



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.

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER, Year B – April 29th, 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.

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 at BUPA/Eastwood Aged Care
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass @ Nagle College Chapel for St Mary’s Primary School Grade 3’s
Please note change of venue. Due to works being carried out at St Mary’s Primary School, this will continue until the end of 2018.
 1:30pm Funeral Prayers for Mrs Patricia Kean.
 Fri: 8:00am Mass @ Nagle College Chapel
 9:10am Mass

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 5th & 6th May 2018

ROSTERS	Commentators	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	C Power	K de Klerk	Volunteers needed	C Power & M Elliott & volunteer
9:30am	J Neeson	N Nash	M Elbourne & G Dooley	S Tilley, G Neeson & M Owen
CHURCH CLEANING: 1st – 15th May: M Owen, J & D Fallon				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Kean, Lucia (Lucy) De Moel, Debbie Curtis Lee.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Teresa Saulle, Joe Gwizdek, Rick Marshall, Sean Dooley, Fortunato Desio, Francesca Desio, Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr Maurice Hoyne, Fr Tim O'Brien, Don Ward, Monica Ainsworth, Cliff Betts, Lena Betts, Glen Dungey, Des Shanahan, John Brooks, Norman Dore, Fr John McCann, Fr Michael Hallinan.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Amy Hood, Bill Glassborow, Ena Morris, Raylene Steer, Bill Cole, Holly Box, Rose Gallagher, Stella Thompson, Paul McFarlane, Betty Holloway, Tyler Green, Audrey Johnston, Anaiah Dinaceva, Di Dunlop, John Buck, Cath Smyth, Arthur Elbourne, Rick Jones, Amanda Matthews, Brian Rowe, Maryanne Esmonde, Rohani Wallace, Mark Kelly, Coral Prendergast, Kaili Kidner, James Warren, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth Knight, Kerry Larkin, Michelle Bowles, Harrison Staggs, Pauline Cocco, Peg Marsh, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Rhonda Coloe, Peter Grimsted, Thomas Anderson, Tammy Ewing, Maria Sticca, Shannon Helmers, Tyson Chapman, Guy Newman, Trish Henderson, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann.

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.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM REVIEW

Our Stewardship Program provides the core funding for our Parish facilities and programs. We are currently undertaking a mid-way review and over the weekends of 13th and 20th May, you will hear about our current state and future plans and have the opportunity to respond accordingly. THANK YOU for all you have contributed so far to our wonderful parish! – *Fr Michael*

YOUTH & FAMILY MASS

"Love is shown by the little things, by attention to small daily signs, which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic Churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith." - Pope Francis

Join us for an evening Mass with a focus on families and youth. This mass will feature live contemporary music (drums, guitar, keyboard and singers), and leaders from Nagle College and St Mary's Primary School will be active participants in all areas of the Mass.

Please celebrate with us, as we focus on the joy of families and of being part of the family of the Church, which was born at Pentecost.

WHEN: Sunday 20th May **TIME:** 5PM **WHERE:** St Mary's Church.

A Light Supper will follow, in the Parish Centre.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

DATES TO REMEMBER

8th May 10am – East Region meeting, St Brendan's, Lakes Entrance.
12th May 9am – 3pm – Our Lady of Fatima, St Brigid's, Cowwarr
12/13 May – Stewardship Program Review
19/20 May - Stewardship Program Review
20th May 5pm – Youth & Family Mass @ St Mary's
2nd June 10am-2pm – Understanding Mental Health @
St Joseph's by the Sea, Williamstown.
10th June 11am - St Anthony Mass, Procession & light lunch.
8th August 9:30am – 3pm - eConference @ Parish Centre.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2018 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to listen, discern and live this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness.

..... each of us can discover his or her own vocation only through spiritual discernment. This is 'a process by which a person makes fundamental choices, in dialogue with the Lord and listening to the voice of the Spirit, starting with the choice of one's state in life.'

Today, we have great need of discernment and of prophecy. We have to resist the temptations of ideology and negativity, and to discover, in our relationship with the Lord, the places, the means and situations through which he calls us. Every Christian ought to grow in the ability to 'read' within his or her life, and to understand *where* and *to what* he or she is being called by the Lord, in order to carry on his mission. If he lets us realise that he is calling us to consecrate ourselves totally to his kingdom, then we should have no fear! It is beautiful – and a great grace – to be completely and forever consecrated to God and the service of our brothers and sisters. We should not wait to be perfect in order to respond with our generous "yes", nor be fearful of our limitations and sins, but instead open our hearts to the voice of the Lord. To *listen* to that voice, to *discern* our personal mission in the Church and the world, and at last to *live* it in the today that God gives us.

May Mary Most Holy, who as a young woman living in obscurity heard, accepted and experienced the Word of God made flesh, protect us and accompany us always on our journey.

MILITARY ORDINARIATE OF AUSTRALIA

Having just commemorated ANZAC Day, we are reminded that the Diocese is deeply committed to providing pastoral care to all members of the Australian Defence Force and their families wherever they may be. Next weekend there will be a 3rd collection to support them. Thank you for your generosity to them in their important work.

"OUR LADY OF FATIMA: INTO THE FUTURE?"

The Ordinariate Parish of the Most Holy Family invites you to come spend a day with them as they celebrate Our Lady of Fatima. **WHERE:** St Brigid's Church, Church Street, Cowwarr **WHEN:** Saturday 12th May **TIME:** 9am to 3pm. Any enquiries, please contact Pat Crozier – 0400218 417

THE STAGING POST

– COURAGEOUS PEOPLE NEVER GIVE UP!

This is a film by Jolyon Hoff. The cinema screening of this film is being supported by East Gippsland Asylum Seeker Support Group. **WHEN:** Sunday 24th June **WHERE:** Sun Cinema, 112 Macleod Street **TIME:** 7pm – 9pm **COST:** \$16 Tickets are available at thestagingpost.com.au OR Schoolworks, 147 Macleod Street, Bairnsdale. The evening will include Q & A with Muzafar Ali and the director, Jolyon Hoff. A light supper will be served afterwards.

CATHOLIC LIFE

The April edition of Catholic Life is now available. Please pick up a copy from the foyer of the church.



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

UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH - how do we respond?

Christian Life Communities VIC (CLC) in conjunction with St Joseph's by the Sea, Williamstown invite you to a day of Understanding Mental Health and how do WE respond?

DATE: Saturday 2nd June 2018 **TIME:** 10am – 2pm

VENUE: St Joseph's by the Sea, 16 Esplanade Williamstown (free on-street parking is available). **LUNCH:** light lunch provided.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr Caroline Johnson GP **RSVP:** by 25th May

COST: \$25 **EMAIL:** chrislongman22@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

8 August 2018 eConference from the Diocese of Broken Bay.

Synodality in Practice:

Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

At this year's eConference, prominent international and national speakers and panellists will discuss their future vision and hopes for the Catholic Church in Australia. The discussion is timed to coincide with the 2020 Plenary Council – the first such synod for the Australian Church in 80 years.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale is accepting enrolments for the Sacrament of First Communion. If any parents/carers wish their child/ren to participate in the program, please contact Michelle Grimsted at the Parish Centre on 5152 2942 or by email, stm.michelleg@gmail.com. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7:00pm in St Mary's Parish Centre.

EMMAUS – SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY – DIOCESE OF SALE

Geraldine, from Emmaus, is a qualified Spiritual Director. She comes to Bairnsdale once a month and is seeking those who may be interested in receiving spiritual direction. Due to holidays her next time in Bairnsdale will be Wednesday 13th June. This does incur a cost of \$60 BUT it is a negotiable cost. If you are interested, please call Geraldine 0409 352 898 or call the Parish Centre and speak to Pattie. The complete list of dates for 2018 can be found in the foyer of the church.

EAST REGION MEETING

Together with the Plenary Council meetings, it is important to keep our connections with the other parishes in the east of our Diocese. The next East Region meeting is 8th May at St Brendan's, Lakes Entrance. We gather from 10am with a 10:30am start and finish at 12:30pm. After this we continue with a shared lunch. A great way to meet others, to hear their stories and to know the JOY of the Risen Lord. If you would like to attend please contact the Parish Centre for more information. We do 'car pool'.

SMILE

(and the world smiles with you)

Why can't you play games in the zoo?
Because there are too many cheetahs!

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.



The Charism of PASTORING

empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God's love and build Christian community by nurturing the relationships and long-term spiritual growth of a group.
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 Steph and her gift of **TEACHING** – a passionate supporter of our youth; to James and his gift of **HELPS** – quietly helping others in need; and to Anna Maria and her charism of **TEACHING** – a second language can help show how big/small our world is. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.



2019 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR NAGLE COLLEGE

Enrolment Applications for 2019 are now being accepted. If you have a child to enroll for 2019 please submit an application to the Registrar by Friday 1 June. Enrolment Applications need to include a copy of your child's birth certificate. Applications can be downloaded from the College website at <http://www.nagle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/info> or in person from the College. Application forms were also included in the Show Bags which were given out during the College Open Night in March. Any enquiries regarding applications, enrolments, or to join a tour, please contact Ms Rhonda Lawrance, College Registrar on 5152 9928 or registrar@nagle.vic.edu.au.

"HEALING THE HURTS" in regard to the "RENAMING OF THE SEAT OF MCMILLAN"

When the seat of McMillan was named after Angus McMillan the standards of the day would have considered him to be a man who made significant inroads into early exploration. It has come to light that Angus McMillan, in his role, ordered a significant number of massacres of Aboriginal people in the region. These massacres in the 1840's, caused the deaths of hundreds of men, women and children. Recently there has been submissions to the Australian Electoral Commission to rename the seat of McMillan as "Bunjileene-Purrinee." Bunjileene was a tribal chief of the Gunai Kurnai people in the area. He and his family were taken off country and incarcerated during the time of the massacres. At this stage the Australian Electoral Commission is preferring the name Monash for this electorate after John Monash rather than Bunjileene-Purrinee. John Monash has no connection to the area and so this choice seems to be misguided. We believe that a way for us to support "Healing the Hurts" for our local Indigenous community would be to complete a petition to support the Indigenous name rather than Monash. Today after Mass we will have a petition that you can sign to show your support for the Indigenous name change. This petition will then be presented to the Australian Electoral Office.

Collections for week ending 22nd April 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,612.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 405.00
1 st Collection	\$ 490.60
2 nd Collection	\$ 1,151.45

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

5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:18-24

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15: 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

<p align="center">Readings for 6/5/2018 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B 1st Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Psalm: Ps 97: 1-4 2nd Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10 Gospel: John 15: 9-17</p>
