



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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – October 21st, 2018

Parish Contacts

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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

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ST MARY’S BAIRNSDALE – WEEKDAYS

Mon: 9:10am Mass
 Tues: 9:10am Mass
 Wed: 9:10am Mass
 10:30am Mass at Maddocks Gardens
 11:15am Nagle College Year 12 Graduation Mass at Presentation Hall
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass
 Fri: 9:30am Mass at St Mary’s Primary School Gymnasium for Grandparents (Surname between R – Z)

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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The next 3 months of envelopes are now ready to be collected.
 Thank you for picking them up, it will help the budget.

NEXT WEEKEND 27th & 28th October 2018

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	C Marriot-Smith	S Gibson	M Calabro	C M-Smith, B O’Kelly & J De Boer
9:30am	D Fallon	M Elliott	M Elbourne & G Dooley	D Fallon, A Chila & G Burton
CHURCH CLEANING: 16th – 31st October: Volunteers needed.				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pauline Cocco, Michael Bennett.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Antonio Cavone, Pasquale D'Aloia, Noel Currie, Concetta Pruscino, Cliff Brammall, Keith McNairn, Elisabetta De Lutiis, Fr Peter Curran, Fr Patrick Sterling, Fr J Russell, Jeanne Jones, Joseph Raudino, Nerine Schiwy, David Minchin, Danny Cook, Mary Douglas, Barbara Eldridge, Molly Smullen, Marie Traynor, Lucy Mann, Martin White (Snr), Valda Reinhardt, MaryAnne Scott, Fr Tom Egan, Fr Frank Rowe, Fr James Kennedy.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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

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.

SISTERHOOD OF EAST GIPPSLAND

You are invited to 'Sisterhood of East Gippsland' on Monday evenings 6pm – 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. *Sisterhood is friendships, sharing laughter and tears, heartache and fears, letting go of the hurts and holding tight to the truths of Jesus.* For further information or enquiries, please contact Michelle at the Parish Centre.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MISSION TEAM

The Bishop would like to set up a group to promote the work of Catholic Mission in our Diocese. If you would like to be a part of this very important group, please contact Cathy Dougan: phone 5622 6690 or email pa@sale.catholic.org.au

HELP NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

St Mary's Parish is committed to do 'Meals on Wheels' for the month of November. At this stage, if you are able to assist with this rewarding task in the first 2 weeks, would you please contact Helen Sampson on 0402 927 615. It takes approximately an hour from 11.30am. Your help would be appreciated for a day or two. MANY THANKS.

CATHOLIC LIFE

The October issue of Catholic Life is now out. Please pick up a copy from the foyer of our churches. They are always a great read.

Collections for week ending 14th October 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,567.95
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 180.00
1 st Collection	\$ 485.20
2 nd Collection	\$ 781.40
Tours - Restoration	\$ 251.00

Imagine travelling in the footsteps of Jesus from Bethlehem to Jerusalem or celebrating Mass in the centre of Lake Galilee! *Harvest Journeys* are offering an opportunity for parishioners to travel as pilgrims on a journey of faith in 2019, allowing the Holy Spirit to renew us in "words that cannot be easily explained". *Harvest Journeys* offers a range of pre-arranged pilgrimages such as:

- Footsteps of Jesus – The Holy Land
- Visitations of Mary – from Fatima to Lourdes
- St Francis & Rome
- St Paul & the Early Church

Only 10 pilgrims are needed to guarantee a group departure as a parish group and we could invite Father to accompany us as our own group's chaplain. If a pilgrimage to the Holy Places is your dream, contact Donrita Reefman on 0411 702 068 or donrita@harvestjourneys.com for more information.

CHAPLAINCY OPEN GARDEN WEEKEND

The Bairnsdale Secondary College is again running the Open Garden Weekend on October 27-28. This is a worthwhile cause as they have struggled to find a chaplain for the school. A decision was made to partially fund a welfare position within the "Well – Being Team". With no Chaplain at the college it is proving difficult to enlist assistance, so the group is hoping that we may be able to help during the Open Garden Weekend. Donations of a slice or pot of soup would be most welcome. Please contact Nola Sebire on 5152 3698 or email nisebire@gmail.com if you can offer any assistance.

HEALING THE HURTS

On Monday October 22, the Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, will deliver the **National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse** at Parliament House in Canberra.

The Apology was developed on the advice of an independent survivor-focused Reference Group and from consultations throughout Australia.

All members of our Catholic communities in the Diocese of Sale are encouraged to access coverage of this important event and remember in prayer all those who have suffered this abuse, especially those from the schools and Parishes in our Diocese. Bishop O'Regan will issue a Pastoral Statement to be read at all Masses in Parishes throughout the Sale Diocese next weekend (Oct 27/28) in response to and support of the national Apology.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." MARK 10: 45

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 27/28th Oct: 3rd collection Catholic Mission Appeal
- 27th Oct: 2nd Plenary Council Encounter Session 6:45pm Parish Centre.
- 28th Oct: 2nd Plenary Council Encounter Session 8:45am St Patrick's.
- 2nd Plenary Council Encounter Session 10:15am Parish Centre.
- 2nd Plenary Council Encounter Session 11:45am St Canice's.
- 13th Nov: 7:30pm Listening & Dialogue Session with the Bishop @ Sale
- 6th Dec: 10:30am – 3:30pm Ecumenical Advent Conversation – more information to come.



**INVITATION
to
Listening and
Dialogue
Encounter
Sessions**

THIS IS OUR TIME

“to do less preaching & more doing, live our faith.”

“where are my children?”

“learn more ways of faith celebrations”

The first of 4 ‘Listening & Dialogue’ sessions occurred last weekend. From all accounts it was well received, and all had an opportunity to listen and speak their stories. 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 next 3 X 45-minute Listening and Dialogue sessions following Masses at Bairnsdale, Paynesville and Lindenow and the topics are as follows:

27th & 28th October 2018 – FAITH FORMATION: Baptised, all ages, all vocations, Prayer, Rules & Structures, Rituals/ Rites/ Language, Small faith communities, Keep it simple principles.

10th & 11th November 2018 – LEADERSHIP: Role of women, Decisions, Ordination, Married priests, celibacy, Laity participation.

24th & 25th November 2018 – INCLUSION/ DIVERSITY: Ecumenical, Social Justice, Sexual abuse, Environment, Church in the community, LGBTQIA.

Take this time to ponder these topics as your voice is valued. With faith and guidance by God’s Holy Spirit, we can journey together.

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’. There will be 5 sessions held throughout the Diocese and the closest for us will be **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 see Pattie at the Parish Centre, we will be able to car pool.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Members of Rotary Clubs, Internet Secrets Made Easy and Federation Training have witnessed firsthand the transformation Youth Insearch has done in the lives of disadvantaged youth in our local community and understand the importance of making sure Youth Insearch programs remains available in our community. To help Youth Insearch, these 3 organisations have sponsored 2 major FUNdraising events, a Gala dinner and a raffle with 10 prizes valued at over \$38,000, including a Holden Astra. **GALA DINNER:** Friday 26th October

WHERE: Cremin Hall, Pyke Street **TIME:** 6:30pm **COST:** \$100 **TICKETS:** www.eventbrite.com.au/e/youth-insearch-gala-event-2018-tickets-49589345066

ST MARY’S Big Book Sale

IT IS ON AGAIN. A small group of helpers are organising the weekend of **17th & 18th November** to sell, among other things, books that have been very kindly donated from a library in Melbourne. Besides books, there will be Morning Tea, Christmas gifts, toys, plants and a **MONSTER** raffle. It will be held in the **Parish Centre 10am to 2pm** each day. If you would like to help, please see Marylin Elliott or Pattie at the Parish Centre. All funds raised will go to the Restoration of St Mary’s Church.

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
PASTORING
empowers a Christian to be an effective
channel of God’s love and build
Christian community by nurturing the
relationships and long-term spiritual
growth of a group.*

Our Parish is blessed with many people who share their gifts/charisms within our Church and wider community. We give thanks to Margaret for her charism of **FAITH** – sharing her faith and gratefulness of life with others; to Bernie and his gift of **SERVICE** – doing what he can to support our youth; and to Marylin and her gift of **HELPS** – supporting the Parish in fundraising and getting others involved. 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 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 gatherings are **Monday 22nd & 29th October; 12th & 26th November; 10th December at the Parish Centre 1:30 to 3pm**. To find out more, contact Pattie at the Parish Centre.



‘How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news...’

Isaiah 52:7

Next weekend our parish will be holding the **annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal**. This year we are invited to help to heal a nation through education in Myanmar. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the Church is developing an alternative system of quality education, with comprehensive teacher training programs and the establishment of new schools, especially in remote areas. It has been called an “education revolution”, and the potential impact is far-reaching. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously to this important work. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar

SMILE

People may refuse our love or reject our message, BUT they are defenceless against our PRAYERS.

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.*

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Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 53: 10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with
suffering. If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful/ and all his works to
Be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right/
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those
Who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from
death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our
Help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O
Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 4: 14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme
high priest who has gone through to the highest
heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have
professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who
was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but
we have one who has been tempted in every way that
we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident,
then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall
have mercy from him and find grace when we are in
need of help.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached
Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do
us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me
to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one
at your right hand and the other at your left in your
glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus
said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink,
or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be
baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them,
'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with
the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall
be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my
left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those
to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel
indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them
to him and said to them, 'You know that among the
pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and
their great men make their authority felt. This is not
to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to
become great among you must be your servant, and
anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave
to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be
served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom
for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**LIVING THE GOSPEL-
Servant Leadership**

What does it really mean to practice servant leadership? It
means placing the needs of others before your own desires
for prestige or authority. We've all known people who have
been given a position of leadership and they really only
wanted the job as recognition of their popularity; a thank you
for previous work done; an opportunity to demonstrate their
strength of will or cleverness with words. Servant leadership
is about collaborating; it's about empowering people to do
their best; it's about trusting others and about rolling up your
sleeves and getting on with the job.

Readings for 28/10/2018

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1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

Psalm: Ps 125

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52