



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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – September 9th, 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: 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
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 OPAL/Harnham Aged Care
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass St Mary’s Grade Preps at Nagle College Chapel
 Fri: 9:10am 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: 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.

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

NEXT WEEKEND 15th & 16th September 2018

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	C Marriot-Smith	S Gibson	M Calabro	P Elliott, J Peachey & M Elliott
9:30am	G Burton	S Tilley	G Dooley & others	M Owen, J Delany & S Dean

CHURCH CLEANING: 16th – 30th September: Volunteers needed.

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ian Dudley, Ben Browne, Dorothy Santamaria (Anita Hallett's mother).

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

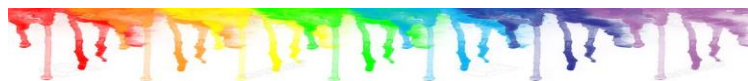
Mary Field, Owen Gibbons, Glenda Moulton, Evan Dungey, Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr John Howard, Christopher Mc Kenna, Bill Greenwood, Gerard Coloe, Manfred Ratzman, Mary Keady, James Rolland Duggan, Helen Galalowicz, Fr Ted Cooper, Fr John Kavanagh.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Sue Bayley, Vincent O'Reilly, Ellen Delany, Terry Pendergast, Victoria Haeusler, Joyce Harrington, Anne Armstrong, Bill Cole, Norma Brownrigg, Grant Mitchell, Rivers Purtel, Steve Butler, Harold Coverdale, Jenny Barlow (sister of Noreen Beirne), Trish Freebairn, Mark Owen, Elisha Weekes (granddaughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Rick Jones, Tracey Moffatt, Amy Hood, Margaret Flynn, Tamara Flannery, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Holly Box, Raylene Steer, Bill Glassborow, Ena Morris, Peg Marsh, Rose Gallagher, Brian Rowe, John Buck, Paul McFarlane, Betty Holloway, Tyler Green, Di Dunlop, Kerry Larkin, Rohani Wallace, Mark Kelly, Amanda Matthews, Guy Newman, Elizabeth Knight, Maria Sticca, Maryanne Esmonde, Kaili Kidner, Coral Pendergast, James Warren, Michael Counsel, 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.



Students at St Mary's Primary welcome all of St Mary's community to visit our ART SHOW next week. The students look forward to sharing their work and talent with everyone.

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Wednesday 12th September from 5pm - 7pm

{with Official Opening at 5.30pm}

Thursday 13th September 3pm - 6pm

and Friday 14th September

10am - 12.30pm then 2pm - 4pm

ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION Free for students 12 yrs. & under.

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. Jeni will give a short talk on her work. \$20 each - all money to -

EAST GIPPSLAND ASYLUM SEEKERS SUPPORT GROUP (EGASS)

SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2PM - 4PM

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

SMILE

Why did the grape go out with a prune?
Because it couldn't get a date.

Collections for week ending 2nd September 2018

Envelopes	\$ 1,150.50
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 2,935.00
1 st Collection	\$ 458.35
2 nd Collection	\$ 687.35

**NATIONAL
CHILD
PROTECTION
WEEK 2018**



In 2018 the Australian Catholic Church marks

Child Safeguarding Sunday on September 9,

which concludes National Child Protection Week.

Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) on August 31, released their response to the recommendations of the [Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse](#).

The Royal Commission in December of 2017, presented a final report to the Governor-General, detailing the culmination of a five-year inquiry into institutional responses to child sexual abuse and related matters. It called for a number of reforms in the protection of youth and response to allegations when they arise. The response by the bishops and religious agrees with most of those recommendations, the exception being a recommendation that would require priests in some circumstances to break the seal of confession. However, the response stated that protection of the seal and protection of children are not incompatible.

In their preamble to the report, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of the ACBC, Monica Cavanagh RSJ, president of CRA, thanked the commission for their report and "especially the survivors of abuse who showed such courage in coming forward to bear witness to their suffering. To them and their families, we offer our sincere and unreserved apology, and we commit anew to doing whatever can to heal the wounds of abuse and to make the Church a truly safe place for all. We renew to all our expression of profound sorrow that children and young people were abused by clergy, religious and lay workers of the Catholic Church, and that many bishops and religious leaders failed to act to prevent abuse and to report offenders to police."

Bishop Coleridge and Sr. Monica noted that many of the recommendations already have been or are being implemented and that Australia wants to be aligned with the spirit of the recent letter of Pope Francis. "The Pope's recent [Letter to the People of God](#) makes clear that the Church's response at the highest level begins with the acknowledgment of grave sin and failure by bishops and religious leaders and a culture of clericalism. Our response in Australia gives local shape to the action required to address such failure and the need for cultural change."

On behalf of every parishioner, I renew our commitment to making our Parish safe for everyone, especially children and vulnerable adults. To this end, I would be delighted to hear **nominations** for a **Parish Safeguarding Officer**. This is a voluntary position for a few hours per week that would require regular contact with the Parish Priest and Business Manager - Paul can be contacted for a role description. **Nominations close Fri Sep 21.** Please pray that the Lord will call forth one of his servants to fill this important role. Fr Michael

MASS OF HEALING

A 'Mass of Healing', in response to the crisis of abuse and betrayal in our Church, will be offered at **St Brendan's Catholic Church, Lakes Entrance on Friday 14th September at 5pm.** All welcome to attend. If you know someone who is hurting, then please reach out and invite them.

PIPE ORGAN AND MUSICAL EVENTS GROUP invites you to a 'Friends Together' Recital. Roger Heagney on piano and John Schmidli on trumpet will be performing at Bairnsdale Uniting Church on **Sunday 9th September at 2pm.** COST: \$20, students free. Tea & coffee during interval. Enquiries to 5152 9434.

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.

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

A good number of parishioners who recently witnessed the BBI eConference have been encouraged to take this opportunity of the *Plenary Council 2020* to share their thoughts, worries, concerns, hopes and dreams for our Church in Australia. We sincerely believe that our voices will indeed be heard, that each one of us matters, and that our faith journey is important.

Over the next 3 months we are encouraging you to participate either individually or within a group to listen, share and discern our faith journey in East Gippsland and Australia.

Whilst we can think alone, we invite you to join a group or ask people into a group or within families, so you can listen openly and humbly to others, share your own stories boldly and with passion, about our faith (good and bad). With belief and guided by God's Holy Spirit, we will journey together, toward the future. It opens our hearts to other ways of being community.

CHURCH TOUR GUIDES

Our wonderful St Mary's Church volunteer tour guides have resumed after their winter recess. Do you enjoy meeting new people and having a conversation? You don't need to be a trained public speaker, or historian, just be able to tell the basic story of the church and two key characters: Fr Cremin and Mr Floreani. If you're interested in becoming a church tour guide, please contact the Parish Office. You would be providing a wonderful service.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Thank you so very much for your generous support of the Father's Day Appeal. \$1199.45 will be forwarded on your behalf.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9th Sept: 'Reclaim for Good' 2pm in Parish Centre.
- 10th Sept: Proclaimers' Enrichment Group 1:30pm in Parish Centre.
- 16th Sept: Diocesan Pilgrimage 1:30pm @ Sale Cathedral.
- 22nd Sept: Ordination of Stanly Devasia @ Sale Cathedral 11am.

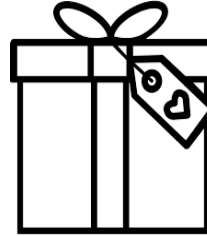
CALLED AND GIFTED

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

HELPS

empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's goodness by using his or her talents and charisms to enable other individuals to serve God and people more effectively.

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 Tim for his gift of **CRAFTSMANSHIP** – ensuring the life of our church building is continued; to Tracey and her gift of **TEACHING** – encouraging children to explore their creative side; and to Terese and her gift of **HELPS** – although not always easy, helps those around her whenever she can. 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 10th September, followed by 24th September and 8th October at the Parish Centre 1:30 to 3pm.** To find out more, contact Pattie at the Parish Centre.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th September at 10am in the Parish Centre to discuss parishioners' suggestions regarding this year's allocation of funds from the Welfare Account. A list of recipients (local, national and international) will be compiled for Fr Michael's approval. **ALL WELCOME**

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35: 4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!
It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Readings for 16/9/2018
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9
Psalm: Ps 114: 1-6, 8-9
2nd Reading: James 2: 14-18
Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

A reading from the letter of St James 2: 1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 7: 31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT – Open to Compassion

When Isaiah described the signs by which the Messiah would be recognised, he identified those people who were isolated from society by their physical afflictions. He portrayed a Messiah who released them from those afflictions and allowed them to re-enter society. That is what Jesus did time and time again. In the healing of the deaf and dumb man, Jesus called on all those around him to also be opened – that their hearts may be opened to compassion. Jesus calls to us through today's gospel to also be open to compassion and open to the needs of those around us.

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.