



St Marys Church Bairnsdale

BAIRNSDALE – OMEO
East Region – Diocese of Sale
Who we are tomorrow begins with what we do today.



St Patricks Paynesville

Vision: We are a welcoming community where the word of God, through the message of Jesus Christ is made known & lived.
Our mission is to: Live the message of Jesus Christ taking inspiration from Mary, the Mother of God.
Empower our community to activate their gifts to build a better world. Strengthen and grow our faith.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – November 11th, 2018

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Parish Pastoral Council: meets 2nd Thursday of the month.
 Please submit items for consideration to the Parish Centre by 10.00am on Tuesday the week before the meeting.
Members: Clare Marriot-Smith (Chair), Denise Fallon, Angelo D’Amore, Michael Flynn, Rita Bowers and Angela McKail.
A Parish Directory of all Groups and contact details is available at the Pastoral Centre.
Sacraments: Sacramental Information and registration forms are available at: stmarysbairnsdale@gmail.com
Baptisms: Preparation sessions are held regularly. Please call the Sacramental Coordinator to register. Available on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday’s of the month.
Weddings: 6 months’ notice required, schedule dates with priest.
Funerals: Please check with priest before setting dates & times.
Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office.
Communion to the Housebound & Aged Care:
 Please call Jo De Boer 5153 0423 Mobile: 0409 530 423
Special Wedding Anniversaries: 6 months’ notice is needed to facilitate a Papal Blessing for parishioners.

GLUTEN FREE? Anyone needing a GF host is asked to speak to the priest before Mass to organise.

Liturgy/Mass Times

WEEKEND

ST MARY’S BAIRNSDALE: Sat: 6:00pm & Sun: 9:30am
CHILDRENS LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sunday monthly - school term
ST PATRICK’S PAYNESVILLE: Sun: 8:00am
ST CANICE’S LINDENOW: Sun: 11:00am
1st Wed. of Month 10:30am BUPA/Eastwood Aged Care
2nd Wed. of Month 10:30am OPAL/Harnham Aged Care
4th Wed. of Month 10:30am Maddocks Gardens

2nd & 4th Sundays of the Month - MASS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO: Sun - 9:00am
SACRED HEART, SWIFTS CREEK: Sat - 6:30pm
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BENAMBRA: Sun - 11:00am

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the Month - LITURGY of the WORD

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO: Sun - 9:00am
SACRED HEART, SWIFTS CREEK: Sun - 8:30am
ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BENAMBRA: Sun - 9:30am

ST MARY’S BAIRNSDALE – WEEKDAYS

Mon: 9:10am Mass
 Tues: 9:10am Mass
 Wed: 9:10am Mass
 10:30am Mass at OPAL/ Harnham Aged Care
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass at St Mary’s Primary School Gymnasium.
 Please enter via the School Office.
 Fri: 9:10am Mass

RECONCILIATION

ST MARY’S BAIRNSDALE: After Friday 9:10 am Mass
Saturday: 9:30am – 10:00am, 5:30 pm – 5:50pm
OTHER CHURCHES: Before Mass

DEVOTIONS

Morning Office: 8:45am in St Mary’s Chapel
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: after 1st Friday Mass
Rosary: after weekday morning Mass’s
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Friday during Mass

Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

ST MARY’S BELLS

St Mary’s bells rang at 5pm on Friday 2nd, 9th and will ring again on 16th of November in solidarity with Anglican churches all over Victoria.

Their action and ours, is being taken to express our heartfelt concern for the refugee children on Nauru whose mental and physical health is in grave danger.

NEXT WEEKEND 17th & 18th November 2018

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	B O’Kelly	S Gibson	M Calabro	C Marriot-Smith, J Peachey & B O’Kelly
9:30am	P Walsh	H Sampson	N Rooney & friend	A Chila, P Walsh & J Delany
CHURCH CLEANING: 16th – 30th November: D & J Coverdale, A & B Cattapan				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lucia D'Amore (Italy), Rhonda Coloe (d-i-l Pat & Bernie), Chris Peers, Bill Flanagan (Omeo), Desmond Bennett (brother of Mary Duncan), Jack Kennedy.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Domenico Rettino, Pietro Carioli, Helen McBride, Graham Rowe, Pasquale Pruscino, Pat Pruscino, Antonio Pruscino, Fr Daniel O'Reily, Fr Edward O'Malley, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Kathleen Marshall, Peter O'Donohue, Norm Mann, Huynh Van Tuan, Michael Dudley, Robert Bills, Fr Con Donovan, Fr James O'Donnell.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Lawrence Liccione (brother of Maureen Newcomen), Serge D'Angelo, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Billy Sant, Bill Keyte, John Graves, Michele Sevacco, Yvonne Roy, Jean Coleman, Daryl Evans, Ena Morris, Brenda Lyons, Sue Bayley, Gerry McDonald, Bill Cole, Vincent O'Reilly, Ellen Delany, Terry Pendergast, Victoria Haeusler, Joyce Harrington, Kerry Larkin, Anne Armstrong, Rivers Purtel, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Brian Rowe, Harold Coverdale, Holly Box, Jenny Barlow (sister of Noreen Beirne), John Buck, Trish Freebairn, Rick Jones, Mark Kelly, Tracey Moffatt, Amy Hood, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Di Dunlop, Tyler Green, Paul McFarlane, Shannon Helmers, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Kaili Kidner, Margaret Flynn, Raylene Steer, Rose Gallagher, Amanda Matthews, Betty Holloway, Elizabeth Knight, Maryanne Esmonde, Tammy Ewing, Guy Newman, James Warren, Coral Prendergast, Michael Counsel, Peter Grimsted, Grant Mitchell, Trish Henderson, Thomas Anderson, Tyson Chapman, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann, Dennis (Danny) Phelan.

Please remember all parishioners who are in ill health or recuperating from illness or surgery.

Please let the Parish Centre know if you wish to add or remove names of persons from the sick list.

BLESSING OF THE CRIBS/NATIVITY SCENES

On Sunday 2nd December, the 1st Sunday of Advent, at 9:30am Mass, you are invited to bring your 'crib' or 'nativity scene' for a special blessing. Families who have had children baptised in the last 12 months have been personally invited to this special Mass. Following Mass, you are welcome in the Parish Centre for morning tea. What a wonderful way to begin our faith preparation for the birthday of Jesus.

ECUMENICAL PASTORAL CARE LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 15th at 12 noon at Bairnsdale Uniting Church. Speaker is Rev Jeff Dart who will speak on his recent trip to Israel. Everyone most welcome, please bring a small plate to share.

"Love one another as I have loved you." - Continued

"The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." "the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems."

- # To enrich each individual's relationship with Jesus.
- # To provide opportunities for enriching our knowledge of the Gospels and our relationships with each other.
- # To provide liturgies which are more reflective of the rich cultural diversity present in our community.

Collections for week ending 4th November 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,486.10
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 3,500.00
1 st Collection	\$ 686.25
2 nd Collection	\$ 671.60
Tours - Restoration	\$ 343.90

PROCESS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP TO PPC

As the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) prepares for the process of new members, the most important part of this process is PRAYER and we ask everyone to pray over the next few weeks, to ensure that this process provides a membership that continues to foster the spiritual growth of parishioners and lead us all to respond actively.

1. The current PPC are seeking Recommendations for New Council Members. Forms can be found in the foyer of the church or at the Parish Centre.

- You DO NOT NEED to ask the person whom you recommend, to accept. It is not a nomination.

2. Recommendations close by 20th November.

Forms can be returned by:

- Placing on the collection plate
- Or handing in at the Parish Centre.

3. All recommended persons will be invited to attend an Information Meeting on 29th November to:

- Outline the Pastoral Council's Role and Function
- Include details of expectations and responsibilities of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) members.
- Ask participants whether they accept or decline nomination.

4. If there are more nominations than vacant positions, the PPC will prayerfully discern all nominations. The aim is to have a council with members who together provide a wide range of charisms and be broadly representative of our baptised community.

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU"

Making St Mary's Parish, Bairnsdale, Paynesville, Lindenow & Omeo an open-door Faith Community where everyone feels an atmosphere of inclusiveness and acceptance.

This last 18 months has been a very significant one for the Church and our Diocese. As a council we have been reading, praying and discerning with the help of Pope Frances in his document "The Joy of the Gospel". It is an inspiring document and the council encourages you to get a copy and immerse yourself in the very down to earth and insightful thoughts of our Pope. We are basing our future Parish Planning under the 3 basic headings of:

Diversity and Inclusiveness: -

Context from "Joy of the Gospel", Ch 4 para 43

The Social Dimension of Evangelization

"....at the very heart of the Gospel is life in the community and engagement with other."

To include all baptized - children, young adults, men and women.

All the different cultures represented in our community.

Reaching out and fostering relationships with the wider community, both Christian and non-Christian.

Healing the Hurts: -

The recommendations from the Royal Commission on Sexual Abuse have been handed down. As a parish how can we help and support those affected in our community and implement procedures which will never allow this to happen again?

Faith Formation and Liturgy: -

"Joy of the Gospel." Ch 1 & 2 "Amid the crisis of communal commitment."

The commandment, "Thou shalt not kill" sets a clear limit to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say, "thou shalt not" to exclusion and inequality."

"Be bold and creative in this task of re thinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in your community."

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INVITATION
to
Listening and Dialogue
Encounter Sessions

THIS IS OUR TIME

*“many of the rules & structures inhibit a real encounter with Jesus”
“small faith groups – sharing, caring & learning”*

“women are a critical part of the Church, so women need to be part of the leadership of the Church”

As we continue our journey towards Plenary 2020, we’re reminded we are all called, as children of God, to respond to Pope Francis’ invitation to become a Church of faith filled people who speak boldly and with passion, and who listen deeply with an open and humble heart.

The 3rd Listening and Dialogue session following Mass is **THIS WEEKEND: 10th & 11th November 2018 – LEADERSHIP: Role of women, Decisions, Ordination, Married priests, celibacy, Laity participation.**

The last (for now) Listening and Dialogue session following Masses at Bairnsdale, Paynesville and Lindenow with topics is: **24th & 25th November 2018 – INCLUSION/DIVERSITY: Ecumenical, Social Justice, Sexual abuse, Environment, Church in the community, LBGTQIA.** Take time to ponder these topics as your voice is valued. With faith and guidance by God’s Holy Spirit, we can journey together.

If you would like to receive a copy of the responses we have gathered through our parish gatherings, please contact Michelle or Pattie, and they can either print off a copy OR email them to you.

Light refreshments will be provided.

TOWARDS PLENARY 2020

An opportunity is being offered on a Diocesan level with ‘**Listening and Dialogue Sessions with the Bishop**’. The last session will be held at **7:30pm Tuesday 13th November at St Mary’s Parish Chapter House in SALE.** The session will finish at 9:30pm with supper. What a great opportunity for us to be able to share our thoughts with our bishop. If you would like to come, please be at the Parish Centre (Kmart end) no later than 6:25pm and we can ‘car pool’.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Paul Hiep Van Nguyen will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Sale on Saturday 15th December at 11.00 am at St Mary’s Cathedral Sale. All are most welcome to attend.

Diocesan Choir: We are seeking singers for the Diocesan Choir for the Ordination. **Rehearsals:** 10.30 am Saturday 24th November at St Mary’s Church, 52 Monash Rd, Newborough AND 11.30 am Saturday 1st December at St Mary’s Cathedral, Foster St, Sale. Please contact Sophy Morley smorley@sale.catholic.org.au or phone 03 5622 6677 to register your interest. Singers will be sent music beforehand.

SUPPORT NEEDED Kath Byrne, a resident of Maddocks Gardens and a parishioner, and her daughter Judy are seeking a couple of people who would visit Kath especially when Judy needs to be away. It may be for an hour or so once a week/ fortnight or you may just like to visit. Phone Judy 5153 0921 if you are able to assist. Any support would be most appreciated.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10th Nov: 3rd Plenary Encounter Session 6:45pm Parish Centre.
- 11th Nov: 3rd Plenary Encounter Session 8:45am St Patrick’s.
- 3rd Plenary Encounter Session 10:15am Parish Centre.
- 3rd Plenary Encounter Session 11:45am St Canice’s.
- 10th Nov: CCR Teaching Day @ Warragul 9:30am – 4pm
- 13th Nov: 7:30pm Listening & Dialogue Session with the Bishop @ Sale
- 15th Nov: Ecumenical Pastoral Care Luncheon, Uniting Church 12 noon.
- 16th Nov: CWL final meeting 10am Parish Centre.
- 2nd Dec: Blessing of the Cribs, 9:30am Mass, Morning tea to follow.
- 6th Dec: 10:30am – 3:30pm Ecumenical Advent Conversation.

CALLED AND GIFTED

Charism is simply the Greek word used in the New Testament for “favour” or “gratuitous gift”.

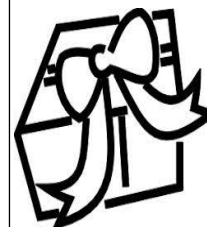
Appreciating charisms, or spiritual gifts, helps us to see our parish as a place of gifts, rather than a place of needs.

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognise their charisms and abilities, but there are many who are unsure of their gifts. We must all do our little bit to encourage and help discern how we may use our gifts/ charisms. No gift is too small or insignificant.

The Charism of
CRAFTSMANSHIP

empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God’s goodness to others through artistic or creative work that beautifies and/or orders the physical world.

Is this your gift?



Our Parish is blessed with many people who share their gifts/charisms within our Church and wider community. We give thanks to Aileen and her gift of **ADMINISTRATION** – ensuring Mass is celebrated prayerfully; to Kate and her charism of **TEACHING** – which she shares with her students; and to Trudy and her gift of **ENCOURAGEMENT** – supporting her children and their friends at school. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

CALLED AND GIFTED TO READ?

You are invited to join the *Proclaimers’ Enrichment Group* which meets on alternate Mondays to share the scriptures for Mass, meditate on the Gospels, receive input into how to enrich and empower your reading of the Word and practise reading aloud in a mutually supportive environment.

The dates: **12th & 26th November & 10th December at the Parish Centre 1:30 to 3pm.** Enquiries: see Pattie at the Parish Centre.

St Mary’s **Big**
Book Sale

A small group of workers is organising the weekend of **17th & 18th November** to sell books, Morning Tea \$5, Christmas gifts, toys, plants and run a **MONSTER** raffle. **A WONDERFUL CHANCE TO DO SOME CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.** It will be held in the **Parish Centre 10am to 2pm** each day. All funds raised will go to the Restoration of St Mary’s Church.

SALE DIOCESE – THE L.A.M.P ABLAZE

The L.A.M.P from the western end of our Diocese has organized a day for our youth to acknowledge the ending of the Year of Youth. **WHEN:** November 17th **TIME:** 9am – 5pm **COST:** \$5 **AGES:** 13-25 **REGISTER:** www.thelampyouth.com **WHERE:** St Peters College, Cranbourne West, 1005 Cranbourne-Frankston Road, Cranbourne West. **ACTIVITIES:** Karaoke; Games; Praise & Worship; Adoration; Reconciliation. Bishop Patrick O’Regan will be present. **The L.A.M.P** is an acronym for St **T**homas the Apostle, Clyde North + Our **L**ady Help of Christians, Narre Warren + St **A**gatha’s, Cranbourne + St **M**ichael’s, Berwick + St **P**atrick’s Pakenham.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE

The final meeting of Bairnsdale Catholic Women’s League will be held in the Parish Centre at 10am on Friday 16th November. Mass will be offered for deceased CWL members and their family members at the 9:10am Mass. Regretfully the branch is going into recess after this meeting which will be attended by Margaret East from the Sale Diocesan Committee.

Prayer for the Plenary Council 2020

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

A reading from the first book of Kings 17: 10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,/who is just to those who are oppressed./ It is he who gives bread to the hungry,/the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,/who raises up those who are bowed down./It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan/but thwarts the path of the wicked./ The Lord will reign for ever,/ Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9: 24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Mark 12: 38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 18/11/2018
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
1st Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3
Psalm: Ps 15: 5, 8-11
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18
Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." **MARK 12: 43-44**

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying & participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?