



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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – September 15th, 2019

Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

PARISH CONTACTS

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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: Angela McKail, Michael Flynn – co-chairpersons, Angelo D'Amore, Rita Bowers, Marilyn 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: stmarysbairnsdale@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.

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

LITURGY/MASS TIMES

ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE: Sat - 6:00pm & Sun - 9:30am
CHILDRENS LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sun 9:30 during 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

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

4th Sundays of the Month – MASS: June - September

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO:
at Omeo Hospital (rear entrance) Sun - 11:00am
SACRED HEART, SWIFTS CREEK: Sat - 6:30pm
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BENAMBRA: Sun - 9:00am

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 – Year 4's
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 at St Mary's, Bairnsdale
10:00am Wednesday's at St Patrick's, Paynesville



*Congratulations
to the children
receiving the
Sacrament of
First Holy Communion
this Sunday*

NEXT WEEKEND 21st & 22nd September 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	C Power	D Reefman	K Flannery	C Power, T & K Flannery
9:30am	H Sampson	A Vowell	G Cassidy, S & C Tilley	M Owen, G & K Cassidy

CHURCH CLEANING: 15th – 30th September – Any volunteers, please.

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Brenda Rovers, Bro. Kevin Williams cfc (brother of Cath & b-i-l of Terry Smyth), Jess Fraser, Norma Bishop (mother of Gwenda Nelson), Pina Ciaglia, Graham Kelly.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Frank Gooley, Evan Dungey, Luciano Brovedani, Vince Capobianco, Agnes Neligan, Kathleen Currie, Jose Hinkling, Pasquale Morelli, Fortunato Desio, Fr Tim Hourigan, Fr Michael Curran, Mary Field, Owen Gibbons, Glenda Moulton, Rev Pro Bar, Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr John Howard.

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

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.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

From September 1st to October 4th, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. Some of us pray, some of us do hands-on projects, some of us advocate.

We all protect creation. It’s powerfully good work that’s urgently needed. The momentum continues long after the season ends through ongoing prayer, changes in lifestyle, and advocacy. Please go to <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/> for further information and join the action.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th September at 11am in St Mary’s Parish Centre, to discuss parishioners’ suggestions regarding the disbursement of funds accumulated in the Parish Welfare Account over the past 12 months. A list of suggested recipients will be compiled for Fr Michael’s approval. **ALL WELCOME.**

PAST NAGLE STAFF AND STUDENTS

Are you a past Nagle student or staff member? We are starting a new magazine and would love to hear about what you have been up to since leaving Nagle. For more information please call Amanda Vowell on 5152 9984 or Email marketing@nagle.vic.edu.au.

Collections for week ending 8th September 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,511.50
D/D & Cards	\$ 410.00
1 st Collection	\$ 466.25
2 nd Collection	\$ 680.80
Church Tours	\$ 134.10



Please keep the Diocesan Assembly, being held this weekend, in your prayers as all the parishes from across the Diocese meet. They will share their stories, celebrate our faith and discern how God is calling all of us to shape our future.

The following children are celebrating the Sacrament of *First Holy Communion* this weekend.



*Hunter Crane
Parker Soulsby*

*Matthew Faithfull
Angus Tanner*

May your first Holy Communion celebrate your friendship with Jesus.

As you grow in this friendship may your words be gentle, and your touch be kind.

May you hear the whispers of love in your heart each day.

May you have fun in discovering God hidden everywhere.

And may you remember to thank God often for the gift of life. Amen

ALL in the Parish congratulate you on taking this step in your faith journey.

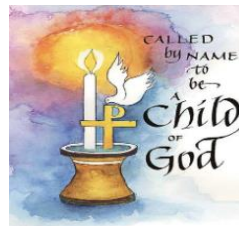
May your blessings be many, your faith become stronger and your desire to receive Holy Communion deepen.

A big THANK YOU to teachers and family who have helped and supported these children with this ongoing journey of faith.

VOCATIONS DAY- WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Come and See, where God may be calling you to serve! You may be drawn to ministries available in your parish or a vocation of service as a catechist, missionary, priest or religious - to be held at St Agatha’s Primary School Hall on Saturday 21st September, beginning with Mass at 9.30am. The day concludes at 4pm. For bookings go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BECJR> or contact [5996 1985](tel:59961985).

We welcome into our Parish family



Alexis Mary Ciaglia
daughter of
Krystal & Louis

HI THERE

My name is Heather Wordsworth, 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.

Standard Seven
Strategy Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.
Actions Find opportunities for children to share their views and ideas and be heard.

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.



BAPTISMAL FONT

Theology – Baptism incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God’s people (Christian Initiation 2)

As the rite for baptising, either immersion, which is more suitable as a symbol of participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, or pouring may lawfully be used.’ (CI 22)

Relationship – ‘...it is by baptism that we enter the Church and become a member of the Body of Christ’ (FSU 1167)

‘It is through baptism that one is introduced into the priestly people who celebrate the liturgy’ (WCAB 385)

‘...the font’s relationship to the gathered people is a powerful sign’ (FSU 1169)

The baptismal rite is a processional movement from entrance to ambo to font to altar (see WCAB 387 & FSU 1168)

Ritual Reform – ‘The font located amid the liturgical assembly speaks of the common priesthood of the faithful. If an attempt is made to locate the font in the sanctuary, it will more likely compromise the chair, ambo and altar than establish helpful relationships between them.’ (WCAB 394)

‘A font well - located near the [entrances] will obviate the need for holy water stoops at each door (using holy water on entering the church is a baptismal reminder)’. (WCAB 396)

Imagine if. . . .

- We blessed ourselves from the font to remind us of our baptism every time we enter the church.
- The font was located in the midst of the people.
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.....
(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.

SC=Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Vatican 11 Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy; CCC= Catechism of the Catholic Church 1994
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.

SMILE

Did you hear about the skeleton whose left arm and leg fell off?
He’s all right now.

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
ADMINISTRATION
empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God’s wisdom by providing the planning and coordination needed to accomplish good things.
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 Jasmine, Roni and Cait and their charism of **MUSIC** – providing the wonderful music for the Youth Mass last Sunday; to Nancy and her gift of **SERVICE** – hearing of a problem and doing something about it; and Valerie and her gift of **HELPS** – stepping up in a time of need. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

PROCLAIMERS’ ENRICHMENT GROUP

The next gathering is on 16th September at 1:30pm at St Mary’s Parish Centre until 3pm. During this time we share the scriptures for Mass, meditate on the Gospels, receive input about how to enrich and empower our reading of the Word and practise reading aloud in a mutually supportive environment. Please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre OR Donrita at donrita@iprimus.com.au or 0411 702 068.



Are you tired of sitting home alone on a Saturday with nothing to do?...

GET A LIFE... .. Don’t enjoy going out by yourself?

As a part of the Parish Pastoral Council (or PPC), we are looking to start a Social Group for young, single people over 60 who are interested in getting together on a regular basis with the aim of socialising. Activities may include ‘potluck’ suppers, games nights, movie nights and whatever else people may be interested in. Please leave expressions of interest and contact details with Pattie Pruscino at the Parish Centre. Once we have an indication of the level of interest, we will organise an initial meeting to look at the proposal in more detail.

ST MARY’S FRIENDSHIP GROUP -

will meet in the Parish Centre at 10am on Friday 20th September. All are welcome to join the group for ‘a cuppa’ and reflection on the previous Sunday’s Gospel.

ST JOSEPH’S, SWAN REACH

St Joseph's at Swan Reach is 105 years old in October. Accordingly, a special Mass is planned on Sunday 20th October at 11am. Lunch to follow at Swanny Pub. They will be putting on a roast of the day! Bookings for lunch essential, please advise Ray & Maureen Kleinitz on 5156 3392.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 16th Sept: Proclaimers Group 1:30pm Parish Centre.
- 17th Sept: Liturgy meeting @ Parish Centre 3:30pm.
- 29th Sept: St Brendan’s, L/s Entrance - Ecumenical Service 6pm.
- 13th Oct: Community Prayer Walk in Bairnsdale.
- 20th Oct: Mass @ St Joseph’s, Swan Reach 11am.

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.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

A reading from the book of Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. I will rise and go to my father.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 1: 12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me,

because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15: 1-10

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 22/09/2019
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Amos 8: 4-7
Psalm: Ps 112: 1-2, 4-8
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – PARABLES OF THE LOST

The 3 parables that appear in Luke 15 are unique to the gospel of Luke – none of the other gospels use these parables. They are used by the gospel writer to further highlight a theme that runs throughout this gospel: the release and acceptance of those who are oppressed and afflicted. It stems from the declaration of Jesus' mission in Ch 4 when he reads from the scroll of Isaiah. More than any other gospel, this one portrays Jesus as having a special care and compassion for those who have been rejected by society.