



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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – July 22nd, 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: 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.

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
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 @ Maddocks Gardens
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass @ Nagle College Chapel for
 St Mary’s Primary School Grade 2’s
 Fri: 8:00am Mass @ Nagle College Chapel
 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 1st Friday Mass
Rosary: after morning Mass
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Friday during Mass

Welcome

to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

Please keep our Parish communities in Omeo, Swifts Creek, Ensay and Benambra in your prayers this weekend. Due to the unavailability of a priest they will not celebrate Mass this weekend.

NEXT WEEKEND 28th & 29th July 2018

ROSTERS	Commentators	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	C Marriot-Smith	S Gibson	volunteers required	C M-Smith, B O’Kelly & P Elliott
9:30am	J Coverdale	P Walsh	Nellie Rooney & friend	M Owen, G & K Cassidy
CHURCH CLEANING: 16th – 31st July: D & T Roderick				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Melrose, Carmel Felsbourg (nee Geddes),
Pauline Theodore, Shirley Mooney, Michael Campbell,
Glenn Toomey, Trevor Grant.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Alma 'Bid' Egan, Frank Power, Marie Wade, Nicolina Tedeschi,
Annunziata & Giuseppe Di Palma, Fr Denis O'Callaghan,
Fr Martin Hayes, Mgr John O'Hea, Fr Maurice McKenna,
Marie Petterson, Teresa Mitchell, Peg Townsend, David Murray,
Mick Michalowsky, Peter Van Nuttrim, Fr John Allen,
Fr Michael McAlroy, Fr Peter McCormack.

**"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, Delia Grant, Sr Mary Carroll RGS, Chris Tilley,
Elisha Weekes (granddaughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg),
Rivers Purtel, Tracey Moffatt, Margaret Flynn, Rick Jones,
Tamara Flannery, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer),
Bill Cole, Amy Hood, Bill Glassborow, Ena Morris, Raylene Steer,
Holly Box, Rose Gallagher, Brian Rowe, Paul McFarlane, Peg Marsh,
Betty Holloway, Tyler Green, Di Dunlop, John Buck, Kerry Larkin,
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, Trish Henderson,
Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann, Tyson Chapman, Shannon Helmers.

*Please remember all parishioners who are in ill health or
recovering from illness or surgery.*

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

Fr Michael Hansen SJ has developed a simple prayer for discernment to assist small groups in their gatherings to discuss.

Lord give us the time we need for this conversation.

Help us to let go of our own convenience and work to be fully present to each person here.

May we be slow to speak. Give us the wisdom to listen quietly, to sense the meaning, positions and desires of each speaker, to know whether to be silent or speak.

Free us to listen without prejudice, to treat each speaker equally. Keep us considerate and kind with matters that arise, sincere in our opinions, respecting better opinions.

Help us to hold each other's prayer experience reverently, their gifts and faith gently,

and to enkindle in them the love of our Creator and Lord, and to serve them in body as well as in word.

Let the Spirit descend upon our conversation circle with an abundance of her gifts.

Above all, give us the greatest possible reverence and humility, and even affectionate awe, of the way you dwell in each of us now.

Amen.

PETER'S PENCE

'Peter's Pence' is an annual collection. All monies are for the upkeep of the Holy Father and his works of charity. Bishop Pat asks that we give generously to this important appeal. This 3rd collection will take place this weekend. We thank you most sincerely for your ongoing support of these 'special collections' throughout the year.



Congratulations
and continued blessings
from all at St Mary's to
Nellie Rooney
on reaching the young age of 80.
May the peace of Christ be with you
always.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi AKA Mahatma Gandhi is called the father of the Indian Nation. He has listed seven social sins as follows:

1. [Wealth](#) without [work](#).
2. [Pleasure](#) without [conscience](#).
3. [Knowledge](#) without [character](#).
4. [Commerce](#) without [morality](#).
5. [Science](#) without [humanity](#).
6. [Religion](#) without [sacrifice](#).
7. [Politics](#) without [principle](#).



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

CONFIRMATION

On 11th August Bishop Pat will confirm 30 candidates from our Parish. As they prepare for this next step of their faith journey, we ask that you keep them in your prayers. Instruction has begun, led by Michelle and with the support of their parents/carers and teachers.

9:30AM ROSTER

The updated version of the 9:30am Mass Roster is now out. Please pick up your copy which can be found in the foyer of the church. Again, thank you to all who help make our Masses a special time to listen to the word of God, to give thanks, and receive forgiveness and to be given hope.

HELP US

A gentle reminder to parishioners to please let us know when a loved one or family member goes into care fulltime or for respite. If we know they are there we can include them in the monthly Mass, take Communion to them or just visit them. You can ring the Parish Centre, Jo De Boer or our 2 priests to advise them. Thank you for your help in this matter.

ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. Michael has taken annual leave, visiting family in Queensland. He will return on 26th July. We hope he has a restful time and can recharge his batteries. We give thanks to God for Fr Xavier and his presence and support, especially over these last 2 weeks and 4 funerals. Our parish has been and is blessed.

SILENT FILM COMEDIES

Pipe organ and Musical Events Group of the Uniting Church in Lucknow invite you to an evening of Silent Film Comedies accompanied by Bruce Ardley in Theatre Organ tradition.

WHEN: Friday 10th August **WHERE:** Bairnsdale Uniting Church, Omeo Highway, Lucknow **TIME:** 7pm sharp **TICKETS:** \$15 each or a family for \$35. Tickets can be purchased at Just Books, Bairnsdale (cash) **ENQUIRIES:** 5152 9434. Tea and coffee afterwards. Dixie ice creams will be available to purchase during interval.

EMMAUS WALKING RETREAT

The Emmaus Walking Retreat goes for 7 days from San Remo to Welshpool. This guided retreat is an opportunity to spend some reflective time walking as a small community. Participants are invited to explore their own spiritual journey, walking with Jesus. A reasonable degree of fitness is essential.

WHEN: 14th TO 21st October 2018 **CONTACT:** Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality **REGISTRATION CLOSES:** 30th July **PHONE:** (03) 9854 8110 or email: secretarycampion.asn.au

E CONFERENCE

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 14th 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.

The eConference will be shown in the Parish Centre. Starting time is 9:30am with a cuppa. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. If you would bring some lunch to share that would be appreciated. The day ends at 3pm. Never been to an eConference? Now is your chance – come along – see how they work – share your thoughts and concerns with other parishioners – we believe that you will grow spiritually from the experience.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS want us to know that they are available to people who wish to speak with them at any time. If there is some problem you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to call Bruce (0412 938 772) or Jeanette (0409 662 925). They will be very glad to speak with you.

SMILE

Why do fish live in salt water?
Because pepper makes them sneeze.

Collections for week ending 15th July 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,096.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 950.00
1 st Collection	\$ 512.80
2 nd Collection	\$ 650.85

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

FAITH

empowers a Christian to be an effective agent of God's purposes through an unusual trust in the love, power and provision of God and a remarkable freedom to act on this trust.

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 Xavier and his gift of **EVANGELISM** – sharing his 'way of faith' with us; to Laurence and his gift of **CRAFTSMANSHIP** – an artist happy to share his works with others; and to Kange and her charism of **ENCOURAGEMENT** – supporting her daughter through the ravages of sickness. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest awhile."

MARK 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS – FINANCE OFFICER AND PROPERTY MANAGER

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Broome, Balgo, Kalumburu and Bidyadanga. **For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact:** Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

GRIEF TO GRACE

Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26th – 31st 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griefftoGraceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.griefftoGrace.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

10th August: 7pm Uniting Church, Lucknow Silent Film Comedies.

11th August: 6pm Sacrament of Confirmation.

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 23: 1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture
to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks!
This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about
the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock
be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of
them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is
the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself
will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed
them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall
be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds
to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for
them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who
speaks!

'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks -
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,
who will reign as true king and be wise,
practising honesty and integrity in the land.
In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel dwell in confidence.
and this is the name he will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
The Lord is my shepherd;/ there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures/ where he gives me
repose. / Near restful waters he leads me,/
to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path;/ he is true to his name./
If I should walk in the valley of darkness/ no evil would I
fear./ You are there with your crook and your staff;/
with these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me/ in the sight of my
foes. /My head you have anointed with oil;/
my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me/ all the days
of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell/
for ever and ever. R.

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians 2: 13-18**

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been
brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace
between us, and has made the two into one and broken down
the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually
destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules
and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New
Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace
through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and
reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the
hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace,
peace to you who were far away and peace to those who
were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one
Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark 6: 30-34**

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done
and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to
some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for
there were so many coming and going that the apostles had
no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely
place where they could be by themselves. But people saw
them going, and many could guess where; and from every
town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it
before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd;
and he took pity on them because they were like sheep
without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some
length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

<p align="center">Readings for 29/7/2018 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44 Psalm: Ps 144: 10-11, 15-18 2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6 Gospel: John 6: 1-15</p>
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Prayer and Reflection – Jesus demonstrated how important it is to
engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a
lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect
on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd
do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that
seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is
fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we
learn what God desires for us.