



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.**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – June 17th, 2018**

**Parish Contacts**

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**Parish Pastoral Council:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com)  
**Baptisms** – Preparation sessions are held regularly. Please call the Sacramental Coordinator to register. Available on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**MARY’S BAIRNSDALE:** Sat: 6:00pm & Sun: 9:30am  
**CHILDRENS LITURGY:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday monthly - school term  
**ST PATRICK’S PAYNESVILLE:** Sun: 8:00am  
**ST CANICE’S LINDENOW:** Sun: 11:00am  
**1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of Month 10:30am** BUPA/Eastwood Aged Care  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of Month 10:30am** OPAL/Harnham Aged Care  
**4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of Month 10:30am** Maddocks Gardens

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 @ Nagle College Chapel for St Mary’s Primary School Year 5  
 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass  
**Rosary:** after morning Mass  
**Anointing of the Sick:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday during Mass

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

*Welcome* to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

**NEXT WEEKEND 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>Commentators</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Procession of Gospel/Gifts</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	B O’Kelly	J De Boer	M Calabro	B O’Kelly, T & K Flannery
<b>9:30am</b>	G Neeson	P Walsh	R David, G & J Neeson	K Bennett, T Kosmer & J Neeson
<b>CHURCH CLEANING: 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June: N Sant</b>				

## ***Please pray for***

### **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Tony Zagami, Michael Tymkin, Marjorie Dooley.

### **ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:**

Robert Coleman, Dennis McNamara, Rik Vijverborg, Maurice Walsh, Margaret Scott, Chris Ward, Dawn Anderson, Margaret Morgan, Mons. Stan Crowe, Fr William McLoughlin, Bis. Richard Ryan CM, Fr D Donovan, Agostino (Gus) Calvi, Don Ainsworth, Kenneth Heaney, Kevin Mason, Mgr Ned Hynes, Fr James Byrne, Fr Henry Bradbee.

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

### **PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:**

Margaret Flynn, Tamara Flannery, Mark Owen, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Bill Cole, Amy Hood, Bill Glassborow, Ena Morris, Raylene Steer, Holly Box, Rick Jones, Rose Gallagher, Brian Rowe, Paul McFarlane, Cath Smyth, Betty Holloway, Tyler Green, Di Dunlop, John Buck, Kerry Larkin, Peg Marsh, Arthur Elbourne, Amanda Matthews, Rohani Wallace, Mark Kelly, Guy Newman, Maryanne Esmonde, Coral Prendergast, Kaili Kidner, Maria Sticca, James Warren, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth Knight, Tammy Ewing, Michelle Bowles, Harrison Stagg, Pauline Cocco, Peter Grimsted, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Rhonda Coloe, Thomas Anderson, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann, Tyson Chapman, Shannon Helmers, Trish Henderson.

*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.*

## **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, 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?”** *We call upon the Holy Spirit to guide us and to help us hear God's voice.* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**8 August 2018** eConference from the Diocese of Broken Bay, in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, will deliver the eConference to people across Australia and the globe.

### ***What is an eConference and how does it work?***

An eConference is similar to a regular conference, but instead of gathering in a single location, the conference is streamed live over the internet and participants can watch for free from an eConference site, their workplace or from the comfort of their home.

### ***Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change***

This 14<sup>th</sup> national eConference will focus on engaging communities around Australia in a landmark discussion around **the future vision and direction for the Catholic Church in the country.** It is timed to coincide with the 2020 Plenary Council – the first such synod for the Australian Church in 80 years.

Speakers at this year's eConference will focus on models of leadership in the contemporary Church, draw fresh insights from Pope Francis' vision of synodality and examine how the upcoming Plenary Council may help promote a more inclusive, dialogical Church.

## **SMILE**

Why are ghosts such bad liars?  
Because you can see right through them.

## **CHOSEN NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE**

*“You did not choose me but I chose you, and I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last” - John 15:16.*

The Chosen Conference is a national conference of young people and young adults (aged 18 - 30 years) which will be held at Mannix College Clayton, Melbourne from 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018. As our Church in Australia is celebrating 2018 as the Year of Youth, Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association, is organising this conference with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. Come and experience amazing youth rallies, uplifting talks, workshops, Theatre, Eucharistic celebrations, Vocation & Mission Expo and Live music by 'Master Plan' (a band which has performed at the last two World Youth Days). If you are interested and wish to register, please visit [www.chosenconference.org.au](http://www.chosenconference.org.au). For more information about registrations and group discounts, please contact [register@chosenconference.org.au](mailto:register@chosenconference.org.au) or call 0403 709 531 / 0491 002 081.

## **YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION – UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY**

We have been advised that Yarra Theological Union is taking appointments for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester enrolments between 25<sup>th</sup> June and 12<sup>th</sup> July. They provide theological education and ministerial formation, hospitality to persons and traditions, service to church and faithful and continuing interpretation of Catholic Tradition. If you wish to know more, please phone 9890 3771 or [www.ytu.edu.au](http://www.ytu.edu.au)

## **LITURGY MEETING**

Our next meeting of the Liturgy Team is 19<sup>th</sup> June at 3:30pm at the Parish Centre. All team members are asked to attend, and any interested parishioners would be most welcome.

## **FINGERBOARDS MINE**

There will be an education session about the Environment Effects Statement process for the proposed Kalbar Resources mineral sands mine at Fingerboards in Glenaladale.

**WHERE:** Lindenow Public Hall **WHEN:** 13<sup>th</sup> June 6:45pm – 8pm  
**COST:** Free but bookings essential. **REGISTER AT:** <https://www.envirojustice.org.au/event/ees-glenaladale/> or phone 1300 336 842/ 8341 3100

The latest information sheet which gives you an outline of the proposal and the concerns is available in the foyer of the church. Please take a copy home to read.

## **HOSPITAL VISITS**

We continue to have difficulty in being supplied names of people in hospital, so we ask that you ring the Parish Centre to advise the priests of who is in hospital and if they would like a visit. Many thanks for your help in this matter.

## **CATHOLIC LIFE**

The June edition of Catholic Life is now out. Always a good read but this edition very much so. Turn to page 9 where there is an article written by a parishioner, and a small introductory piece on Fr Xavier Pinto CSsR. Please pick up your copy from the foyer of the church and ENJOY!!

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

17<sup>th</sup> June: 1:30pm Concert at Clifton Waters Village.  
19<sup>th</sup> June: 3:30pm Liturgy Meeting at Parish Centre.  
23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June: Vinnies Winter Collection at all Masses.  
26<sup>th</sup> June: 10am-3pm Parish Retreat with Sr Lyn Young.  
8<sup>th</sup> August: 9:30am – 3pm - eConference @ Parish Centre.

## FROM LOS ANGELES TO BAIRNSDALE FOR REFUGEE WEEK



Meet Khadim at the Sun Cinema on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June for *The Staging Post* film documentary.

4 times, as a refugee, Khadim Dai tried to get a boat from Indonesia to Australia. His last attempt was on the day Australia 'stopped the boats'. Now he will be travelling from Los Angeles on an official Australian visa to join **The Staging Post** Refugee Week tour.

Khadim and fellow refugee Muzafar Ali and film director, Jolyon Hoff will be at the Sun Cinema, Bairnsdale, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, for the screening of acclaimed documentary *The Staging Post*. Tickets \$16: on line at: [thestagingpost.com.au](http://thestagingpost.com.au) or buy them at School Works, 147 Macleod Street.

## CATHOLIC ALLIANCE FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM -

### A joint Catholic statement about Bridging Visas.

In 2016 a small number of people seeking asylum were evacuated from Nauru and sent to Australia in need of medical care and support. Many of these people were experiencing complex health needs in addition to the trauma and persecution they had faced on their journeys to Australia.

The federal Government is now seeking to further punish this small group of people by ceasing their income and accommodation support and transferring them to six-month bridging visas. The decision will further stretch the limited resources of Australian charities who are already showing the type of compassion and leadership missing from our federal Government.

As a nation we must focus on supporting, not punishing, people seeking asylum. You can read the joint Catholic statement about this here: <https://jss.org.au/a-joint-catholic-statement-about-bridging-visas/>

## PARISH RETREAT – Relating to God in Today's World



Sr Lyn Young from St Brendan's, Lakes Entrance, has kindly offered to run a retreat in our Parish. The retreat begins at 10am with the Session: Ageing and Awakening: God's Surprising Gifts. A creative fresh vision of what it is to be an older person is the starting point for a Spirituality that will sustain us in the second half of life. **Parishioners are invited to attend 9:10am Mass on the day.** There will be 3 sessions for Reflection and Prayer throughout the day concluding at 3pm. Sessions will include: The Cry of Earth during which we reflect on Pope Francis' words on care for our common home and how we are challenged to speak up for justice. Befriending your own Beauty of Soul, Hallowing Diminishment and Spiritual Resilience in our elder years during which we ponder the Ministry of Presence. Morning & Afternoon Tea will be provided, and we ask that you bring something to share for lunch.

**WHEN:** 26<sup>th</sup> June

**TIME:** 10am – 3pm **WHERE:** St Marys Parish Centre.

Please let Pattie know if you wish to attend.

## 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*

### **MERCY**

*empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's love through practical deeds of compassion that relieve the distress of those who suffer and help them experience God's love.*

***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 Ruth and her gift of **ENCOURAGEMENT** – sharing her love of music with our youth; to Amber and her gift of **MUSIC** – sharing her love of music with our Parish and youth Mass; and to Tori and her charism of **MUSIC** – together with friends, supporting the youth Mass. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body."* – 2 Corinthians 5: 10

We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what we did with the gifts we were given. Always a good exercise in self-reflection.

## STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Thank you to all for picking up your envelopes. There were a few left and they have now been posted out. Tax receipts will be available after 30<sup>th</sup> June. If you require one, please let us know.

## REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

A BIG thank you to those of you who have come in and signed the 'revised' Code of Conduct. We continue to ask volunteers who have a WWCC and have NOT signed a revised 'Code of Conduct' to please come into the Parish Centre and sign as soon as possible. It is very important to ensure our volunteers and paperwork are up to standard.

## VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal collection will be taken up the weekend of June 23<sup>rd</sup>/ 24<sup>th</sup> at all Masses.

### **Collections for week ending 10th June 2018**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 1,224.00</b>
<b>Direct Debits &amp; Cards</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b>	<b>\$ 988.50</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	<b>\$ 933.75</b>

**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

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**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**Entrance Antiphon**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.  
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 17:22-24**

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged  
creature rest in the shade of its branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord,  
am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low  
ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the  
withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R.** Lord it is good to give thanks to you.  
It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians 5: 6-10**

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to  
live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as  
we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I  
say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make  
our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or  
exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth  
about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and  
each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in  
the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark 4: 26-34**

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is  
like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he  
sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing;  
how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces  
first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And  
when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap  
because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like?  
What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed  
which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all  
the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the  
biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that  
the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to  
them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He  
would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained  
everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

The first parable in the gospel passage describes the unerring work  
of the kingdom. It is like the seed that almost magically transforms  
into a fully grown plant that may be harvested – apparently without  
any external forces. Of course, we know that plants need to be fed,  
watered, weeded and nurtured to ensure their proper growth.  
However, the kingdom of God works in our lives in a similar way –  
if we feed and nurture it, the kingdom will produce a great harvest.  
Even if we don't pay attention, the kingdom is present and acting in  
our world.

**Readings for 24/6/2018**  
**The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Year B**  
**1st Reading:** Isaiah 49: 1-6  
**Psalm:** Ps 138: 1-3, 13-15  
**2nd Reading:** Acts 13: 22-26  
**Gospel:** Luke 1: 57-66, 80