



St Mary's Bairnsdale

BAIRNSDALE – OMEO
East Region – Diocese of Sale

Who we are tomorrow begins with what we do today.



St Patrick's Painesville

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 TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD, Year A – August 6th, 2017

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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), Rob Gray, Sandie Tilley, Denise Fallon, Gillian Mason & Marguerite Byrne.
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

ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE: Sat: 6:00pm & Sun: 9:30am
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 Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Wed: 9:10am Mass
10:30am Mass OPAL/Harnham Aged Care
Thurs: 9:10am Mass – St Mary's Primary School
Fri: 9:10am Mass
1:30pm Funeral Mass: Mr Henk Postma, St Patrick's, Painesville.
Sat: 9:10am Rosary and
9:30am Mass: Fatima Centenary 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: 9:00am in St Mary's Chapel
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: after 1st Friday Mass
Rosary: after morning Mass/Liturgy of the Word
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Friday during Mass

GLUTEN FREE

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

WELCOME to parishioners and visitors who have come to celebrate Mass today.

NEXT WEEKEND 12th /13th August

ROSTERS	Commentators	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	Confirmation Mass - friends & family to do.			
9:30am	G Neeson	P Bolger	Bolger family	T Kosmer, J & K Bennett
CHURCH CLEANING: 1st – 15th August: P & S Roderick				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Henk Postma, Fr Kevin Penry SJ, Dr G Yunupingu, Marie Petterson.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Antonio Lupo di Palma, John McKenna, Frank Nugent, Fr John McGirr, Fr Joseph Martin, Frank Power, Marie Wade, Annunziata & Giuseppe Di Palma, Nicolina Tedeschi, Giosue & Genoveffa Calvi, Fr Michael Murphy, Fr Red Wilson, Fr Maurice McKenna.

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

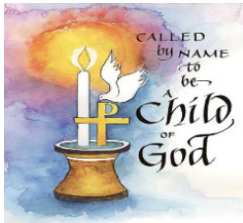
PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Fr Joe Pulis SDB, Allan Cooke, Noel O'Keefe, Denise Roberts, Peter Brown, John Buck, Maryanne Esmonde, Keith Murray, Claire Conquest, Caroline Lytton, Debbie Curtis Lee, Cath Smyth, Marie Elbourne, Rohani Wallace, Rick Jones, Betty Holloway, Kaili Kidner, Elizabeth Knight, Holly Box, Coral Prendergast, Michael Counsel, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Pauline Cocco, Peg Marsh, Maureen Stone, Arthur Elbourne, Harrison Stagg, Rhonda Coloe, Peter Grimsted, Michelle Bowles, Louise Roehr, Kerry Larkin, Thomas Anderson, Fr Frank Freeman SDB, Brian Rowe, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Tammy Ewing, Roma Jansen, Joyce Smilie, Maria Sticca, James Warren, Tyson Chapman, Shannon Helmers, Guy Newman, Trish Henderson, Mark Kelly, Judith Mathews, Amanda Braddock, Edna MacNamara, Roslyn Websdale, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann.

GREAT NEWS!!! CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS BACK

"Let the children come to me..such is the kingdom of God" Luke 18:16
Children's Liturgy begins this **SUNDAY**. It is being offered during 9:30am Mass on 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month. All families are very welcome. Any enquiries please phone Michelle at the Parish Centre.

We welcome i



Eva Elizabeth Lancaster

daughter of
Christina & Mark
and

Meika Renae Brodribb

daughter of
Carolyn & Kris

PIPE ORGAN AND MUSICAL EVENTS GROUP

Bairnsdale Uniting Church presents the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra featuring Brian Chapman on piano on Sunday, 13th August at 2:30pm. COST: \$20 (school students free). On Sunday, August 27th at 2pm outstanding young Australian Pipe Organist Edwin Kwong will be playing works by Bach, Elgar, Handel and more. COST: \$25 (school students free). *Tickets to both concerts are available at Just Books Bairnsdale. Any enquiries to 5152 9434.*

CATHOLICCARE SUNDAY APPEAL

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in

DATES TO REMEMBER

10th August – E-Conference 10:30am to 2:45pm in Parish Centre.
12th August – Sacrament of Confirmation 6pm
15th August – East Region Meeting 10:30am in Parish Centre.
27th August – Migrant, Refugee Sunday 2pm St Patrick's Pakenham
2nd September – Ordination to the Diaconate 11am, St Mary's Sale

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." MATTHEW 17:2

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Two of our seminarians, Avinash George and Hiep van Nguyen, will be ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Sale on Saturday 2nd September at 11.00 am at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

A Diocesan Choir is being formed to lead the singing at the Ordination Mass. We are also looking for instrumentalists.

If you are interested in joining the choir/musicians for this wonderful occasion, please contact Mrs Sophy Morley, ASAP [Esmorley@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:Esomorley@sale.catholic.org.au) P 03 5622 6677; M 0413 590 007 Singers/Musicians will receive a music pack, details of rehearsal times and venues around the diocese.

St Mary's of Sale are needing to know numbers for catering and booklets. Please phone Pattie at the Parish centre 5152 2942 if you are intending to go.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

We are most appreciative of all who attended either meeting with Paul Munday last Tuesday. It is encouraging to know that we are all working towards a 'Child & Vulnerable Adults Safe Parish'.

ST VINCENT de PAUL, BAIRNSDALE CONFERENCE

SvDP Society thank parishioners for their generous donations to their recent 'Winter Appeal'. Nearly \$1500 was raised which will go towards helping those who have found themselves in difficult situations.

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

8 AUGUST 2017 (anniversary of her death).

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842 – 1909) our first Australian saint, had a passion to ensure that education was available to poor children right across the Australian countryside. She went to extraordinary means and difficulties to pursue the calling and have her sisters travel to where the greatest need existed. She exhibited courage, trust, openness and raw faith in her deliberations and actions. On 15 August 1867, Sister Mary MacKillop took her first Vows as a Religious and the title "of the Cross", a call to lifetime courage and desire to serve Jesus in very practical ways. She faced many trials and tribulations setting up groups of sisters in and near Adelaide (including Penola), Sydney, Bathurst and Brisbane, travelling widely and writing volumes of letters of support and encouragement available to us today.

Relying on the providence of God, Mary provided care for neglected children, girls in danger and for the aged, poor and incurably ill, as well as refuge for women off the streets or newly from jail. She is remembered for her significant contribution to education, as Mary established a system of elementary Catholic education that would prepare the children of ordinary working-class people for suitable employment. Her letters continue to be a support and encouragement for many.

The life and spirituality of our Australian "Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop" has been officially acclaimed by the Universal Church in her Canonization on 17 October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI. Her spirit is truly alive in the ongoing work of the Sisters of St Joseph and in the hearts of those who have been inspired by her. Useful websites: <http://www.marymackillop.org.au/prayer> <http://www.catholic.org/saints> <http://www.sydneycatholic.org> <http://www.sosj.org.au/who-we-are>

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION

As you know, the Victorian Parliament will debate an assisted suicide or euthanasia bill sometime in the second half of 2017. Over the last couple of weeks, with the support of Bob Marshall, other parishioners and *The Life, Marriage and Family Office* in the Melbourne Archdiocese, names have been collected on a petition that has now been taken to our local member of Parliament, Tim Bull MLA on Friday 4th August. We thank you for your support and ask that you keep up the prayers on this matter. As we become more informed about the issue, we are encouraged to raise our voices in opposition to the proposed legislation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation continues for 35 students with the help and support of their parents and teachers. It will culminate on Saturday, 12th August at the 6pm Mass when Bishop Pat will be present and confirm them. Please keep the candidates, their families and teachers in your prayers as they journey towards this very special time in their lives.

Please note: if you attend the Confirmation Mass, you may have to sit upstairs as the first 17 pews on each side of the church will be reserved for the candidates and their families.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 2017

National Vocations Awareness Week is from 6th to 13th August 2017. The church in the Sale Diocese needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this. Firstly – pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying ‘yes’. Secondly – talk about the possibility of a vocation to others. We are pleased that Paul Zaher, a 4th year seminarian and based in Bairnsdale for 6 months, will speak about his reasons for joining & some of his life experiences at some of the Masses this weekend. For those Masses he misses this weekend, he will ‘do’ next weekend.

FR JOE PULIS SDB

Fr Michael was speaking with Fr Joe last Thursday week to find out that Fr Joe has been in Cabrini Hospital. The doctors have concerns about his heart and kidneys. When asked if he had a message for everyone here in the Parish, Fr Joe said, “I miss them”. Please keep Fr Joe in your prayers.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the past 18 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. This is the last opportunity for suggestions – please leave them in the Parish Centre by days end of Friday 11th August. Many thanks to those who have offered suggestions already.

K.O.G.O

“Knit One Give One” is a Melbourne based group which distributes hand knitted woollen items to many people in need all over Australia. Parishioners are invited to knit such items as beanies (especially ones in the colours of the aboriginal flag), scarves, gloves, babies and children’s wear as well as squares that can be sewn together to make blankets. Please see their website for patterns and instructions: www.kogo.org.au

MIGRANT & REFUGEE WEEK – AUGUST 21-27, 2017

The Diocese will celebrate Migrant & Refugee Sunday on 27th August. It will be hosted by St Patrick’s Parish, Pakenham. Mass will begin at 2pm and be concelebrated by Bishop Patrick and diocesan clergy. Mass will be followed by afternoon tea in the parish hall. All are welcome.

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.



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 Martin and his gift of SERVICE – helping maintain parish property; to Vin and his charism of HELPS – supporting his faith community; and Cathy and her gift of HOSPITALITY – giving of herself to help at St Patrick’s. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

e-CONFERENCE

Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis

In the past year alone, communities around the world have been grappling with momentous socio-political change and uncertainty. E.g.: the rise of fundamentalism, the growing violence and displacement of peoples in the Middle East, the election of numerous populist leaders such as Presidents Trump in the USA and Duterte in the Philippines and Britain’s historic vote to leave the European Union.

Pope Francis represents the hope of many people in these times of uncertainty: his message talks about belonging, dialogue, social justice, and mercy in a way that is both a challenge and inspiration for the world and the church.

At this year’s eConference, prominent international and national speakers and panelists will reflect upon these turbulent times and discuss them in the context of Pope Francis’ unique style of leadership.

Thursday 10th August, St Mary’s Parish Centre, Bairnsdale
10am (for a 10.30am start) - 2.45pm

BYO Lunch to share

Speakers and Panellists include

Professor Massimo Faggioli Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Villanova (Philadelphia) International Papal expert, theologian, political scientist
Mr Paul Kelly, Editor at Large, The Australian and one of the nation’s most respected political writers.

Professor the Hon Bob Carr, Professor of International Relations, and former Foreign Minister of Australia
Ms Elizabeth Proust AO, Chairman of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Member of the Truth Justice and Healing Council

Sr Clare Condon SGS Congregational Leader of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, Winner-2013 Human Rights Medal
Rev Dr Gerard A. Arbuckle SM, Co-Director, Refounding and Pastoral Development, Sydney- internationally respected consultant to religious congregations and Church-related organisations.

Sr Ruth Durick OSU, the Australian Provincial of the Ursulines of the Roman Union (*panellist only*).

Come along for an in-depth account of Pope Francis’ style of leadership and his hope for the future. To help prepare for the eConference, Discussion Questions are available from Pattie Pruscino 5152 2942:Chris Power 0418 148 657.

Prayer in preparation of Year of Youth

Father,

As we prepare for 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 TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD, Year A

Entrance Antiphon:

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

A reading from the book of Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place and one of great age Took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened. 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 ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. R.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see he glory. R.

For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. R.

A reading from the second letter of St Peter 1: 16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 13/08/2017
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13
Psalm: Ps 84: 8-14
2nd Reading: Romans 9: 1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

On the Mount of Transfiguration Jesus reveals to 3 of his disciples his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.