



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.

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST KING of the UNIVERSE, Year B – November 25th, 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.

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.

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
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass at Nagle College Chapel – Year Prep classes
 Fri: 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 weekday morning Mass's
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Friday during Mass

PRAYERS FOR FR ANTHONY

Please keep Fr Anthony in your prayers as he has been diagnosed with Glandular Fever and told to take complete rest. With this comes the situation that Fr Michael is having to spend more time in Lakes Entrance, Orbost and other parts of the East. We hope that by the beginning of December he will be back on board. We ask that you keep all our priests in your prayers for continued good health.

NEXT WEEKEND 1st & 2nd December 2018

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	M Elliott	J De Boer	M Calabro	M Elliott, C M-Smith & T Flannery
9:30am	J Neeson	N Nash	M Elbourne & friend	S Tilley, G Neeson & M Owen

CHURCH CLEANING: Month of December: Volunteers needed

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kaili Kidner, Ellen Delany, Tony Rendina (cousin of Angelo D'Amore), Jenny Barlow (sister of Noreen Beirne), Lucia D'Amore (Italy), Rhonda Coloe (d-i-l Pat & Bernie).

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Sue D'Amelio, Barry Rowe, Rick Bourke, Damien Johnson, Gerald Rashleigh, Fr Gerald Byrne, Fr P McDonald, Fr Patrick Verling, Sarah Traynor, Jim Dwyer, Alex Bain, Gioconda Capobianco, Robert Rhodes, Fr Tim McInnes, Mgr. William Caffrey, Fr T Vaugh.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Bruno Capobianco, Ana Lobo, Lawrence Liccione (brother of Maureen Newcomen), Serge D'Angelo, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Billy Sant, Bill Keyte, John Graves, Michele Sevacko, Yvonne Roy, Jean Coleman, John Buck, Daryl Evans, Ena Morris, Brenda Lyons, Bill Cole, Sue Bayley, Gerry McDonald, Vincent O'Reilly, Rivers Purtel, Terry Pendergast, Victoria Haeusler, Joyce Harrington, Kerry Larkin, Anne Armstrong, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Brian Rowe, Holly Box, Trish Freebairn, Rick Jones, Mark Kelly, Tracey Moffatt, Amy Hood, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Di Dunlop, Tyler Green, Paul McFarlane, Shannon Helmers, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Margaret Flynn, Raylene Steer, Guy Newman, Rose Gallagher, Amanda Matthews, Betty Holloway, Elizabeth Knight, Peter Grimsted, Maryanne Esmonde, Tammy Ewing, James Warren, Coral Prendergast, Michael Counsel, Grant Mitchell, Trish Henderson, Thomas Anderson, Tyson Chapman, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann, Dennis (Danny) Phelan.

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.

HEALING THE HURTS

Whilst many parishioners continue to support Fr Mahony in the wake of his conviction for two counts of indecent assault from 40 years ago, the current news reports in sections of Gippsland media have caused distress for others. Fr Mahony has taken responsibility for his actions and accepted his sentence. In his response to the case, Bishop O'Regan said that "as a Diocese, we continue to be shocked and saddened by the ongoing revelations of matters of this nature and appreciate that every incident must be brought to our attention if we are to genuinely atone for the harm that has been done over many decades." As a Parish, we too, are committed to facilitating healing for victims of abuse through the process of the truth setting people free (Jn 8:32). Support is available. Please contact the Parish office to access avenues of support, or to speak to someone who can shed light on Fr Mahony's case. Sincerely in Christ, Fr Michael

PALMS ENCOUNTERS 2019

A Palms Encounter is an intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding for parishioners. Palms long-term volunteers guide the Encounter with our host communities in Timor Leste, Samoa and Myanmar. Special group Encounters are also available should your parish social justice team be interested. Tours for 2019 are Timor Leste – April and September; Samoa – June; Myanmar – November. More information: www.palms.org.au/encounters

DATES TO REMEMBER

25th Nov: 3pm Sing Nowell St Joseph's, Foster
2nd Dec: Blessing of the Cribs, 9:30am Mass, Morning tea to follow.
6th Dec: 10:30am – 3:30pm Ecumenical Advent Conversation.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

THANK-YOU, to all who provided feedback regarding the Christmas Eve Family Mass. The voice for returning to Nagle College has been strong since last Christmas, when the Mass was held in the church. That move was in response to the decline in numbers in recent years and the considerable effort required to have the Mass in the Nagle College Hall. The courage of people's convictions to go back to Nagle has convinced me that it's the right thing to do. It will, however, require many people's help. Please be ready to offer to help at all the Masses this Christmas, when it is requested.

Fr Michael

MEALS ON WHEELS HELPERS

A sincere thank you to all who helped with Meals on Wheels during the month of November. Your willingness and support were most appreciated.

ST MARY'S OPPORTUNITY SHOP

St Mary's Opp Shop is looking for a person to work on Mondays. The position would suit an able-bodied person who enjoys driving and helping to sort donated goods. We would like this person to start as soon as possible. If you are interested in the position, we invite you to phone the shop on 5152 2088. Moira and Judy will be pleased to hear from you.

MASSIVE GARAGE/SHED SALE

The St Mary's Opp Shop have organized a massive garage sale for **Saturday 1st December**, starting at **8am and ending 2:30pm, Lawless Street, Bairnsdale, last shed on the right**. A huge range of used goods at cheap prices. Items include heaters, fans, furniture, household goods, lamps, picture frames sporting goods etc, etc, etc. Come along and have a look. You never know what you may find.

RCIA CANDIDATE

As Helena Wilson prepares to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation on December 16th, we ask for you to keep her, and her husband Alan, in your prayers.

May Helena walk in the light of Christ and learn to trust His wisdom. May Helena commit her daily life to the Lord's care, so that she may come to believe in the Lord with all her heart.

Amen

CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL

CatholicCare would like to thank the community of St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale for its generous donation of \$1,040.35 to the recent CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your generosity supports the vital work of CatholicCare, who work on behalf of the Diocese of Sale. Together we fulfil the Church's mission of service to the community. We help families and individuals to develop strong and healthy relationships and ease the pain of difficult life transitions so that they can live 'life to the full.' Thank you for enabling us to continue this vital work.

A HUGE THANK YOU

The parish would like to extend a sincere thank you to all those who gave of their time and effort to support the very successful Book Sale last weekend. Many gave, with some giving and doing a lot, and together they raised \$2,300.70 to go towards the restoration of St Mary's church. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their support – New Leaf, Dahlsens and Websters.

INVITATION to

Listening and Dialogue Encounter Sessions

THIS IS OUR TIME

"Jesus would like to see us -LIVING THE GOSPEL VALUES"

"Jesus would want to see men & women in leadership in the Catholic Church – it is totally biblical"

"Jesus would expect us to be: FAITHFUL, COMPASSIONATE, PRAYERFUL, JOYFUL & GRATEFUL"

As we continue our journey towards Plenary 2020, we're reminded 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 last (for now) Listening and Dialogue session following Masses at Bairnsdale, Paynesville and Lindenow with topics is this weekend

24th & 25th November 2018

INCLUSION/DIVERSITY: Ecumenical, Social Justice, Sexual abuse, Environment, Church in the community, LBGTQIA.

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

If you would like to receive a copy of the responses we have gathered through our parish gatherings, please contact Michelle or Pattie, and they can either print off a copy OR email them to you.



BLESSING OF THE CRIBS/NATIVITY SCENES

On Sunday 2nd December, the 1st Sunday of Advent, at 9:30am Mass, you are invited to bring your 'crib' or 'nativity scene' for a special blessing. Families who have had children baptised in the last 12 months have been personally invited to this special Mass. Following Mass, you are welcome to stay for morning tea. What a wonderful way to begin our faith preparation for the birthday of Jesus.

NEWS FROM BAIRNSDALE FRIENDS OF TIMOR LESTE

Recently MADEC (Seasonal Workers Hire organisation) employed a local person to provide their services in Gippsland. As a result, the Bairnsdale Friends of Timor Leste no longer has a contract to provide 'pastoral care' to the Timorese workers. For some years this arrangement has been our main source of income which enabled us to continue our projects – the Luncheon Program at the Salesians' St Antonio's Secondary School and four teacher training scholarships at the Marist Teachers College in Baucau.

As our circumstances have changed, we will be putting our energy into other forms of fundraising, the first being our annual Christmas Gift cards.



ASPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT

We will be selling Christmas Gift Cards after weekend Masses in Bairnsdale and Paynesville each weekend until 22-23 December or contact Chris 0418 148 657. Card values range from \$5 to \$30. You are invited to 'come and see'.....ask one of our members how the Gift Cards work.

Collections for week ending 18th November 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,239.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 1,685.00
1 st Collection	\$ 547.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 723.00
Tours - Restoration	\$ 284.95

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.

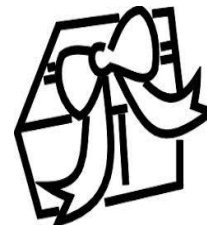
No gift is too small or insignificant.

The Charism of

WISDOM

empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's goodness through remarkable insight that enables him or her to come up with creative solutions to specific problems and make good decisions.

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 Gerard, Lisa and Katie and their gifts of HELPS – assisting with the Book Sale last weekend. 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 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. Dates for the rest of 2018 are: **26th November & 10th December at the Parish Centre 1:30 to 3pm.** Enquiries: contact Pattie at the Parish Centre.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Dear Friends, I extend my sincere thanks for your most generous donation of \$500 toward our Clean Water Projects. I see that over time you have donated \$1,500 for use on our projects across the Pacific, Asia and Africa, for which we are very grateful. Your donation will help Sr Catherine Kyamatara and Br Francis Ssendagi at Kitwamba Kasese in Uganda, where we are assisting with the drilling of two wells at the village (two previously completed) at a cost of some \$9,500. Local people will provide labour and contribute \$4,500 toward the project.

We will keep you in our daily prayers and thoughts.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Fraternally, Fr Adrian Meaney MSC Director–MSC Mission Office

AN ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION

You are invited to be part of an Advent conversation to be held at The Abbey, Raymond Island on **Thursday 6th December from 10:30am to 3:30pm.** It is an initiative of both the Anglican Bishop of Gippsland, The Rt Revd Dr Richard Treloar and our Catholic Bishop of Sale The Most Revd Patrick O'Regan.

Our common Sunday lectionary during Advent focuses on the Gospel of Luke and a great opportunity to prepare to celebrate the great feast of the Nativity and what it means for our world and our churches. For catering purposes booking is essential so please contact The Abbey 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au

WARNING, WARNING, WARNING

Due to ground works on the south side of the church, the ONLY entrance to the church will be from the McDonald's side beginning Monday 19th November and we hope it will be for just 1 week. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause BUT it will be worth it in the end.

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.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

A reading from the prophet Daniel 7: 13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and
kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and
languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

- R.** The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.
1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **R**
 2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R**
 3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **R**

Readings for 2/12/2018
First Sunday of Advent, Year C
1st Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16
Psalm: Ps 24: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12- 4: 2
Gospel: Luke: 21: 25-28, 34-36

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 1: 5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from
the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves
us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and
made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and
Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and
ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds;
everyone will see him, even those who pierced him,
and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This
is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega'
says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to
come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our
Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 18: 33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus
replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have
others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am
I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests
who have handed you over to me: what have you
done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this
world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men
would have fought to prevent my being surrendered
to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So
you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it'
answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this,
I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the
truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my
voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
Gospel Focus – Truth

Jesus says to Pilate that he came into the world 'to bear
witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen
to my voice.' That is where today's gospel passage finishes
but as the gospel continues on, Pilate famously asks Jesus
'What is truth?' and the question is left dangling;
unanswered. The truth Jesus has borne witness to is the truth
of his whole life – the revelation of God's love for humanity.
It is for proclaiming this truth that Jesus is placed on trial and
is brought before Pilate.

**Free e-book (with church imprimatur) for your
computer/tablet/phone**

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a
computer/tablet/ phone, offers the Gospel for every day of the
coming Liturgical Year C-1 beginning with the First Sunday of
Advent (Dec 2, 2018). Each daily Gospel has with it a reflection of
some 750 words. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to
friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of
Archbishop Anthony Fisher given when he was Bishop of
Parramatta. **Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-1** may be
accessed at the following: www.catholic-ghts.info/ebook/