



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.**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – October 13<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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**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.

**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 (Preps)  
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 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.*

**NEXT WEEKEND 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Procession of Gospel/Gifts</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	C Power	J De Boer	Mary Saunders	C Power, P Elliott & Mary Saunders
<b>9:30am</b>	H Sampson	D Cameron	J & D Fallon, Children’s Liturgy	J Coverdale, A Chila & D Fallon
<b>CHURCH CLEANING:</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October – Volunteers needed.				

## Please pray for

### OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Daphne Moore (Kerrie Flannery's sister), Jim Astley (Faye Bett's father), Gary Moffatt, Lily Brown, Amanda Matthews.

### ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Ria Reefman, Joseph Raudino, Nerine Schiwy, Barbara Eldridge, Thomas Keyte, David Minchin, Jeanna Jones, Danny Cook, Mary Douglas, Molly Smullen, Marie Traynor, Martin White (Snr), Cliff Brammall, Pauline Cocco, Valda Reinhardt, MaryAnne Scott, Helen Bons, Lucy Mann, Fr John Gavin, Fr Alfred Davis, Fr D Gordon, Fr Thomas Egan, Laurie Hodgkisson, Valentina Baleisa, Joan Shanahan, Fr John Walsh, Fr W Power, Fr Michael O'Leary.

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

### PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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

### EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH OCTOBER 2019

To celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, Pope Francis has announced the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019. The Twitter hashtag #MYMISSION social media campaign (and the prayer intention for the month of October, which the Holy Father will entrust to the Worldwide Prayer Network platform ([www.popesprayer.va](http://www.popesprayer.va)) through a video), will be dedicated to the "missio ad gentes" and to the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019. It will be present on all of the Pope's social networks: the network of the Pope's video (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, website, newsletter), Click To Pray (where there is the Pope's personal prayer profile), Twitter (@Pontifex), Instagram (@Franciscus) and Vatican Media, all in different languages and integrated into the #MYMISSION social media campaign that Catholic Mission will promote. Initiatives developed by Catholic Mission including media work via social, online, print and radio can be found at [www.catholicmission.org.au/EMM](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/EMM)

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A LISTENING CHURCH

Br Noel Connolly is coming to speak at Sacred Heart School Hall, Morwell on 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. He is a Columban missionary priest. Presently, he is Coordinator of Mission & Culture at the Catholic Institute of Sydney and is on the Facilitation Team for the Plenary Council 2020. **RSVP:** 12<sup>th</sup> October for catering purposes to [mwellcathpar@netspace.net.au](mailto:mwellcathpar@netspace.net.au) **Entry:** Gold Coin Donation. See flyer in foyer of the church.

### Collections for week ending 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,326.60
D/D & Cards	\$ 2,425.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 296.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 619.80
Church Tours	\$ 411.50



## DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY CONVERSATIONS

As a result of our discussion groups at the Diocesan Assembly last month, the raw responses from the Assembly conversations on the **final two of the five Assembly Themes have now been published**. They are now available from your Parish office and will be available on the Diocesan website for you to read what has been shared and discussed. <https://www.cdsale.org.au/> Click on the Diocesan Assembly graphic and you will be directed to the Diocesan Assembly page.

As soon as the website technology can be sorted, we will be uploading some Assembly videos for you to view. We will inform you when that's done.

*Our focus now turns back to Plenary 2020 as we begin our next phase of 'Listening & Discerning'. Watch this space for dates and times in the coming weeks.*

### ST MARY'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The next meeting of the St Mary's Friendship Group will be held in the Parish centre at 10am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

### ST BRENDAN'S PARISH MINI RETREAT

Theme: Remain In My Love (John:15) 9.30 -2pm. Presented by Sr Lynette Young Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Morning tea supplied. BYO lunch. Bookings thru Sr Lyn on 5155 1210.

### PREPARING AND CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

The Diocese of Sale is pleased to host a short course on 'Preparing and Celebrating the Sacraments of Healing' presented by the ACU Centre for Liturgy.

*What do Catholics believe about sacraments of healing?*

*How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation?*

*How do Catholics care for the sick?*

*Viaticum and Communion to the Sick.*

This one-day formation event, presented by Professor Clare Johnson, with Fr Joseph Abutu and Ms Sharon Boyd, is for **pastoral care workers, clergy, hospital chaplains, lay ministers, parishioners and all those who care for the sick.**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9.00 am – 4.45 pm** with registration from 8.30 am) St Patrick's Parish Centre, 142 Princes Highway Pakenham (enter off O'Shannessy St). Registration Fee \$60 per person (includes morning/afternoon tea, light lunch and handbook on Communion to the sick). Register by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November [www.acu.edu.au/pastoral\\_formation\\_days](http://www.acu.edu.au/pastoral_formation_days)

### FAMILY YOUTH MASS THIS SUNDAY

A reminder that our monthly Youth Mass is on this Sunday at 5pm, followed by pizza in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.



All at St Mary's wish *Denise Roberts* the happiest of birthdays and continued blessings as she celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> on Monday.

**HI THERE** My name is Heather Wordsworth, and I have been attending St Mary's for some time, my family have sold and moving to NSW, and I now require board in the Bairnsdale area. If you can help, please contact me on 5156 4475 Wed – Sun after 8:30pm; or text me on 0490 834 739. I pray there is a family or person who can help me out. Thank you.

**CHURCH INTERIOR INFORMATION**

Following on from the Parish information evening regarding the interior of the church building, we encourage you to take some time to ponder, pray and respond to this next stage of the restoration.



**MUSIC**

**Theology** – Leaders of music should be considered as part of the assembled community...undertaking a specific function. The positioning should also help (musicians) to exercise this function more easily and allow each...member full sacramental participation. (FSU 1003)

**Relationship** – Singers and musicians lead and encourage the assembly to join in singing the liturgy and themselves participate with the rest of the people. (WCAB 251)

To facilitate the singing of the responsorial psalm with a cantor, the music area should have a good relationship with the ambo. (FSU 1006)

**Ritual Reform** – liturgical music (is) a collaboration between the ministers, the whole assembly and the choir or cantor. (FSU 1011)

**Imagine if. . . .**

- More resonant acoustic encouraged the people’s singing. (See FSU 1022)
- Music leadership was visible as well as audible. (See FSU 1026)
- .....

(add your own ‘imagine if’)

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.

**Please forward your reflections to Fr Michael.**

FSU= Fit For Sacred Use Stewardship and renewal of places of worship  
WCAB=National Liturgical Architecture and Art Board- ‘And When Churches Are To Be Built.....’ Preparation, planning and construction of places of worship.

**DAY PRAYER RETREAT**

EVERYONE is warmly invited to hear Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR speak on the theme “The Power of the Rosary” to be held at **St Brigid’s Church, 19 Church St, Cowwarr on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 11am – 3.30pm.**

“Highlighting the great miracles that have occurred through the Rosary, such as Lepanto, along with the teaching of the Popes, especially St John Paul 11- encouraging us to pray the Rosary as given by the Blessed Virgin in her Apparitions.”

Fr Thomas is Responsible for the Marian Movement of Priests (MMP) in NSW and is again conducting MMP Day Prayer Retreats in Victoria. He has hosted missions & retreats in Australia & overseas for many years. The day will include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Cenacle Rosary, Reflections by Fr Thomas and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please BYO lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. All queries very welcome by contacting Marianne Bagguley on 0407 353 750

**PARISH CENSUS CARDS**

It has been 3 years since we completed our last Parish Census and many details change in this time. Parish Census Cards will be distributed at Masses this weekend. Please fill them in even if your details have not changed. Importantly make sure you fill in your email address and mobile if you have them as these are important means of communication. Please place them on the collection plates.

**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*  
**ENCOURAGEMENT**

*empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God’s love – nurturing others through his or her presence and words of comfort, encouragement, and counsel.*

**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 Margaret and her charism of **ENCOURAGEMENT** – being present at a school Mass for her grandchildren; to the Grade 2 students and their gift of **MUSIC** – singing loudly and thoroughly enjoying their time with God; and Maree and her gift of **SERVICE** – helping with the bulletin each week. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

*Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18 October titled: “One Million Children Praying the Rosary.” The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate, information and resources can be found online at: [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org).

*Copies of the ‘Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary for children’ can be found in the foyer, easy to follow and a wonderful prayer offering for unity and peace.*

**PROCLAIMERS’ ENRICHMENT GROUP**

Due to her heavy involvement with community life and job expectations, Donrita has seen the need to cease the Proclaimers Enrichment Group as of today. We thank her most sincerely for her faithfulness and expertise in this area.

**Combined Bairnsdale Churches**  
**2019 October Prayer Walk**

- ▶ Meet at the Presbyterian Church (159 Nicholson St) @ 4:00pm.
- ▶ @ 4:10pm groups will move to various Bairnsdale locations to pray for needs within our town.
- ▶ @ 5:00pm Riviera Christian Center for combined singing / Lord’s Supper / Message / Prayer for Bairnsdale Christmas ministry’s.
- ▶ @ 6:00pm dinner together—BBQ provided. Bring a salad to share.

**Sunday 13th October**  
4:00pm meet together  
4:10pm groups move to Bairnsdale locations for prayer  
5:00pm all together then dinner

For more information contact Gary  
0410 011 045

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

13<sup>th</sup> Oct: Community Prayer Walk in Bairnsdale.  
17<sup>th</sup> Oct: Retreat-St Brendan’s, Lakes Entrance 9:30am – 2pm.  
17<sup>th</sup> Oct: Noel Connolly - Sacred Heart School Hall, Morwell 7pm.  
20<sup>th</sup> Oct: Mass @ St Joseph’s, 105 years old, Swan Reach 11am.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Day Prayer Retreat, St Brigid’s, Cowwarr 11am-3:30pm

**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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**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

**A reading from the second book of the Kings 5: 14-17**

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

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 second letter of St Paul to Timothy**

**2: 8- 13**

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal - but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,  
for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.  
**Alleluia!**

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

**Luke 17: 11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Readings for 20/10/2019*  
**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**  
1st Reading: Exodus 17:8-13  
Psalm: Ps 120  
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2  
Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

**GOSPEL FOCUS - WHERE ARE THEY?**

*'The other nine, where are they?' asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks. It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!*