



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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Year B – May 20th, 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.

Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

Liturgy/Mass Times

WEEKEND
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 Maddocks Gardens
Thurs: 9:10am Mass @ Nagle College Chapel for St Mary’s Primary School Year 1

Please note change of venue. Due to works being carried out at St Mary’s Primary School, this will continue until the end of 2018.
Fri: 8:00am Mass @ Nagle College Chapel
9:10am Mass

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 morning Mass
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Friday during Mass

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

As we celebrate Pentecost this Sunday, let us pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance on how to live a life that embodies the teaching of Jesus, “it is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Pope Francis May 2015

NEXT WEEKEND 26th & 27th May 2018

ROSTERS	Commentators	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	B O’Kelly	D Reefman	M Calabro	C Power, B O’Kelly & P Elliott
9:30am	H Sampson	N Rooney	P Walsh, R & J Gray	S Tilley, G & K Cassidy
CHURCH CLEANING: 16th – 31st May: A & B Cattapan & J Coverdale				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Millbourn, Ron Healey, Patricia Fisher, Maria Capobianco.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

April Herrick, Domenico Capobianco, Leo Cahill, Grace Calabro, Nicodemo Tedeschi, Lindsay Pepper, June Bennett, Mg James O'Mara, Fr Aeneas Hennesy, Fr Sylvester Maddock, Lance Bills, David Bull, Brendan Deery, Rick Lightowler, Fr Patrick Moore, Fr James Martin, Fr James Hegarty, Dr James McGillicuddy.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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

YOUTH & FAMILY MASS

"Love is shown by the little things, by attention to small daily signs, which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic Churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith." - Pope Francis

Please celebrate with us, **THIS SUNDAY NIGHT**, as we focus on the joy of families and of being part of the family of the Church, which was born at Pentecost. **WHERE:** St Mary's Church **WHEN:** Sunday 20th May **TIME:** 5PM A Light Supper will follow in the Parish Centre.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

SAINT ANTHONY MASS & PROCESSION

Mass and Procession in honour of St Anthony of Padua will be concelebrated by Bishop Pat, Frs Frank Bertagnolli SDB, Michael Willemsen and other priests at **St Mary's Church in Bairnsdale, Sunday 10th June at 11am.** The Procession will go down the Main Street and Benediction, blessing and distribution of bread and Holy pictures will follow. Afterwards a social gathering will take place at St Mary's Parish Centre. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

LITURGY TEAM MEETING

Our next Liturgy Meeting will be **22nd May** at 3:30pm in the Parish Centre. Those who may be interested in Liturgy and would like to be involved are most welcome to attend.

DATES TO REMEMBER

19th /20th May: Stewardship Program Review
20th May: 5pm – Youth & Family Mass @ St Mary's
22nd June: Liturgy Meeting 3:30pm in Parish Centre.
2nd June: 10am-2pm – Understanding Mental Health @
St Joseph's by the Sea, Williamstown.
10th June: 11am - St Anthony Mass, Procession & light lunch.
26th June: 10am-3pm Parish Retreat with Sr Lyn.

THE STAGING POST

– COURAGEOUS PEOPLE NEVER GIVE UP!

This is a film by Jolyon Hoff. The cinema screening of this film is being supported by East Gippsland Asylum Seeker Support Group. **WHEN:** Sunday 24th June **WHERE:** Sun Cinema, 112 Macleod Street **TIME:** 7pm – 9pm **COST:** \$16 Tickets are available at thestagingpost.com.au OR Schoolworks, 147 Macleod Street, Bairnsdale. The evening will include Q & A with Muzafar Ali and the director, Jolyon Hoff. A light supper will be served afterwards.

REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

A BIG thank you to those of you who have come in and signed the 'revised' Code of Conduct. 12 down, another 84 or so to go. Over the past 2 years the PPC has worked to formulate a Code of Conduct to work together with WWCC to help keep our Parish a 'Child and Vulnerable Adults Safe Parish'. We have had to rewrite our Code of Conduct and we ask that all volunteers who have a WWCC please come into the Parish Centre to sign the revised version of our Code of Conduct. This is very important as we need to ensure our volunteers and our paperwork is up to standard.

UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH

Christian Life Communities VIC (CLC) in conjunction with St Joseph's by the Sea, Williamstown invite you to a day of 'Understanding Mental Health and how do WE respond?'

DATE: Saturday 2nd June 2018 **TIME:** 10am – 2pm **COST:** \$25

RSVP: by 25th May **EMAIL:** chrislongman22@gmail.com

RAMADAN

Ever wondered what happens during Ramadan and what it means? It is a little like our Lent – a penitential season of prayer, fasting, self-denial and helping others. It is a time to recognise our errors, sins, faults and desire to change... Our Muslim brothers and sisters in the area will be 'breaking the fast' or 'iftar' on **Saturday 26th May in the Parish Centre from 5:30pm to 7pm.** We are invited to join them. It is a great opportunity for us to learn about and understand their faith a little more. For catering purposes please let Pattie/Michelle (at the Parish Centre) know if you are wishing to attend no later than Monday afternoon.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The winter edition of this magazine is now out. Among many great articles, on page 22 there is a story about the Rainbow Spirit and on page 24 an article on the Plenary Council. In the article it suggests that we can find a listening and dialogue encounter on the website so that EVERYONE can have a voice and be heard. We encourage you to take up this challenge.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying. Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. 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?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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 they would like a visit. Many thanks for your help in this matter.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale is accepting enrolments for the Sacrament of First Communion. If any parents/carers wish their child/ren to participate in the program, please contact Michelle Grimsted at the Parish Centre on 5152 2942 or by email, stm.michelleg@gmail.com. As the 25 children have begun to prepare for the Sacrament, please keep them, their families and teachers in your prayers.

LOSS AND GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Parish Council is in the process of establishing a Loss and Grief Support Group. Initially the focus would be on those who have lost a loved one, but would eventually offer support to those experiencing different types of loss and grief (loss of a relationship, loss of employment, loss of independence etc). We would ask that anyone who thinks they might benefit from such a group contact the Parish Centre and register their interest. The Group Coordinator is one of our newer members of the PPC, Michael Flynn and he will contact you and discuss the goals of the group.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Reconciliation Week is 27th May to 3rd June. This year's message is "Don't Keep History a Mystery." Reconciliation week is linked to 2 significant dates. The Mabo Decision, overturning the Principle of Terra Nullius and the 1967 Referendum which allowed Aboriginal people to be recognised as people rather than being counted as flora and fauna.

Traditionally Aboriginal people, Australia wide, have used message sticks as a way of communicating between clan groups. The sticks, made of wood and carved with local totems, allowed the person carrying the stick to have safe passage into another clan area.

We acknowledge the rich spirituality of the Aboriginal people through liturgies, ceremonies and gatherings that reflect the reconciliation, forgiveness, love, hope and peace of Christ.

In 1986 **Pope John Paul II** put out a challenge to us as Catholic people, to ensure Aboriginal people had a place within the church. He said the church would not be complete until Aboriginal people made a contribution to it. The message stick was one of the contributions they made to our Church. By using the Message Stick St Mary's Parish endorses it as a significant part of our liturgies.

The message stick calls us to gather as a reconciled community in God's family. It is a reminder of the need to redress historical and present-day injustices faced by Aboriginal people.

At present our message Stick is in the process of being retrieved so that we can use it to continue this important partnership.

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 and for 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:** 26th June **TIME:** 10am – 3pm **WHERE:** St Marys Parish Centre.

Collections for week ending 13th May 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,279.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 135.00
1 st Collection	\$ 608.70
2 nd Collection	\$ 590.15

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

PROPHECY

empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of divine truth and wisdom by communicating a word or call of God to individuals or a group through inspired words or actions.

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 Tom and his gift of **HELPS** – supporting students on school camps; to Maureen and her gift of **MUSIC** – supporting the Parish, Nagle and youth with music; and to Lyn and her charism of **HELPS** – using her skills to prepare flowers for all our mothers. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM REVIEW

Our Stewardship Program provides the core funding for our Parish facilities and programs. We are currently undertaking a mid-way review and this weekend 20th May, you will hear about our current state, future plans and have the opportunity to respond accordingly. We are reminded that the gifts that God has given each one of us is to be shared with others. How can I help? THANK YOU for all you have contributed so far to our wonderful parish! – Fr Michael



2019 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR NAGLE COLLEGE

Enrolment Applications for 2019 are now being accepted. If you have a child to enroll for 2019 please submit an application to the Registrar by Friday 1 June. Enrolment Applications need to include a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Applications can be downloaded from the College website at <http://www.nagle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/info> or in person from the College. Any enquiries regarding applications, enrolments, or to join a tour, please contact Ms Rhonda Lawrance, College Registrar on 5152 9928 or registrar@nagle.vic.edu.au.

We welcome into our Parish family this weekend



Ashyton Stone
daughter of Clare & Daryl
and
Charlie Alby Gardam
son of Dianne & Glen

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 23rd July 2018. **Details and application:** <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Plenary Council Prayer

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet Pleasant coolness in the Heat Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew On our dryness pour thy dew Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will Melt the frozen, warm the chill Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die Give us life with thee on high Give us joys that never end.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

<p align="center">Readings for 27/5/2018 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, Year B 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40 Psalm: Ps 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 14-17 Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20</p>
