



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.**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.*

St Mary’s Parish Bairnsdale/Omeo acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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**LITURGY/MASS TIMES**

**ST MARY’S BAIRNSDALE:** Sat - 6:00pm & Sun - 9:30am  
**CHILDRENS LITURGY: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** 9:30 during school term  
**ST PATRICK’S PAYNESVILLE:** Sun - 8:00am  
**ST CANICE’S LINDENOW:** Sun - 11:00am  
**1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of Month 10:30am** BUPA/Eastwood Aged Care  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of Month 10:30am** OPAL/Harnham Aged Care  
**4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of Month 10:30am** Maddocks Gardens  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month – MASS: October - May**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO:** Sun - 9:00am  
**SACRED HEART, SWIFTS CREEK:** Sat - 6:30pm  
**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BENAMBRA:** Sun - 11:00am  
**Other 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  
Thurs: 9:10am Mass at St Mary’s Primary School Grade 1’s  
Fri: 9:10am Mass

**Parish Pastoral Council:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.  
Please submit items for consideration to the Parish Centre by 10.00am on Tuesday the week before the meeting.  
**Members:** Angela McKail, Michael Flynn – co-chairpersons, Angelo D’Amore, Rita Bowers, Marylin Elliott and Wilma Collier.  
**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](mailto:stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com)  
**Baptisms:** Preparation sessions are held regularly, call the Sacramental Coordinator to make a date. Baptisms are celebrated during or after Mass on the 1st or 3rd Sunday’s of each 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 Pattie Pruscino 5152 2942 or 0427 232 682  
**Special Wedding Anniversaries:** 6 months’ notice is needed to facilitate a Papal Blessing for parishioners.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass  
**Anointing of the Sick:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday during Mass  
**Morning Office:** 8:45am in St Mary’s Chapel  
**Rosary:** After weekday morning Mass at St Mary’s, Bairnsdale 10:00am Wednesday’s at St Patrick’s, Paynesville

**WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH**

*Central to the mission of the Immaculate Conception Parish (known as St Mary’s Parish) is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and vulnerable persons and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.*

**FAMILY YOUTH MASS 5PM SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**NEXT WEEKEND 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Procession of Gospel/Gifts</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	B O’Kelly	M Saunders	P Elliott	B O’Kelly, P Elliott & B Calabro
<b>9:30am</b>	D Fallon	H Ven den Einden	N Rooney & friend	T Kosmer, D & E Cameron
<b>CHURCH CLEANING:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November – J Delany, J & H Coverdale (thank you)				

## **Please pray for**

### **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Kevin Hogan (Fr Brendan's father), Susan Harrington, Rob Shortt, Gohn Benedetti.

### **ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:**

Dennis Quigley, Kathleen Marshall, Peter O'Donohue, Norm Mann, Robert Bills, Huynh Van Tuan, Michael Dudley, Fr William Tierney, Fr Con Donovan, Fr Dave Cagney.

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

### **PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:**

Tahlia De Felice, Mary Johnson, Fr Carl Schafer ofm, John Graves, Tienus Meeuwenoord, Sue Collier, Alan Cross, Carmel Kenyon, Alan Cooke, Tony Hutchins, Rick Jones, Yvonne Roy, Matthew Brunt, Bernadette Wolters, Jacqueline Wolters, Billy Sant, Paul Hamilton, Jane Rowlands, Nicholas Browne, Pat Doe, Holly Box, Joan Wriggel, Genevieve Bolleman, Arthur Elbourne, Rivers Purtell, Cathy Tickle, Bill Cole, Mark Kelly, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), James Warren, Ray & Fran Adamson, Amy Hood, Coral Prendergast, Julie Frew, John Buck, Paul McFarlane, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Ena Morris, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Brenda Lyons, Elizabeth Knight, Brian Rowe, Shannon Helmers, Joyce Harrington, Margaret Flynn, Tammy Ewing, Anne Armstrong, Trish Henderson, Guy Newman, Gerry McDonald, Rose Gallagher, Tracey Moffatt, Peter Grimsted, Tyson Chapman, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth Stehmann, Dennis (Danny) Phelan.

*Please remember all parishioners who are in ill health or recuperating from illness or surgery.*

### **ST MARY'S OPPORTUNITY SHOP**

We are having a Garage Sale in our shed in Lawless St., on Saturday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 12noon. We have a huge range of items including Christmas decorations, furniture, electrical items and much, much more. Come along and bring a friend or 2. Great bargains to be had.

### **RE-USABLE BAGS**

The local Vinnies conference would love to have re-useable bags that will be used for 'Christmas Hampers'. If you are a sewer or have scraps of material, please ring Cathy McMahan 0448 525 462 if you can help.

### **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)**



AED signs have been erected around the church to direct people to our newly installed Heart Defibrillator located in the Parish Centre switchboard (just inside the McDonalds carpark entrance). Please note its location for any future emergency. Once activated, it verbally instructs the

user on how to operate it. If someone collapses, it should immediately be collected from the Hall location and brought to the patient's side, in case it is required. If you would like to see a demonstration, contact Paul Heaton-Harris at the Parish Office.

### **PLEASE COME ALONG AND SHARE THE FRIENDSHIP**

#### **Combined Churches Pastoral Care Group**

The final meeting for 2019 of the Combined Churches Pastoral Care Group is to be held at the Uniting Church at 12 noon on Thursday 21 November. Shirley and David Husted will share stories of their recent trip to Canada. Please bring along something to share for our "shared lunch". This group meets three times a year and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **FUNERAL MASS FOR MR KEVIN HOGAN -**

will be celebrated on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale commencing at 12 noon.

## **PLENARY 2020**

### **How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?**

In this phase, we are continuing to listen to what the Spirit is saying as we move from listening and dialogue, into listening and discernment. This process of discernment is communal rather than individual. As such, we are called to work together as a group. The process is built upon the practise of Spiritual Conversations drawn primarily from the St Ignatian tradition. It is a part of the Communal discernment process and provides a way for groups of people to listen to God, by listening to one another. It is a way for us to listen to the voice of the Spirit.

This will take place over the next few months from November 2019 – March 2020. Your commitment would be to attend two 1-hour meetings to listen & discern one of the National Themes.

- Missionary & Evangelising
- Inclusive, participatory and synodal
- Humble, healing and merciful
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- A joyful, hope-filled and servant community
- Open to conversion, renewal and reform

**The first gathering will take place from 5.30pm – 6.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, at the Parish Centre, Bairnsdale to discern the theme, *Open to conversion, renewal and reform*.**

### **RESTORATION UPDATE**

External work on the church grounds at St Mary's has resumed. The concreting work is a continuation of the eastern side of the church and then across the front, all the way to the new Pyke St vehicle access gateway. This will take a few weeks, so access to the church will be limited during this time. Please use the SIDE ENTRANCES, when necessary. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Once the concreting is complete, we'll be able to see the finishing line for the exterior of the church. Our attention is already focused on the inside, exemplified by the current series of bulletin notices on interior features. To assist our forward planning towards a liturgical brief for the Architect and the Bishop, an important display will be revealed on **Dec 1 after the 9:30 Mass**. The new liturgical year is a timely opportunity for as many of the community as possible to further engage in the process of discerning what, if any, changes could be made during the restoration works inside the church. Please mark your diary and join us on the day. Your voice is as important as anyone else's. You are also welcome to forward your thoughts to Fr Michael by email ([stm.michaelw@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michaelw@gmail.com)). Thank-you.

### **ST MARY'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

The next meeting is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 10am in the Parish Centre. All are welcome, a great way to meet other parishioners.

### **LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME**

A 1997 Mitsubishi Lancer, in good condition but not registered, is looking for a new home. Its' previous owners have a new car and are hoping that someone, who maybe can't afford to buy a car, may appreciate this offer. If you know of someone please contact John on 0447 285 500.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: Parish Meeting 7pm Parish Centre Stewardship Program.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Friendship Group 10am @ Parish Centre.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: Plenary Gathering 5:30pm @ Parish Centre.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: Combined Churches Group 12 noon, Uniting Church.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Parish Dinner 6pm @ Parish Centre.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: Plenary Gathering 5:30pm @ Parish Centre.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Restoration update after 9:30am Mass @ Parish Centre.

**RENEWAL OF CHURCH INTERIOR**

*What could our worship space look like?*

1. **LET US PRAY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** for guidance as we discern moving forward to the future for our iconic heritage church.
2. **COLLECT AN INFORMATION BOOKLET** 'Church Interior Renewal Guide' with guiding principles from the Church Documents to help us in our discernment process. What do we **Retain, Reuse, Relocate, Rebuild, Remove and/or Renew?**

The booklets will be available from next weekend (17<sup>th</sup> November) in all church foyers, or from the Parish Centre.

3. **COME ALONG FOR MORNING TEA** Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> after the 9.30am Mass in St Mary's Parish Hall.

A 'cuppa' will be served from 10.30am followed by a brief presentation of the journey so far. Then, time for a 'walk-about' viewing elements of the worship space, which will be displayed around the Hall and/or go and visualise the ideas in the church.

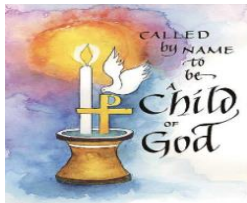
During this time, we will have the opportunity to write any ideas/suggestions that we feel drawn to contribute for consideration in the final brief.

You are welcome to come prepared, with responses to the prompts in the booklet.

There will be a 'wrap up' at 11:30, with time for questions, or comments from the floor and raising of further ideas, or suggestions regarding the different elements.

**To bring a vision into reality we welcome your involvement and fruitful reflection to see our church restored as a place of religious, architectural and historic importance.**

*We welcome into our Parish family this weekend*



*Demetrio Warren*  
son of  
Amanda Scott &  
Francesco Aloisio

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Fr Michael has approved the following organisations suggested by parishioners, to be recipients of \$500 each from St Mary's Parish Welfare Account.

- For Local Needs: St Vincent de Paul Conference, Bairnsdale  
Riding for the Disabled, Bairnsdale  
Need for Feed (Drought Assistance in Gippsland)
- For national needs: Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, Melbourne  
Apostleship of the Sea  
Aboriginal Literacy Program, Melbourne
- For international needs: Bairnsdale Friends of Timor Leste (Scholarships for young men & women to train to become teachers; Luncheon program at St Antonio's Secondary School in Baucau)

<b>Collections for week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019</b>	
Envelopes	\$ 1,832.00
D/D & Cards	\$ 3,460.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 732.20
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 787.55
Church Tours	\$ 52585

**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  
**FAITH**  
empowers a Christian to be an effective agent of God's purposes through an unusual trust in the love, power, and provision of God and a remarkable freedom to act on this trust.  
**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 John and Vern and their charism of **HELPS** – for their willingness help at a moment's notice; and Rachel and her gift of **HOSPITALITY** – supplying morning tea at St Mary's Primary School every Friday morning. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

**PARISH DINNER**

Over the past couple of years, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been focused on how to become a more welcoming parish community. We are holding a 'Parish Dinner' which we hope will become a regular event. We ask that you supply your own drinks (alcohol if you wish), tea/coffee/milo/cordial will be supplied by the Parish. We are putting a small charge on for the night, but children will be free. Tear off the piece below and drop it into the Parish Centre OR place it on the collection plate OR give it to Pattie Pruscino. We will need to know numbers by 12<sup>th</sup> November. We look forward to seeing you there, and with your support, we pray it will be a twice-yearly occurrence. **DATE:** 23<sup>rd</sup> November **TIME:** 6pm **WHERE:** St Mary's Parish Centre **RSVP:** 12<sup>th</sup> November **BOOKINGS:** Please pay when booking.

**Please note:** This being our 1<sup>st</sup> dinner, we are trying 6pm as an encouragement for young families to attend. We understand that Mass goes on Saturday evening are compromised, please know that you can pop in afterwards for a cuppa (& dessert?).

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Parish Liturgy Team have been studying the GIRM (The General Instruction of the Roman Missal) and it has been determined that 'special ministers' **DO NOT** need to symbolically wash their hands as they prepare to give communion. If you would like more information, please speak to a member of the Liturgy Team – Kath Cassidy, Angela Chila, Sandie Tilley, Michelle Grimsted, Maureen Saunders, Donrita Reefman, Pattie Pruscino, Fr Michael or Fr Avinash.

**SMILE**

Teacher: I hope I didn't see you looking at Jack's answers!  
Harry: I hope you didn't too.

**PARISH DINNER - 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 - 6PM**

**2 course meal with nibbles beforehand. Adults: \$10 Children (under 16): FREE**

NAME: .....

CONTACT NUMBER: .....

NUMBER ATTENDING: Adults ..... Children .....

RSVP: 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019



**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.***

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**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**A reading from the second book of Maccabees**

**7: 1-2, 9-14**

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

R. Lord, when your glory appears,  
my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,/pay heed to my cry./  
Turn your ear to my prayer:/no deceit is on my lips. R.  
I kept my feet firmly in your paths;/there was no faltering in my steps./I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God./ Turn your ear to me; hear my words. R.

Guard me as the apple of your eye./Hide me in the shadow of your wings./As for me, in my justice I shall see your face/and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. R.

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2: 16 – 3: 5**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;  
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to**

**Luke 20: 34-38**

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him.

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Readings for 17/11/2019*  
**333<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**  
1st Reading: Malachi 3: 19-20  
Psalm: Ps 97: 5-9  
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12  
Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

**PRAYERS FOR DROUGHT STRICKEN AREAS OF AUSTRALIA**

The Catholic Church in Australia is dedicating the month of November 2019 as a time to pray for those affected by crippling drought conditions and to pray for the gift of rain.

Parishes, schools, families and other Catholic communities across the country are being encouraged to participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought, which also invites people to provide assistance to those most in need. The month of prayer is an additional response to the local work being done in affected communities. More information can be found on the ACBC website [Catholic.org.au](http://Catholic.org.au)