



St Marys 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.

3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year C – January 27th, 2019
Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

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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: Angelo D'Amore, Michael Flynn, Rita Bowers, Angela McKail, Marylin Elliott and Wilma Collier. Clare Marriot-Smith & Denise Fallon (retiring).
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 during Mass or on 3rd Sunday 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 0409 530 423 or 5153 0423
Special Wedding Anniversaries: 6 months' notice is needed to facilitate a Papal Blessing for parishioners.

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: No Mass
Wed: 9:10am Mass
Thurs: No Mass
Fri: 9:10am Mass
2:00pm Funeral Prayers for Mr Lawrence Liccione
Morning Office @ 8:45am and Rosary @ 9am will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday as Fr Michael has meetings in Warragul these 2 days. Fr Xavier is off to India for the next 3 weeks. As previously stated, he will be with us until Easter. As he begins his holiday, we wish him safe travel, and a speedy return. Fr Avinash George, who was recently ordained back in India, will now begin his time with us on 22nd February.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: after 1st Friday Mass
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Friday during Mass
Morning Office: 8:45am in St Mary's Chapel
Rosary: after weekday morning Mass

NEXT WEEKEND 2nd & 3rd February 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	C Power	D Reefman	Volunteers required	C Marriot Smith, C Power & P Elliott
9:30am	P Walsh	T Kosmer	H Sampson, G & J Neeson	T Kosmer, J Delany & P Walsh

CHURCH CLEANING: 1st – 14th February: P & S Roderick

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Rowe, Lawrence Liccione (brother of Maureen Newcomen), Ellen Davies, Josephine Williamson.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Vittorio Saulle, Patricia Wood, Maria Parisotto, Maria Pukal, Sr Maria Terese, Jack Clark, Gwen Morgan, Noel Bills, Fr John Carley, Fr Bill Shanahan, Fr Philip Kavanagh, Fr Maurice Carroll, Joe Garro, Faye Pruscino, Lena Neligan, Annunziata Rettino, Benny Lamanna, Jack Deery, Rod Nicholson, Jenny Scott, Beryl Seib, Bishop Noel Daly, Fr Joe Flynn, Mgr. John Callanan VG, Fr Law Cusack,

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

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.

CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR THANKYOU’S

As a Parish we take this opportunity to thank most sincerely ALL those who helped with Masses over Christmas and the New Year. It was a busy time for all but ‘many hands make light work’ and together our Masses became prayerful, happy and blessed times gathering with friends and family to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Please know your support was and is appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Go eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..” Nehemiah 8: 10

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

WELCOME BACK

We wish all teachers, students and their families a happy, blessed and fruitful year. We would like to acknowledge all that goes into preparing our children to become independent, caring and happy adults in this changing world in which we all are part of. Enjoy the year.

GLUTEN FREE?

Anyone needing a GF host is asked to speak to the priest before Mass to organise.

PRAYERS FOR FR ANTHONY

Please continue to keep Fr Anthony in your prayers. His recovery is steady but slow. 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 must also take a moment to give thanks to the priests who have helped the 2 parishes by covering some of the Masses during this time. We ask that you keep all our priests in your prayers for continued good health.

Remember too, those who live in the ‘high country’, with the shortage of priests they have paid the price, but willingly accepted, the fact they have gone without Mass on a few occasions over the past couple of months. Please keep these communities in your prayers also.

EMMAUS – IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION 2019

Spiritual Direction invites you to a closer relationship with God within your Faith tradition. It is not about being ‘directed’, rather it is very much about being ‘invited’ to draw closer to God. God seeks you where you are. Flyers are available in the foyer of the church which provides dates and some information on ‘Spiritual Direction’, OR you can speak to Pattie if you have any questions or concerns. Mrs Geraldine Naismith comes from down the line once a month to give/help with this very blessed ministry.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The 1st meeting for 2019 is Thursday 14th February in the Parish Centre at 5:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Liturgy of the Hours is not a private function, but pertains to the whole body of the Church. It manifests the Church and has an effect upon it...Wherever possible the more important hours could be celebrated in common at parish churches. If the faithful come together and unite their hearts and voices in the Liturgy of the Hours, they manifest the Church celebrating the mystery of Christ.

GILH 20-22

As the daily prayer of the Church, Morning or Evening Prayer would normally be the formal parish liturgy when Mass cannot be celebrated on a weekday.

Morning Prayer/Office is offered at St Mary’s each weekday in the chapel at 8:45am. All are welcome to participate.

SISTERHOOD OF EAST GIPPSLAND

You are invited to ‘Sisterhood of East Gippsland’ on **Monday evenings 6pm – 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.** *Sisterhood is friendships, sharing laughter and tears, heartache and fears, letting go of the hurts and holding tight to the truths of Jesus.* For further information or enquiries, please contact Michelle at the Parish Centre.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

7th Feb: Loss & Grief Group 5pm @ Parish Centre.
14th Feb: PPC Meeting 5:30pm @ Parish Centre.
19th Feb: Liturgy Meeting @ Parish Centre 3:30pm.
6th Mar: Ash Wednesday



**Do you enjoy a time of peace, meditation and prayer?
If so then Taize may be for you.**

Taize is a tiny village in the hills of Burgundy in the eastern part of France. Since 1940 it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers whose vocation is to strive for communion among all. Taize's simple and effective liturgy is based on traditional elements of readings, silence, intercession and chants. The meditative chants are an echo of tradition deeply rooted in Christian prayer. Come and join us on the last Thursday of each month as we share together in the style of Taize Commencing 31st January 7pm – 8pm at the Salvation Army Church, Goold Street, Bairnsdale.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Fr Noel Connolly SSC, is a member of the Facilitation Team for the Plenary Council 2020, and has recently published some thoughts on the upcoming Plenary Council. One of his concerns is "that I do not think it is easy to know what is deep in our hearts and it is even more difficult to express it adequately." Below are a couple of thoughts he has written about.

Luke 18: 35-43 – Jesus heard the blind man calling out and "ordered him to be brought to him; and when the man came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'" It was obvious that the blind man wanted, he wanted to see. But, Jesus insists on asking, "What do you want me to do for you?" It was important to Jesus that the blind man articulate what he wanted. It is important to each of us that we be able to answer the same question.

Another thought in the article was...

John A Sanford begins his *The Kingdom Within* with another helpful image. As a boy, he spent a month each summer in an old farmhouse in New Hampshire. The family was not wealthy, so the house had no electricity or plumbing. Their water supply came from a well. The water from this well was unusually cold, pure and a joy to drink, and the well was remarkable because it never ran dry. Even in the most severe droughts, it yielded up its cool, clear water. Eventually, the family earned enough money to put in electricity and plumbing, and the old well was covered over. Several years later, driven by curiosity, he decided to open the well and was shocked to find that the well that survived the severest droughts was now bone dry. He eventually learnt, that a well is fed by hundreds of tiny rivulets that seep through gaps in the rocks but if water is not taken regularly from the well the rivulets slowly close up. The well was dry because no one had drawn water from it.

For Sanford, that was an image of the spiritual life. Our souls dry up if we do not draw from the kingdom within us. We become dry, barren and spiritually dead, "if we have covered over our souls and ceased to draw up into our consciousness what is contained in the inner depths."

Fr Noel ends with this thought...'That is why I would encourage people to share and send in their responses often. It is not something that can be done in one listening and dialogue session. What we are trying to develop is a habit of mind, heart and prayer.'

To read more go to:

<https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/newsletters-and-bulletins/columban-ebulletin>

SMILE

What do elves make sandwiches with? Shortbread.

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 SERVICE

empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's purposes by recognising the logistical gaps or unmet needs that can prevent good things from happening, and by personally doing whatever it takes to solve the problem and meet the need.

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 those who helped with the Christmas Masses and their gifts of **SERVICE, MUSIC, HELPS, ADMINISTRATION** – altogether they provided an atmosphere of love, caring, sharing and blessedness. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

IT'S BACK – Children's Liturgy will be offered every 1st and 3rd Sunday morning during Mass and within school terms. The first gathering will be 3rd February. Michelle and Amanda are again taking up this ministry and are always on the lookout for more helpers. If you can assist in any way, please contact Michelle at the Parish Centre.



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

LOSS AND GRIEF GROUP

The Loss and Grief Group's first gathering for 2019 will be 7th February. They meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Parish centre @ 5pm. If you would like more information please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre and she will arrange for someone to contact you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Parish begins the preparation of children, usually those in Grade 3, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the 12th February. The sacrament will take place on 26th March. If you know anyone who may be interested, please contact Michelle at the Parish Centre 5152 2942 ASAP.

Collections for week ending 20th January 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,344.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 1,385.00
1 st Collection	\$ 512.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 763.00

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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

A reading from the book of Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27 (Shorter form)

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Readings for 3 /02/2019</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm: 70: 1-6, 15, 17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 31 – 13: 13</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30</p>
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