



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.**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – July 1st, 2018**

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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: [stmarysbairnsdale@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysbairnsdale@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.

**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:** 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**

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**ST MARY’S BAIRNSDALE – WEEKDAYS**

Mon: 9:10am Mass  
 Tues: 9:10am Mass  
 Wed: 9:10am Mass  
 10:30am Mass @ BUPA/ Eastwood Aged Care  
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass  
 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

*Welcome*

*to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.  
 The Catholic Parish of Bairnsdale/Omeo acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

**NEXT WEEKEND 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>Commentators</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Procession of Gospel/Gifts</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	C Marriot-Smith	P Reefman	M Calabro	C Power, B O’Kelly & P Elliott
<b>9:30am</b>	P Walsh	M Elliott	H Sampson, G & J Neeson	M Elliott, J Delany & P Walsh
<b>CHURCH CLEANING: 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July:</b> C Marriot-Smith, G & J Neeson				

## **Please pray for**

### **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Cath Smyth, Clare Powles, Tony Zagami, Michael Tymkin.

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

Marion Pearce, Stephen Redenbach, Nunzio Lanteri, Carmel Hall, Vera Maginn, Christopher Coverdale, Fr Eugene O'Connell, Fr Michael Dwyer, Mgr. John Gallagher, Ross Scott, Jack Cooney, Joan Overend, Emily & Charlie Fermio, Lorna Carroll, Mick Carroll, Eric Lenehan, Nathan Walker, Noeline Harris, Melissa Overy, Michelle McCormack, Pasqualina & Pascallela DiPalma, Fr Frank Carroll, Fr Frank O'Regan, Fr Michael Dwyer, Mgr. William Walsh.

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

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

Tracey Moffatt, 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, 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**

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?"** May we listen to what the Spirit is saying as we share with one another our joys and hopes, and then speak humbly of what we have heard. 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.

## **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 12th - 15th 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) or call 0403 709 531 / 0491 002 081.

## **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/>

## **VINNIES WINTER APPEAL**

Thank you to all who supported the recent collection for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. \$1,059.00 plus a bag of food items was given. With the weather being sooo cold recently, this will assist those in our community in need of help at this time. Our appreciation goes to those who volunteer at the Vinnies Conference Centre. You are a blessing to our community.

## **THANK YOU**

The Grade 5's recently returned from a school trip and found they still had a box of apples left over from their supplies. Together with their teachers, the students decided to make some Apple Crumbles for the Parish freezer – a treat for those in need. The Parish is very grateful for their generosity of spirit (& apples) to think of others. Blessings to both the students and their teachers for this generous act.

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

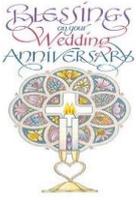
After an 11 week term, our hard-working staff members of St Mary's Primary and Nagle College will now have a well-earned two week break. May it be a restful, safe and peaceful time for them and all our school families.

### **Collections for week ending 24th June 2018**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 1,280.30</b>
<b>Direct Debits &amp; Cards</b>	<b>\$ 135.00</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection</b>	<b>\$ 617.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection</b>	<b>\$ 618.75</b>

## 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)



Congratulations to  
**Anna and Bruno Capobianco**  
who are celebrating 50 years  
of marriage.  
May the blessings you have  
received continue to grow  
and flourish.  
God bless you both.



### NAIDOC WEEK 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> JULY

National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Commemoration is intended as a week of celebrations of Aboriginal history and rich culture. As part of the week it is suggested that you make a point of visiting the Keeping Place, read an aboriginal story or find out some of the history of the Gunaikurnai clan.

### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

This year we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, a week before NAIDOC celebrations begin. The theme is **'Because of her, we can!'** The Australian Bishops Conference have issued a statement, copies of which can be found in the foyer of the church. It is very interesting and heartfelt reading. It brings to mind the question, *"What can I and we as a community do to reconcile ourselves with the traditional owners of this land?"* Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples, making his presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. In particular we praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our parish that we call home.

### AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ANTHEM

Written by Hollis Maris (1934 to 1986)

I am a child of the Dreamtime People  
Part of this land, like a gnarled gum tree  
I am the river softly singing  
Chanting our songs on my way to the sea  
My spirit is the dust-devils  
Mirages that dance on the plain  
I'm the snow, the wind and the falling rain  
I'm part of the rocks and the red desert earth  
Red as the blood that flows in my veins  
I am eagle, crow and snake that glides  
Through the rainforest that clings to the mountainside  
I awakened here when the earth was new  
There was emu, wombat, kangaroo  
No other man of different hue  
I am this land  
And this land is me  
I am Australian.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> July: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday.  
8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July: NAIDOC Week.  
8<sup>th</sup> August: 9:30am – 3pm - eConference @ Parish Centre.

## 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  
**TEACHING**  
*empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's truth and wisdom by enabling others to learn information and skills that help them to reach their fullest spiritual and personal potential.*  
**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 Kate and her gift of **TEACHING** – helping the next generation realise their potential; to Linda and her gift of **HELPS** – doesn't enjoy the best of health but is willing to offer her assistance; and to Melanie and her charism of **FAITH** –through the challenges of life with 3 maturing children, realises the importance of her faith. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality."* 2 CORINTHIANS 8: 14  
We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

### REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

Recently, Fr Michael and our Business Manager, Paul Heaton-Harris, attended a day in Warragul with all other PP's and Business Managers from across the Diocese. It was a full day of information that has come back to our parishes. One of the issues raised was our Working with Children Checks and Codes of Conduct. There will be an audit of these in the next couple of months. So, please, we ask all volunteers who have a WWCC and have NOT signed a revised 'Code of Conduct' to come into the Parish Centre and sign as soon as possible. We also need to ensure that ALL our volunteers – readers, opp shop workers, special ministers etc have a WWCC. Not sure? – ring the office and we can check for you. Again, THANK YOU to those who have signed over the last 2 months.

### SMILE

What's green with red spots? A frog with chicken pox.

### Readings for 8/7/2018

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

**1st Reading:** Ezekiel 2: 2-5

**Psalm:** Ps 122

**2nd Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

**Gospel:** Mark 6: 1-6

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

**Entrance Antiphon**

All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**A reading from the book of Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24**

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the  
extinction of the living.  
To be - for this he created all; the world's created things have  
health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and  
Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.  
Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the  
image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought  
death into the world, as those who are his partners will  
discover.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R.** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have  
not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have  
raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from  
those who sink into the grave. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians 8: 7, 9. 13-15**

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of  
eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and  
the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put  
the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how  
generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became  
poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty.  
This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to  
make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of  
balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their  
present need, and one day they may have something to

spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a  
balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had  
none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death  
and brought us life through his gospel. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark 5: 21-43**

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large  
crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside.  
Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name,  
and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him  
earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do  
come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save  
her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him;  
they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a  
haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful  
treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had  
without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting  
worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind  
him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch  
his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the  
source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in  
herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately  
aware that power had gone out of him, Jesus turned around  
in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His  
disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing  
round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he  
continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the  
woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she  
knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and  
told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith  
has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your  
complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the  
house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead:  
why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had  
overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do  
not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go  
with him except Peter and James and John the brother of  
James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed  
all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing  
unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this  
commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But  
they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking  
with him the child's father and mother and his own  
companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And  
taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got  
up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years  
old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he  
ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and  
told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.