



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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – September 16th, 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: stmarybairnsdale@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.

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
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass St Mary’s Grade 3’s at Nagle College Chapel
 Fri: 8:00am Mass at Nagle College Chapel
 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.

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

NEXT WEEKEND 22nd & 23rd September 2018

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	B O’Kelly	D Reefman	Volunteers needed	B O’Kelly, T & K Flannery
9:30am	T Kosmer	A Vowell	N Rooney & friend	A Chila, M Elliott & D Fallon
CHURCH CLEANING: 16th – 30th September: Volunteers needed.				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Therese Whiting (sister of Anne Smith), Michelle Bowles (step sister of Tess Gillies), Ian Dudley, Ben Browne, Dorothy Santamaria (Anita Hallett's mother).

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Vince Capobianco, Frank Gooley, Luciano Brovedani, Kathleen Currie, Agnes Neligan, Pasquale Morelli, Jose Hinkling, Fortunato Desio, Fr Tim Hourigan, Dean Peter Coyne VG, Mary Field, Owen Gibbons, Glenda Moulton, Evan Dungey, Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr John Howard.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Sue Bayley, Vincent O'Reilly, Ellen Delany, Terry Pendergast, Victoria Haeusler, Joyce Harrington, Anne Armstrong, Bill Cole, Norma Brownrigg, Grant Mitchell, Rivers Purtel, Steve Butler, Harold Coverdale, Jenny Barlow (sister of Noreen Beirne), Trish Freebairn, Mark Owen, Elisha Weekes (granddaughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Rick Jones, Tracey Moffatt, Amy Hood, Margaret Flynn, Tamara Flannery, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Holly Box, Raylene Steer, Bill Glassborow, Ena Morris, Peg Marsh, Rose Gallagher, Brian Rowe, John Buck, Paul McFarlane, Betty Holloway, Tyler Green, Di Dunlop, Kerry Larkin, Rohani Wallace, Mark Kelly, Amanda Matthews, Guy Newman, Elizabeth Knight, Maria Sticca, Maryanne Esmonde, Kaili Kidner, Coral Prendergast, James Warren, Michael Counsel, Tammy Ewing, Rhonda Coloe, Harrison Stagg, Pauline Cocco, Peter Grimsted, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Thomas Anderson, Trish Henderson, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann, Tyson Chapman, Shannon Helmers.

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.

CHURCH TOUR GUIDES

Our wonderful St Mary's Church volunteer tour guides have resumed after their winter recess. Do you enjoy meeting new people and having a conversation? You don't need to be a trained public speaker, or historian, just be able to tell the basic story of the church and two key characters: Fr Cremin and Mr Floreani. If you're interested in becoming a church tour guide, please contact the Parish Office. You would be providing a wonderful service.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Our annual pilgrimage to the shrine of *Our Lady of Perpetual Help* at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale will be led by Bishop Pat O'Regan this Sunday 16th September at 1:30pm. The pilgrimage will depart from Cathedral Hall and close with a Liturgy of the Word. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome.

LITURGY TEAM

This month's meeting is to be held on the 18th September in the Parish Centre at 3:30pm. If this is something that is of interest to you, you are most welcome to attend.

SMILE

Waiter, will my pizza be long?

No, it'll be round, the same as everyone else's!

Collections for week ending 9th September 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,647.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 365.00
1 st Collection	\$ 692.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 702.45

HEALING THE HURTS

Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) and the *Australian Catholic Bishops Conference* (ACBC) on August 31, released their response to the recommendations of the [Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse](#).

The Royal Commission in December of 2017, presented a final report to the Governor-General, detailing the culmination of a five-year inquiry into institutional responses to child sexual abuse and related matters. It called for a number of reforms in the protection of youth and response to allegations when they arise. The response by the bishops and religious agrees with most of those recommendations, the exception being a recommendation that would require priests in some circumstances to break the seal of confession. However, the response stated that protection of the seal and protection of children are not incompatible.

In their preamble to the report, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of the ACBC, Monica Cavanagh RSJ, president of CRA, thanked the commission for their report and "especially the survivors of abuse who showed such courage in coming forward to bear witness to their suffering. To them and their families, we offer our sincere and unreserved apology, and we commit anew to doing whatever can to heal the wounds of abuse and to make the Church a truly safe place for all. We renew to all our expression of profound sorrow that children and young people were abused by clergy, religious and lay workers of the Catholic Church, and that many bishops and religious leaders failed to act to prevent abuse and to report offenders to police."

Bishop Coleridge and Sr. Monica noted that many of the recommendations already have been or are being implemented and that Australia wants to be aligned with the spirit of the recent letter of Pope Francis. "The Pope's recent [Letter to the People of God](#) makes clear that the Church's response at the highest level begins with the acknowledgment of grave sin and failure by bishops and religious leaders and a culture of clericalism. Our response in Australia gives local shape to the action required to address such failure and the need for cultural change."

On behalf of every parishioner, I renew our commitment to making our Parish safe for everyone, especially children and vulnerable adults. To this end, I would be delighted to hear **nominations** for a **Parish Safeguarding Officer**. This is a voluntary position for a few hours per week that would require regular contact with the Parish Priest and Business Manager - Paul can be contacted for a role description. **Nominations close Fri Sep 21**. Please pray that the Lord will call forth one of his servants to fill this important role. Fr Michael

VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS

- The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking volunteers for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia & Solomon Island. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next monthly meeting of Bairnsdale branch of CWL will be held in the Parish Centre at 10am on Friday 21st September. Members are encouraged to attend, and new members will be most welcome.

DATES TO REMEMBER

16th Sept: Diocesan Pilgrimage 1:30pm @ Sale Cathedral.
21st Sept: CWL meeting at 10am in Parish Centre.
22nd Sept: Ordination of Stanly Devasia @ Sale Cathedral 11am.
24th Sept: Proclaimers' Enrichment Group 1:30pm @ Parish Centre.

At the time of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit enabled all people to understand one another. The Holy Spirit transcended all languages, customs and cultures and the early communities of faith were able to listen to one another and hear the message of Jesus, of God's great love for the world. ALL of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"**. Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 on the website: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY: Everything you always wanted to SAY about the Catholic Church but thought no one would listen...

Over the next 3 months we are encouraging you to participate either individually or within a group to listen, share and discern our faith journey in East Gippsland and Australia.

Whilst we can think alone, we invite you to join a group or ask people into a group or within families, so you can listen openly and humbly to others, share your own stories boldly and with passion, about our faith (good and bad). With hope and guided by God's Holy Spirit, we will journey together, toward the future. It opens our hearts to other ways of being community.

Listening and Dialogue Encounter Forms for Adults & for small groups are available in the Church foyer for those who wish to take a copy and join in the conversation as a group or individually. Thank you for taking part in this journey of prayer, discernment and decision. For further information or enquiries, please contact Michelle at the Parish Centre.

Our year six students have been cooking this term as part of their 'Faith in Action' unit. They have donated all the ingredients themselves and yesterday they delivered the first batch of prepared meals to the Parish Centre. The meals will be distributed to farming families in need throughout the East Gippsland area. It was a super proud moment for all involved.



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

WRITING

empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's creativity by using words to create works of truth or beauty that reflect the fullness of human experience and bring glory to God.

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 Barbara for her gift of **ENCOURAGEMENT** – travelling to see her grandchildren's art work; to Rob and his gift of **LEADERSHIP** – encouraging Timor Leste people who are working in Australia; and to Holly and her gift of **TEACHING** – encouraging our Preps to be caring and happy. 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?

Are you gifted with proclaiming God's Word? Are you passionate about spending time, hearing, reading and meditating on God's Word? If so, you may be called to be a Proclaimer of the Word during our liturgical celebrations.

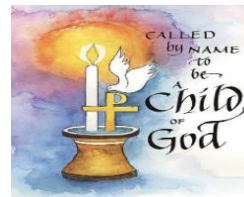
As in every ministry, as in every job worth doing well, we benefit by ongoing training in the Ministry of Reader (or Lector). In fact, ongoing training is as important for a reader as it is for a musician – merely having learned it once is not enough – we need to keep coming back to be refreshed, inspired, informed and ENRICHED.

You are invited to join the *Proclaimers' Enrichment Group* which meets on alternate Mondays for 90 minutes 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.

Whether you have been a Reader for a long time or are just now thinking you may be called and gifted for this ministry, why not come and see for yourself?

The next gathering is **Monday 24th September and 8th October at the Parish Centre 1:30 to 3pm**. To find out more, contact Pattie at the Parish Centre.

We welcome into our parish family this weekend



Mackenzie Esther Graham

daughter of Donna Mae and Colin
and

Lillyana Rose Weatherall

daughter of Karina and Thomas

PARISH FREEZER

As you can see from the 'item' opposite, the freezer is full, so if you know anyone who might appreciate a pre-cooked meal, ask them and then contact the Parish Centre. The Parish is very grateful for all the cooking and the donation of food stuffs. The Grade 6's and their teachers have done a marvellous effort in showing us their 'Faith in Action'.

Prayer during the Year of Youth

Father, as we embrace the Year of Youth,
we pray to Jesus, the risk taker.

Give us a dose of courage to take
compassionate steps to respect and rebuild our world.

Help us to restore the soil, the water and the air.

Let us encounter You in a friend in trouble, supporting
them to feel safe, valued, accepted and loved.

Fire us with energy and enthusiasm to be leaders,
thinkers and social activists.

Open our hearts to You and new horizons
for spreading joy.

Amen

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50: 5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn
away. I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be
shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn
me?

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard/ the cry of my
appeal;/ for he turned his ear to me/ in the day
when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, / with
anguish of the tomb;/ they caught me, sorrow and
distress. / I called on the Lord's name. / O Lord my
God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; /our God has
compassion. / The Lord protects the simple hearts;/
I was helpless so he saved me! **R.**

He has kept my soul from death, / my eyes from
Tears and my feet from stumbling. / I will walk in
the presence of the Lord/ in the land of the living. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St James 2: 14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has
never done a single good act but claims that he has
faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers
or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not
enough food to live on, and one of you says to them,
'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,'
without giving them these bare necessities of life, then
what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do
not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You
say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove
to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds
- now you prove to me that you have faith without any
good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Mark 8: 27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round
Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to
his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told
him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others
again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who
do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You
are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to
tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man
was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by
the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to
be put to death, and after three days to rise again;
and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him
aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But,
turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and
said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way
you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and
said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him
renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.
For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but
anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake
of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 23/9/2018
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
1st Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20
Psalm: Ps 53: 3-6, 8
2nd Reading: James 3: 16 – 4: 3
Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37