



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.

The BAPTISM of the LORD, Year C – January 13th, 2019
Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

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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 during Mass or on 3rd Sunday 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 Pattie at the Parish Centre.
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
Thurs: 9:10am Mass
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
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: after 1st Friday Mass
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Friday during Mass
Morning Office: 8:45am in St Mary's Chapel
Rosary: after weekday morning Mass

HISTORICAL CONTEXT – BAPTISM

John makes clear to the people that the baptism he performs is with water but the baptism by Jesus is with the Holy Spirit. John preached a baptism of repentance. In keeping with his Jewish tradition, John called upon the people to make a public declaration of their wrong-doing and commitment to be washed clean of this sinfulness and desire to live in right relationship with God and others. The baptism to which he refers is the complete change of heart and mind that comes through the Holy Spirit and results from a person accepting the message of Jesus.

GLUTEN FREE?

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

NEXT WEEKEND 19th & 20th January 2019
ROSTERS
6:00pm Commentator: M Elliott Proclaimer: J De Boer Procession of Gospel/Gifts: G Dooley Special Ministers: P Elliott, C Power & M Elliott
9:30am Commentator: G Neeson Proclaimer: H Van den Einden Procession of Gospel/Gifts: R David, G & J Neeson Special Ministers: K Bennett, T Kosmer & J Neeson
CHURCH CLEANING: 15th – 31st January: D & T Roderick

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Ellen Davies, Josephine Williamson, Noel Long.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Genoveffa & Giosue Calvi, Peter Scott, Keith Murray, Syd Clarke, Frank Melrose, Kerrie Sroczynski, Fr James Synnot, Fr John Carley, Fr Daniel Shanahan, Agnes Mary Duggan, Annie Rijs, Joyce Boland, Alan Smullen, Bill Counihan, Jim Prendergast, Oreste Capobianco, John Websdale, Fr Frank Ruth, Fr John Black, Fr Matthew Haye, Bishop Patrick Phelan, Fr Pat Walsh, Fr Michael Callery.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Julie Frew, Bernard McCarthy (Jose’s brother), Ray Worseldine, Patricia Dean (Paula O’Neill’s mum), Amy Hood, Bruno Capobianco, Yvonne Roy, Lawrence Liccione (brother of Maureen Newcomen), Serge D’Angelo, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Bill Keyte, Holly Box, John Graves, Brenda Lyons, Jean Coleman, John Buck, Daryl Evans, Ena Morris, Bill Cole, Billy Sant, Sue Bayley, Gerry McDonald, Kerry Larkin, Mark Kelly, Terry Pendergast, Guy Newman, Rick Jones, Victoria Haeusler, Joyce Harrington, Grant Mitchell, Anne Armstrong, Trish Freebairn, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Tracey Moffatt, Brian Rowe, Tyler Green, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Di Dunlop, Paul McFarlane, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Shannon Helmers, Raylene Steer, Margaret Flynn, Rose Gallagher, Amanda Matthews, Betty Holloway, Elizabeth Knight, Peter Grimsted, Tammy Ewing, Maryanne Esmonde, James Warren, Trish Henderson, Coral Prendergast, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann, Tyson Chapman, Thomas Anderson.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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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.

The BAPTISM of the LORD, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 20/01/2019

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Psalm: 28: 1-4, 9-10

2nd Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY BISHOP PAT

We are very happy to say that, amongst the appointments, Rev. Fr Avinash George, ordained last weekend in India, will be appointed Assistant Priest in the parish of Bairnsdale/Omeo, effective 15th February. Fr Xavier's (Pinto C.Ss.R.) appointment to the Bairnsdale/ Omeo Parish has been extended until Easter. We have been asked to continue keeping Fr Anthony (Lakes Entrance) in our prayers as he recuperates and regains his full strength.