



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.

The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Year B – June 24th, 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
 10:30am Mass @ Maddocks Gardens
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass @ Nagle College Chapel for St Mary’s Primary School Year 3
 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

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 30th June & 1st July 2018

ROSTERS	Commentators	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	J Peachey	K de Klerk	Volunteers needed	J Peachey, M Elliott & C M-Smith
9:30am	J Coverdale	S Tilley	R & J Gray	D Atkins, G & K Cassidy
CHURCH CLEANING: 1st – 15th July: C Marriot-Smith, G & J Neeson				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tony Zagami, Michael Tymkin, Marjorie Dooley.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Ross Scott, Emily & Charlie Fermio, Jack Cooney, Joan Overend, Lorna Carroll, Mick Carroll, Nathan Walker, Noeline Harris, Pasqualina & Pascallela DiPalma, Michelle McCormack, Eric Lenehan, Melissa Overy, Fr Frank Carroll, Fr Frank O'Regan, Fr Michael Dwyer, Mgr. William Walsh, Robert Coleman, Dennis McNamara, Rik Vijverborg, Maurice Walsh, Chris Ward, Margaret Scott, Dawn Anderson, Margaret Morgan, Mons. Stan Crowe, Fr William McLoughlin, Fr D Donovan, Bis. Richard Ryan CM.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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, Cath Smyth, 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

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 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.

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. For more information about registrations and group discounts, please contact register@chosenconference.org.au or call 0403 709 531 / 0491 002 081.

REFUGEE WEEK 2018

Sunday 17th June to Saturday 23rd June

- the theme #WithRefugees

Refugee Week is Australia's peak annual activity to inform the public about refugees and celebrate positive contributions made by refugees in Australian society. Today more than ever, we need a global movement to demand the safety and rights of refugees are protected.

Join East Gippsland Asylum Seekers Support (EGASS) group, 7pm at the Sun Cinema **THIS SUNDAY** 24th June for The Staging Post film documentary. Tickets \$16: online at thestagingpost.com.au.

'We believe that together we CAN make a difference, starting with small acts of kindness and hospitality and becoming a collective voice demanding more compassionate asylum seeker policies'. - The Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum

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/>

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to Mary & David at Paynesville who went above and beyond – cleaned out the guttering and laid some synthetic grass at the front door of St Patrick's Church in Paynesville. God bless you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

23rd/24th June: Vinnies Winter Collection at all Masses.

24th June: 7pm The Staging Post @ Sun Cinema, Bairnsdale.

26th June: 10am-3pm Parish Retreat with Sr Lyn Young.

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

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION – UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY

We have been advised that Yarra Theological Union is taking appointments for 2nd semester enrolments between 25th June and 12th 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

CATHOLIC LIFE

The June edition of Catholic Life is now out. Always a good read but this edition very much so. Turn to page 9 where there is an article written by a parishioner, and a small introductory piece on Fr Xavier Pinto CSsR. Please pick up your copy from the foyer of the church and ENJOY!!

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 our Parish. The retreat begins at 11am 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.

Sr Lyn has advised us that due to a class Mass at Lakes Entrance at 9am, the retreat will now start at 11am, she is sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Feel free to come in and start the retreat with a cuppa and chat.

WHEN: 26th June

TIME: 11:00am – 3pm **WHERE:** St Marys Parish Centre.



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The Bairnsdale Conference of The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to acknowledge the generosity of the St Mary’s Primary School families. Over the past month or so, the students have brought into their classrooms essential food items. These were added to over a period and on Friday 8th June at the Mass for The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the food baskets were presented to a member of SVdP, Bairnsdale Conference. It was estimated over \$2700 was donated. What a wonderful effort by everyone including students, families and teachers. This will now be distributed locally to those who have found themselves in difficult situations in recent times.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal collection will be taken up this weekend at all Masses.

SMILE

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?
Tinselitis.

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 **MERCY**

empowers a Christian to be a channel of God’s love through practical deeds of compassion that relieve the distress of those who suffer and help them experience God’s love.

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 Lesley and her gift of **HELPS** – when called she happily lends a hand; to Sammy and her gift of **MUSIC** –sharing her love of music with our Parish and youth Mass; and to Terry and his charism of **FAITH** – together with family, knows that God is with them always, no matter what. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

‘...Behold, one is coming after me, I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.’ -ACTS 13:25

Stewardship is a lifestyle, it’s not a program or a process. It’s how we are called to live our lives twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week! It challenges us to live “God-centred” lives, not “self-centred” lives. Reflect on your daily activities, do you do them for the glory of God or for the glory of your own name?

REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

During the week 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.

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

Collections for week ending 17th June 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,980.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 1,720.00
1 st Collection	\$ 427.15
2 nd Collection	\$ 925.30

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

The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

A man was sent from God, whose name was John.
He came to testify to the light,
to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 49: 1-6

Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples.
The Lord called me before I was born,
from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.

He made my mouth a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of his hand.
He made me into a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, 'You are my servant Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain,
I have exhausted myself for nothing';

and all the while my cause was with the Lord,
my reward with my God.
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore
the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of
Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that
my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

O Lord, you search me and you know me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you. **R.**

For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation. **R.**

Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and moulded in the depths of the earth. **R.**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13: 22-26

Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors,
of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected
David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who
will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise,
God has raised up for Israel one of David's
descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was
heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of
repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John
ended his career he said, "I am not the one you
imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I
am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you
who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for
you.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most
High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.
Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 1: 57-66, 80**

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she
gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and
relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great
a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the
child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his
father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is
to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your
family has that name', and made signs to his father to
find out what he wanted him called. The father asked
for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And
they were all astonished. At that instant his power of
speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All
their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole
affair was talked about throughout the hill country of
Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their
hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they
wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with
him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he
lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared
openly to Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 1/7/2018
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
1st Reading: Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24
Psalm: Ps 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15
Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43