



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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – August 26th, 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: 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
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
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass
 Fri: 9:30am Mass for St Mary’s Primary School
 Grandparents (A – D families) In the School
 Gymnasium.

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.

CATHOLIC LIFE

The August edition is now out. Please pick up a copy.

NEXT WEEKEND 1st & 2nd September 2018

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	M Elliott	J De Boer	M Calabro	J Peachey, C M-Smith & T Flannery
9:30am	P B-Graham	G Neeson	S Dean, C & S Tilley	D Atkins, M Elliott & P B-Graham
CHURCH CLEANING: 1st – 15th September: Volunteers needed.				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ann O'Brien (sister of Ellen Delany & Terry Smyth),
Tony McManus (whose wife Margaret, taught at St Mary's).

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Francesca & Francesco Aloisio, Jan Feltham (Ross), Jack Donchi,
Fr Joe Pulis SDB, Nicolina & Pasquale Tedeschi, Fr James Collier,
Rev Pro Bar, Mary Collins, Cecily Tilley, George Stock, Leo Bills,
Harry Symons, Alma Turzan, Dinah Howe, Shirley Stoddart,
Neil Wigg, Mark Morgan, Fr Thomas Shearman, Fr Patrick Cremin,
Fr William Shinnick.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Ellen Delany, Anne Armstrong, Norma Brownrigg, Grant Mitchell,
Harold Coverdale, Steve Butler, Jenny Barlow (sister of Noreen Beirne),
Trish Freebairn, Mark Owen, Sr Mary Carroll RGS,
Elisha Weekes (granddaughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg),
Rivers Purtel, Bill Cole, Tracey Moffatt, Margaret Flynn, Rick Jones,
Tamara Flannery, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer),
Amy Hood, Bill Glassborow, Ena Morris, Raylene Steer, Holly Box,
Peg Marsh, Rose Gallagher, Brian Rowe, Paul McFarlane,
Betty Holloway, Tyler Green, Di Dunlop, John Buck, Kerry Larkin,
Amanda Matthews, Rohani Wallace, Mark Kelly, Guy Newman,
Maryanne Esmonde, Coral Prendergast, Kaili Kidner, Maria Sticca,
James Warren, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth Knight, Tammy Ewing,
Rhonda Coloe, Michelle Bowles, Harrison Stagg, Pauline Cocco,
Peter Grimsted, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Julie Ann Milnes-James,
Thomas Anderson, Trish Henderson, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann,
Tyson Chapman, Shannon Helmers.

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.

104TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Migrant and Refugee Sunday will be observed on Sunday 26th August 2018. *Pope Francis* says in his message for the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees: "In this regard, I wish to reaffirm that 'our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate'." Fr Ciril Bozic OFM OAM reminds us that the Catholic Church is a universal Church, and in Australia we can see this as a real picture as the song says: "We are one, but we are many." From many parts of the world, different races, cultures, languages, customs and traditions, but one in Jesus Christ. **The Diocesan celebration today 26th August at 2.00 pm at St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Clyde North. The worship space is located on the first floor of St Peter's College, Cranbourne East campus. All are welcome to attend.**

EAST GIPPSLAND – A REFUGEE WELCOME ZONE

You may have heard recently that our shire unanimously voted to be a Refugee Welcome Zone. Along with the hard work that EGASS – (East Gippsland Asylum Seekers Support Group) put in to help achieve this goal, Fr Michael, on behalf of our Parish, also contributed to this outcome with a letter of support. We are most grateful that the Shire has taken such a stance.

Collections for week ending 19th August 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,169.50
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 1,460.00
1 st Collection	\$ 526.30
2 nd Collection	\$ 468.80

NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER & ACTION

20th – 31st August 2018.

CAPSA (Catholic Alliance for People seeking Asylum) is asking for the Catholic community to come together to advocate, and pray for people seeking asylum, this time in the weeks either side of the 104th World Day of Migrant and Refugees.

As a practical expression of Pope Francis' message to welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees they ask for your support in facilitating action to advocate and raise awareness for people seeking asylum in our communities. Email info@capsa.org.au for further information.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the past 19 years, our Parish has financially supported people in local, national and international communities. The funds for this financial support have been derived from 2.5% of parishioner's planned giving contributions, amounting to approximately \$4,000 each year. Parishioner's suggestions are warmly invited for this year's allocation of funds in support of local, national and international needs. *Please leave your written suggestions at the Parish Centre by September 1st.*

RESTORATION UPDATE

External work on the church grounds at St Mary's has resumed. The work is along the Pyke Street side of the church, including the removal of existing concrete and soil, drainage works, electrical cabling for external lighting and the laying of a gravel base for new concrete. Imported lights from Italy have been ordered and will have an impressive effect on our beautifully restored church at night, as well as providing added security around the church perimeter. After consultation with an arborist, some trees had to be removed, which in turn has resulted in maximising the view for those passing by. WIN TV has made contact and are doing a story on the restoring of St Mary's Church in Bairnsdale. It was aired on Friday evening.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

2 SEPTEMBER 2018 FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION FOR THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

This Fund supports the priests and deacons of our diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be about \$180,000. Envelopes are available in the Church for the Special Collection to be taken up next weekend to assist the work of the Priests' Welfare Foundation of the Diocese of Sale. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible. If you require a receipt for taxation purposes, please print your name and address clearly on the special envelope and a receipt will be issued in due course. Thank you.

DIOCESE OF SALE JOB VACANCIES

Two positions need filling at the moment. Diocesan Business Manager and Manager Professional Standards & Pastoral Ministry. Visit the website at www.sale.catholic.org.au for more details. Applications close September 7th, 2018.

POPE'S LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Pope Francis has responded to new reports of clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up of abuse. In an impassioned letter, he calls on the Church to be close to victims in solidarity, and to join in acts of prayer and fasting in penance for such 'atrocities.' View online at www.vaticannews.va OR a few hard copies can be found in the foyer of the church.

Nagle College is hosting an event on Friday 7th September in honour of our 60th anniversary. *Celebrating School Life*, celebrates 60 years of providing a Catholic Secondary education to students in the region. A complimentary light lunch will be served from 1-2 pm, followed by a student-led school tour from 2-3pm. For more information or to RSVP please visit www.nagle.vic.edu.au/item/event/60-year-celebrations, call Nagle College on 5152 6122 or visit us at 20 Hope Ave, Bairnsdale.



**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?"**. Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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.

RECLAIMED FOR GOOD

A presentation by stitch artist, Jeni Irwin, of her unique shopping bags made from offcuts and discarded fabric, representing lives needing to find a place in our society. Over 200 shopping bags to choose from. \$20 each - all money to

EAST GIPPSLAND ASYLUM SEEKERS SUPPORT GROUP (EGASS)

Jeni will give a short talk on her work.

SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2PM - 4PM

@ St Mary's Parish Centre. Afternoon tea will be served.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Our annual pilgrimage to the shrine of *Our Lady of Perpetual Help* at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale will be led by Bishop Pat O'Regan. This is to be held on Sunday 16th September at 1:30pm. The pilgrimage will depart from Cathedral Hall and close with a Liturgy of the Word. Afternoon tea to follow. Please register your interest with your Parish office.

Readings for 2/9/2018

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

Psalm: Ps 14: 2-5

2nd Reading: James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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
ADMINISTRATION
empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God's wisdom by providing the planning and coordination needed to accomplish good 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 Gabby & Lachie and their gift of **GIVING** – supporting cancer suffers with a fundraiser by having their heads shaved; to Sharon and her gift of **HELPS** – happy to help out so families can celebrate together. 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?

Are you gifted with proclaiming God's Word? Are you passionate about spending time, hearing, reading and meditating on God's Word? If so, you may be called to be a Proclaimer of the Word during our liturgical celebrations.

As in every ministry, as in every job worth doing well, we benefit by ongoing training in the Ministry of Reader (or Lector). In fact, ongoing training is as important for a reader as it is for a musician – merely having learned it once is not enough – we need to keep coming back to be refreshed, inspired, informed and ENRICHED.

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?

Our next gathering is **Monday 27th August at the Parish Centre 1:30 to 3pm**. To find out more, contact Pattie at the Parish Centre.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY:

Everything you always wanted to SAY about the Catholic Church but thought no one would listen...

A good number of parishioners were witness recently to the BBI eConference, *Synodality in Practice*, which encouraged us all to take our opportunity to share our thoughts, worries, concerns, hopes and dreams for our Church in Australia. We all walked away with hope that our voices will indeed be heard, that each one of us matters, and that our faith journey is important.

We are asking for expressions of interest in hosting or joining a small group. These will happen in the coming months. We will be gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith, and the Church. Please contact the Parish Centre to register your voice.

SMILE

Why did the traffic light turn red?

You would too if you had to change in the middle of the street.

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

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Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

A reading from the book of Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips;/in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. /
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked/to destroy their remembrance from the earth. /The Lord turns his eyes to the just/and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears/and rescues them in all their distress. /The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;/ those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man/but from them all the Lord will rescue him. /He will keep guard over all his bones,/ not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;/those who hate the good are doomed. /The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants./ Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5: 21 – 32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives submit to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6: 60 - 69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

DATES TO REMEMBER

26th Aug: 2pm St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North –
Migrant and Refugee Sunday.

27th August: 1:30pm Proclaimers Enrichment Group – Parish Centre.

9th Sept: 'Reclaim for Good' 2pm @ Parish Centre.

16th Sept: Diocesan Pilgrimage 1:30pm @ Sale Cathedral.