



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER, Year B – April 22nd, 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
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 – ANZAC Day
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass @ Nagle College Chapel
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.

Welcome
 to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

NEXT WEEKEND 28th April & 29th April 2018

ROSTERS	Commentators	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	J De Boer	S Gibson	M Calabro	B O’Kelly, P Elliott & volunteer
9:30am	D Atkins	A Vowell	M Grimsted & Family	K Bennett, D Atkins & M Elliott
CHURCH CLEANING: 16th – 30th April: T, S & J Ward				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lucia (Lucy) De Moel, Debbie Curtis Lee.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Don Ward, Monica Ainsworth, Cliff Betts, Lena Betts, Glen Dungey, Des Shanahan, Fortunato Desio, Francesca Desio, John Brooks, Norman Dore, Fr John McCann, Fr Michael Hallinan, Eileen Flannery, Robert Flannery, Barry Brindle, Bob Carrick, Guise Duong Van Ho, Pat Bills, Domenico Schiafone, Vicki Hall, Fr Harry Verbruggen, Fr Richard Buckley, Fr Gerard Toner.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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

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.

BUSH DANCE AND SUPPER

The Nagle College Tunes Band will be holding a community Caleigh (Bush Dance) as a fundraiser for the “Friends of Timor Leste”. Come and enjoy a night of great music and dancing.

COST: \$5 per person or \$10 per family

TICKETS: Turn up on the night.

WHEN: 28th April 6:30pm to 9pm

WHERE: St Mary’s Parish Centre, 23 Pyke Street

BRING: a plate of supper to share. Tea and coffee will be provided.

PIPE ORGANIST

POMEG (Pipe Organ and Music Events Group) are presenting a concert by outstanding young Pipe Organist, Christopher Trikilis.

WHEN: Sunday April 22nd **WHERE:** Bairnsdale Uniting Church

TIME: 2pm **TICKETS:** Available from Just Books Bairnsdale

COST: \$25. Tea and coffee will be available during interval.

CATHOLIC LIFE

The April edition of Catholic Life is now available. Please pick up a copy from the foyer of the church.

DATES TO REMEMBER

22nd April 2pm – Pipe Organ Recital @ Uniting Church.

27th April 12noon – Italian Luncheon @ Parish Centre.

28th April 6:30pm – Bush Dance @ Parish Centre.

8th May 10am – East region meeting @ St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance.

2nd June 10am-2pm – Understanding Mental Health @ St Joseph’s by the Sea, Williamstown.

10th June 11am - St Anthony Mass, Procession & light lunch.

8th August 9:30am – 3pm - eConference @ Parish Centre.

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING!

Inviting parishioners to join me (Maria Forde) on the 2018 Celtic and Music Tour of Ireland (September 22nd - October 6th, 2018)) Enjoy 2 wonderful weeks traversing the spectacular Irish countryside; experience the hospitality of the Irish people whilst learning about their history and story. Enjoy Celtic music, cuisine and its unique spirituality. Travel in comfort by coach and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a small tour. (20 people max) If you are concerned about traveling alone or have never ventured overseas be assured that you will be supported and made welcome by an Irish driver, guests and myself.

For an itinerary please contact Tour Director Maria Forde on 0411158593 or mariaforde1@gmail.com

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL - PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE.

Fr. Peter De Souza, would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage that he is leading. The group departs on 28th of May 2018, featuring Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5690. The fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. For inquiries & bookings call 0385 622 246 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

AN EXTRACT FROM THE MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to listen, discern and live this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness.

..... each of us can discover his or her own vocation only through spiritual discernment. This is ‘a process by which a person makes fundamental choices, in dialogue with the Lord and listening to the voice of the Spirit, starting with the choice of one’s state in life.’

Today, we have great need of discernment and of prophecy. We have to resist the temptations of ideology and negativity, and to discover, in our relationship with the Lord, the places, the means and situations through which he calls us. Every Christian ought to grow in the ability to ‘read’ within his or her life, and to understand *where* and *to what* he or she is being called by the Lord, in order to carry on his mission.

If he lets us realise that he is calling us to consecrate ourselves totally to his kingdom, then we should have no fear! It is beautiful – and a great grace – to be completely and forever consecrated to God and the service of our brothers and sisters. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous “yes”, nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To *listen* to that voice, to *discern* our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to *live* it in the today that God gives us.

May Mary Most Holy, who as a young woman living in obscurity heard, accepted and experienced the Word of God made flesh, protect us and accompany us always on our journey.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

We welcome back Paul Zaher, one of our seminarians, who is here to speak at each of the Masses this weekend. He will share with us a little of his response to God’s call.

There will be a 3rd collection this weekend for ‘Education of Seminarians Bursary Fund’



AN INVITATION

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, know that we are thinking about you. We are glad you are here and invite you to be an active part of us again. If you would like more information on our parish program Reconnect, please contact Patricia Walsh on 5152 2418 or Sandra Tilley sfo on smtilleyofs@bigpond.com

ITALIAN LUNCHEON

IN SUPPORT OF THE RESTORATION OF ST MARY'S

Some of our Italian parishioners are hosting a lunch to raise much needed funds for the restoration of St Mary's Church.

DATE: 27th April **TIME:** 12 noon **WHERE:** St Mary's Parish Centre
COST: \$25 per head for a 3-course meal

A great opportunity for fellowship and building community. Tickets are available from Pattie at the Parish Centre or by phoning the Office on 5152 2942. Be early so as not to miss out.

UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH

- how do we respond?

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

VENUE: St Joseph's by the Sea, 16 Esplanade Williamstown (free on-street parking is available). **LUNCH:** light lunch provided.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr Caroline Johnson GP **RSVP:** by 25th May

COST: \$25 **EMAIL:** chrislongman22@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

8 August 2018 eConference from the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Synodality in Practice:

Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

At this year's eConference, prominent international and national speakers and panellists will discuss their future vision and hopes for the Catholic Church in Australia. The discussion is timed to coincide with the 2020 Plenary Council – the first such synod for the Australian Church in 80 years.

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.michelle@gmail.com. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7:00pm in St Mary's Parish Centre.

EMMAUS – SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY – DIOCESE OF SALE

Geraldine, from Emmaus, is a qualified Spiritual Director. She comes to Bairnsdale once a month and is seeking those who may be interested in receiving spiritual direction. Due to holidays her next time in Bairnsdale will be Wednesday 13th June. This does incur a cost of \$60 BUT it is a negotiable cost. If you are interested, please call Geraldine 0409 352 898 or call the Parish Centre and speak to Pattie. The complete list of dates for 2018 can be found in the foyer of the church.

SMILE

(and the world smiles with you)

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of trousers?

In case he got a hole in one.

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
DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS
empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God's wisdom by accurately perceiving a divine or demonic presence in certain people, places or things.
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 Emily and her gift of **HELPS** – a wonderful (and youthful) support for Margaret; to Diana and her gift of **ENCOURAGEMENT** – helping her mum in a new phase of life; and to Frank and his charism of **GIVING** – supporting seasonal workers who live in the area for a period of time. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

EAST REGION MEETING

Together with the Plenary Council meetings, it is important to keep our connections with the other parishes in the east of our Diocese. The next East Region meeting is 8th May at St Brendan's, Lakes Entrance. We gather from 10am with a 10:30am start and finish at 12:30pm. After this we continue with a shared lunch. A great way to meet others, to hear their stories and to know the JOY of the Risen Lord. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Centre for more information. We do 'car pool'.

HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Date: 21st – 23rd June 2018

A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Invite your daughters, mothers, sisters and friends! Men - What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018? **Venue:** Ibis Melbourne
Full Registration Cost: \$199 (See our website for other registration options). **Register:** Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com
Email heart@TheCatholicGuy.com **Phone:** 1300 734 880

PARISH PLENARY COUNCIL MEETING

The presentation Bishop Pat gave at the Parish Plenary Council meeting has been sent to us, so that others who were unable to attend, can view what happened. It is hoped to be downloaded onto the Parish website within the next month, but we can also send it to you in an email as you request. Remember that this is just the beginning and we ask that you keep this process in your prayers, with hope and joy that it will be fruitful. If you have time visit the Plenary Council website <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

You are encouraged to page down to the bottom of the website and sign up with your email address for automatic updates. In the Resources section under the READ heading you'll find a number of useful articles on the Plenary including an outline of the 3-year journey. In addition, the Catholic Leader (Brisbane) has an interview with Lana Turvey-Collins, the Plenary 2020 Facilitator.

Collections for week ending 15th April 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,996.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 1,375.00
1 st Collection	\$ 891.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 743.25

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

4th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **(R.)**

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we
shall be like him because we shall see him as he
really is.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 10: 11-18**

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one
who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man,
since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not
belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf
attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is
only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my
own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know
the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this
fold, and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life
No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own
free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is
the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – THE SHEPHERD MESSIAH

The gospels go to great lengths to affirm the lineage of Jesus and associate him with the house of David, the first great Jewish king. David began his life as a simple boy tending his father's flock of sheep. When the line of kings was instigated through David they were charged with being 'shepherds' of their people. However, down through the line of kings, this care for the people was lost and they ceased to be 'shepherds'. Jesus' claim, to be the good shepherd, is his claim to be in the line of the true kings of Israel – a shepherd of the people.

<p style="text-align: center;">Readings for 29/4/2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B 1st Reading: Acts 9: 26-31 Psalm: Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32. R. v 26 2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24 Gospel: John 15: 1-8.</p>
