



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.

SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER, Year B – May 6th, 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 OPAL/Harnham 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.
 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 12th & 13th May 2018

ROSTERS	Commentators	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	J Peachey	K Flannery	M Calabro	J Peachey, K & T Flannery
9:30am	T Kosmer	M Elliott	J Delany, J & G Burton	M Elliott, T Kosmer & R David
CHURCH CLEANING: 1st – 15th May: M Owen, J & D Fallon				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maria Capobianco, Patricia Kean.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Lance Bills, David Bull, Brendan Deery, Rick Lightowler,
Fr Patrick Moore, Fr James Martin, Fr James Hegarty,
Dr James McGillicuddy, Teresa Saulle, Joe Gwizdek, Rick Marshall,
Sean Dooley, Fortunato Desio, Francesca Desio,
Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr Maurice Hoyne, Fr Tim O'Brien.

"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

- 7th May: Interchurch Lunch @ Baptist Church 12noon.
- 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.

LAUNCH OF OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

St Mary's Parish has launched its own Facebook page. We encourage those who wish to follow the page to link up as this is another way of staying linked to the happenings in our Parish. The name is simply: **St Mary's Church Bairnsdale**

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. This 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.

ITALIAN LUNCH

A very sincere thank-you to the cooks, organisers, helpers, donations given (be it money, beans, wine, lettuce) and those who supported by coming along and dining out on the delicious Italian food. A little over \$2,800 was raised for the Restoration Fund. Again, thank you to all for your support.

AN INVITATION

An Interchurch lunch has been organized as a follow up to the World Day of Prayer held earlier in March. It will be held at the Baptist Church, Princes Highway, Lucknow on 7th May at 12noon. Please bring a plate of finger food to share for lunch.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed to the Bursary Fund on Good Shepherd Sunday supporting the training of our 7 seminarians for the Diocese of Sale. \$1,037.10 was raised.

ST MARY'S OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Last Wednesday our Opp Shop celebrated it's 3rd year of operation. What an amazing achievement. A BIG thank you to the committee and to the wonderful volunteers who have given and continue to give of their time and talents working in the shop, out the back, in the shed or picking up or dropping donations off. Our prayers of thanks are with you all.

REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT

Over the past 2 years the PPC has worked to formulate a Code of Conduct to work together with WWCC to help keep our Parish a 'Child and Vulnerable Adults Safe Parish'. We have had to rewrite our Code of Conduct and we ask that all volunteers who have a WWCC please come into the Parish Centre to sign the revised version of our Code of Conduct. This is very important as we need to ensure our volunteers and our paperwork is up to standard. We thank you in anticipation of your assistance in this matter.



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 As the children begin to prepare for the Sacrament, please keep them, their families and teachers in your prayers.

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 this Tuesday, 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 come along, please contact the Parish Centre for more information. We do 'car pool'.

LOSS AND GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Parish Council is in the process of establishing a Loss and Grief Support Group. Initially the focus would be on those who have lost a loved one, but would eventually offer support to those experiencing different types of loss and grief (loss of a relationship, loss of employment, loss of independence etc). We would ask that those interested in such a group contact the Parish Centre and register their interest. The Group Coordinator is one of our newer members of the PPC, Michael Flynn and he will contact you and discuss the goals of the group.

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

We have emailed our petition, with over 70 signatures, to the Australian Electoral Commission supporting the renaming the Seat of McMillan to Bunjileene-Purrinee. We pray for a positive outcome.

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

PROPHECY

empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of divine truth and wisdom by communicating a word or call of God to individuals or a group through inspired words or actions.

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 Renee and her gift of **TEACHING** – passionate in her support of our primary school children; to Joe and his gift of **CRAFTSMANSHIP** – making the ordinary beautiful; and to Maria and her charism of **TEACHING** – sharing her love of learning with her students. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family, my friends, I can even feel love for some people I've never met. But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?



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.

SMILE

What do you call a prawn who won't let you play with his toys?
Shellfish.

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.

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

6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,
34-35, 44-48**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him,
knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped
him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come
to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but
that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does
what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down
on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied
Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit
should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could
hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the
greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone
refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have
received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then
gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus
Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some
days.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes
from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and
knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the
world his only Son so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean: not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 15: 9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in
my love, just as I have kept my Father's
commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in
you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a
servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to
you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you
anything you ask in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 13/5/2018

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, Year B

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm: Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-13

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20