and Dunolly/Bealiba will have their usual Sunday Masses plus Mass on their Assembly weekends and at Christmas. Then from January 2020 we will revert to our usual Mass/Assembly schedule at the top of our parish bulletin.

WHO REMEMBERS?: What did our parents do before TV and the Internet? I asked my 26 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.

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

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for McGregor Poki and Bill Grant (Betty Alexander's brother-in-law, Melbourne), who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Sheila Field, Anthony Felton, Kevin Meagher, Beth Prunty, Francis Lowery, John Spencer, Peter Baird, Ada Egan, John Carey, Charles Balzan, John Lyell, Angelina Divola, Mary Harris, Doris Mullins, Gilbert Aver, Mary Witty, Phyllis Hynes and Frank Hynes.

Priest: In this time of joyful expectation let us bring our needs before the God of hope and salvation.

Reader: That with Pope Francis and Bishop Paul we be ready to meet the coming of our Saviour with renewed joy and thanksgiving.

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

Reader: That all people and nations who yearn for peace will have their longing fulfilled.

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

Reader: That those plagued by doubt and questions will find in Christ a renewed sense of hope and confidence.

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

Reader: That our actions and deeds will be like John the Baptist in heralding the coming of our Saviour.

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

Reader: We pray for McGregor Poki and Bill Grant 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: O God, sustain us with great hope as we make haste to meet our Saviour. Hear our prayers that with people everywhere we may see the precious harvest of your kingdom in which your saving work is complete through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.