



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~



16th December 2018 Third Sunday of Advent Year C

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Parish Child Safety Officer: Jill Morse.

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

Collections "Thank You". First Collection – Presbytery \$ Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.
Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving \$ 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 21 - J. Egan, D. Weeks
 December 28 - D. Rinaldi, R. Wiseman
Planned Giving Counters
 December 16 - M. & M. McNeilly, J. Taylor
 December 23 - C. Scott, C. Schwager

	<u>READER</u>	<u>PSALM/PRAYER</u>	<u>MINISTERS OF COMMUNION</u>	<u>GIFTS</u>
Weekend Dec. 15/16				
6.00pm	J. Lacey	P. Huggett	K. Balzan, M. Forster, D. Forster	B. Teggerth
10.30am	B. Dellavedova	Tanya Waterson	T. BELL, t. Waterson, M. McNeilly	Lloyd Family
Weekend Dec. 22/23				
6.00pm	T. Lacey	S. Huggett	T. & M. Lacey, J. Lacey	J. Walsh Family
10.30am	S. Dellavedova	C. Hadwen	M. Flowers, A. & J. Maruca	Meerbach Family

Tuesday 18th December - 6.30pm St Augustine's End of School Year Mass
Wednesday 19th December - 11.00am Mass at St. Patrick's Redbank
Thursday 20th December - 9.30am Mass
Friday 21st December - 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 - 12.00 Noon Assembly

St. Patrick's, Redbank – 11.00am Wednesday 19th December
St. Patrick's, Amphitheatre – No Mass in December.
St. Patrick's Bealiba – 8.30am Sunday 30th December

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY ROSTERS: WE ARE STILL NEEDING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES AS WELL AS GIFT BEARERS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY. Please see roster on centre table.

FLOOD PREVENTION THANK YOU: We're grateful to Colin Dellavedova for a while back flushing out the blocked underground pipe next to St Augustine's church, to David Forster for sealing a badly leaking retaining wall crack and to John Taylor for clearing weeds around drain catchments. Together they ensured water flowed smoothly in the right places and Lake Augustine didn't reappear behind the church during last week's heavy rain.

SEEKING UPRIGHT FREEZER FOR MARIAN CENTRE: St Augustine's Parish and School are wondering if anyone has a spare/unused Upright Freezer (not Chest type) at home that we could have for storing bread and other items in for School Children's Wednesday breakfasts. Please let Jill or Fr John know if you can assist.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL: We are invited to select a card from the giving tree near the lectern in St. Augustine's church and place non-perishable goods in the basket below the tree for Vinnies to give to needy families. There are also envelopes for cash donations that can be given to Vinnies or put on the collection plate between now and Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: "Keep Christ in Christmas" with beautiful cards from St Augustine's Piety Stall (next to Sacristy) or see Norma Nitschke or Fr John for these. \$8.00 per pack of 10.

2019 COLUMBAN CALENDARS: \$7 each from Piety Stall and Avoca and Dunolly churches.

NEW PARISH PHONE NUMBER 0466 451 984: Our Parish is gradually moving from our old landline number 5461 1084 to a new Parish mobile phone number 0466 451 984. For now, messages can still be left on our old number or we can ring or text our new Parish mobile number which can also take messages when Jill or Fr John are unavailable to answer this personally.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 – LISTENING AND DIALOGUE ENCOUNTERS.

All are invited to participate in the *Listening and Dialogue* process to help prepare the Plenary Council agenda. Information flyers on Ballarat diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and in ODC invite us to answer: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Questions for individuals or groups: 1. *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?* 2. *What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?* 3. *Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?* Responses due by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at www.plenarycouncil.org.au

PLENARY COUNCIL – TIME TO SHARE OUR STORY AND SHAPE THE FUTURE:

The above notice urges us to think about what God is asking of us, to propose questions for our national Plenary Council to consider and to share stories about our faith including where we have felt God's presence in our lives and been inspired by others. In the 2016 Australian Census, 95,688 people identified themselves as Catholics in the area covered by our Ballarat Diocese. Of these, 8,481 regularly attend Sunday Mass in our 2018 Mass Count figures. While some speak of us having fewer priests, our Diocese presently has a more significant shortage of people attending Mass than our current priest per Mass attender ratio that is relatively high in historical terms. Leaflets outlining a way we can begin contributing to the Plenary Council are enclosed in our current "Our Diocesan Community" magazine. Copies of these leaflets are also at the back of the church inviting each of us to participate in a "Listening and Dialogue" encounter to discern and share where we think the Holy Spirit is speaking to us and seeking to lead us in our parish, across our diocese and throughout our nation.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for those who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Francis Lowery, John Spencer, Kevin Meagher, Peter Baird, Ada Egan, John Carey, Charles Balzan, John Lyell, Angelina Diwola, Doris Mullins, Gilbert Auer, Vi Severino, Mary Witty, Phyllis Hynes and Frank Hynes.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 16th December 2018 Third Sunday of Advent

Priest: St Paul reminds us to pray for anything we need. With prayer and thanksgiving let us bring our intentions before the Lord.

Reader: That Pope Francis and Bishop Paul will continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit in proclaiming the Good News of our Saviour.

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

Reader: May we remain faithful to our baptismal calling to prepare the way of the Lord.

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

Reader: That those suffering addiction or distress may come to know the comforting message of God's Word.

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

Reader: That during Advent we will open our hearts to those around us in a spirit of joy and generosity.

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

Reader: For those who died recently and all whose anniversaries are named on the Bulletin.

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

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

Priest: Lord God, as the coming of your Son draws near, hear our prayers, and guide us in faith as we wait in joyful hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.