



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. Augustine's, Burke St, Maryborough~

Parish Priest: Fr. John Monaghan **Deacon:** Rev. Matthew Restall **Pastor Emeritus:** Fr. Pat Flanagan

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2nd January 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord.

Collections "Thank You". First Collection – \$559 *For Clergy support and Presbytery expenses.*

Second Collection - Parish Planned Giving – \$628 *For Parish expenses and Church maintenance.*

**ST. KEVIN'S, AVOCA – 8.30am Mass 1st and 3rd Sundays of 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 of each month.
– 8.30am Assembly at Dunolly on 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.**

ST. PATRICK'S, BEALIBA – 8.30am Mass on the 5th Sunday of each month.

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

Tuesday 4th January – 10.00am Mass

Wednesday 5th January – 10.00am Mass

Thursday 6th January – 10.00am Mass

Friday 7th January – 11.00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

– 12.00 Noon Mass

	Readers	Psalm/Prayer	Gifts
Jan. 1 2022	B. Crameri	D. Hamilton	Lacey Family
Jan. 2	B. Dellavedova	T. Jacka	C. Egan.
Jan. 8	D. Hamilton	B. Crameri	Walsh Family
Jan. 9	H. Taylor	J. Taylor	B. Alexander

COVID-SAFE REQUIREMENTS: While density limits and needing to check vaccination status have been removed, we continue to be required to sign in via QR code or manually each time we enter a church or other place of worship. Also, face masks are now required to be worn inside churches by everyone aged eight and above. Please comply for everyone's safety and benefit.

A CHRISTMAS LETTER FROM JESUS: When you look for me at Christmas, you won't need a special star. I'm no longer just in Bethlehem, I'm right here where you are. You may not be aware of me amid the celebrations. You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations. But, if you take a moment from your list of things to do, close your eyes and say a prayer, I'm waiting here for you. You're the one I want to be with, you're the reason that I came! And you'll find me in the stillness where I'm whispering your name.

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT: A lovely couple who have newly arrived in our parish to take up employment are desperately seeking a place to live (short or longer term) in place of the expensive caravan park accommodation they can only find so far. This needs to be in Maryborough as they have no vehicle. An unused “granny flat” or anything no matter how simple would be greatly appreciated by them even if just for a short while. Please see Pat Gloury or Fr John who are very happy to vouch for and be guarantor for them.

LOOKING FORWARD BOOKLET 2021-2025. The new “Looking Forward” pastoral planning booklet 2021-2025 is now available on our diocesan website: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/looking-forward/> This latest edition provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes data about the diocese and offers information on changes to parishes over the next few years.

PATHWAYS RESPONSE VICTORIA. The Victorian Catholic Bishops have launched Pathways Response Victoria as a further way of responding to those who’ve suffered abuse in the Catholic community. Pathways Response Victoria will be the successor to “Towards Healing” and “The Melbourne Response” from the start of 2022. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pathways-response-victoria/>

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER FOR PEACE: Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain. Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war, everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way, may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for those 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.

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Priest: Following in the steps of those who followed the star to Christ, let us ask God for what we need.

Reader: That nations of East and West will follow the light of Christ to true peace and justice for all.

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

Reader: That those who follow Christ will continue with faith and confidence to proclaim the message of the Gospel throughout the world.

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

Reader: That the cultural and ethnic diversity of those who worshipped Jesus at Bethlehem, and those with whom we share our lives today, will be appreciated as a source of strength and harmony.

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

Reader: That we may continue to strive to find Christ and the light he brings to our lives in one another.

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

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

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

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

Priest: God of light eternal, you have gifted us with your Son as a light for all nations. Hear our prayers and help us see ever more clearly the radiance of Jesus Christ who desires joy and peace for us and our world for ever and ever.

All: Amen.