



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 MOST HOLY TRINITY, Year C – June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
*Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.*

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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: [stmarysbairnsdale@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysbairnsdale@gmail.com)  
**Baptisms:** Preparation sessions are held regularly. Please call the Sacramental Coordinator to register your interest. 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> 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  
**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 (Reflection Day – Grade 4's)  
 Fri: 8:00am Mass Nagle College Chapel  
 9:10am Mass  
 11:00am Funeral Prayers for Mrs Amanda Otuonye

**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

*Diocesan Pilgrimage of the  
 Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 and the Plenary 2020 Candle  
 in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly -*



13 & 14 September 2019

16<sup>th</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Bairnsdale

**NEXT WEEKEND 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June 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 Peachey	To Be Organised	C Power, K & T Flannery
<b>9:30am</b>	D Atkins	A Vowell	M Grimsted & family	K Bennett, R David & M Elliott
<b>CHURCH CLEANING: 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June: Volunteers needed.</b>				

## **Please pray for**

### **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Amanda Otuonye (nee Gillick), Roger Reinhardt, Frank Stehmann, Helen Seebeck, Kevin O'Bryan.

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

Chris Ward, Robert Coleman, Dennis McNamara, Rik Vijverborg, Maurice Walsh, Margaret Scott, Dawn Anderson, Margaret Morgan, Mgr Stan Crowe, Fr William McLoughlin, Bis. Richard Ryan CM, Agostino Calvi, Don Ainsworth, Kevin Mason, Ken Heaney, Mgr Ned Hynes, Fr James Byrne, Fr Henry Bradbee.

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

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

Bernadette Wolters, Jacqueline Wolters, Tony Hutchins, Paul Hamilton, Jane Rowlands, Nicholas Browne, Arthur Elbourne, Genevieve Bolleman, Rivers Purtel, Matthew Brunt, Cathy Tickle, Joan Wriggell, Ray & Fran Adamson, Daphne Moore, Pat Doe, Trevor Steer, Amy Hood, Yvonne Roy, Margaret Wood (Paula B-G's sister), Julie Frew, Patricia Dean (Paula O'Neill's mum), Holly Box, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Billy Sant, Sue Bayley, Daryl Evans, Bill Cole, Brenda Lyons, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Jean Coleman, John Buck, Ena Morris, Kerry Larkin, Rick Jones, Joyce Harrington, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Di Dunlop, Mark Kelly, James Warren, Brian Rowe, Coral Prendergast, Gerry McDonald, Guy Newman, Rose Gallagher, Terry Pendergast, Victoria Haeusler, Trish Freebairn, Tammy Ewing, Tracey Moffatt, Paul McFarlane, Betty Holloway, Trish Henderson, Peter Grimsted, Anne Armstrong, Margaret Flynn, Tyson Chapman, Michael Counsel, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Shannon Helmers, Amanda Matthews, Elizabeth Stehmann, Elizabeth Knight, Thomas Anderson.

## **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP** **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Pilgrimage**

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the 25th anniversary National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

The Pilgrimage commences in Melbourne 22 October, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and concludes in Sydney 2 November 2019. Cost \$3,575 – \$4,390 (twin share) depending on capital city of departure (Australia or New Zealand). Single supplement for all areas \$685 pp. For a brochure, application form or further information please email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or call Sr Therese Leydon rsj on 0417 683 123, or Sr Annie Bond rsj on 02 8912 4818.



### **Encounter Timor Leste in September**

Join us for an intimate immersive Encounter with Timorese culture and communities. Experienced Palms participants will guide your journey from **1 September** and deepen your understanding of how sustainable development **makes a real difference** for our neighbours.

**Special Group Encounters also available. Call Now!**

Visit [palms.org.au/encounters](http://palms.org.au/encounters) or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

16<sup>th</sup> Jun: Pilgrimage of Icon and Candle at Bairnsdale.  
20<sup>th</sup> Jun: World Refugee Day 4pm – 7pm in Parish Centre.  
21<sup>st</sup> Jun: 10am St Mary's Friendship Group in Parish Centre.  
22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Jun: Sacrament of First Holy Communion.  
10<sup>th</sup> Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation.  
13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Sep: Diocesan Assembly.



Catholic  
Alliance for  
People  
Seeking  
Asylum

This week is an opportunity for the Catholic community to join together around the country to pray and be involved in coordinated direct action asking for a fair process for people seeking asylum, and for compassion and respect for the dignity of each person to be front and centre of Australian attitudes, policy and processes.

Compassion for the stranger who has fallen on hard times is at the heart of Jesus' life and message. Pope Francis has made care for people seeking asylum central for the Catholic community. He has visited camps, begged for refugees to be given a home and prayed at places where they have suffered. We hope to shape a Catholic community united in this kind of compassion.

Our current system is seeing many who are seeking asylum put through avoidable hardship and suffering — both the thousands in our communities who are stuck in limbo for years while being processed, as well as the hundreds in offshore processing and onshore detention centres. With a recent newly elected government, this is an important time to be a strong voice for compassion for people seeking asylum.

### **We Can Make a Difference**

#### **Let's make a 'fair process for people seeking asylum'**

This means –

- We process people seeking asylum while they live in the community.
- Claims for asylum need to be assessed promptly with respect for human dignity.
- There is access to avenues for fair appeal.
- There are supports for people while they wait for their application to be processed.



**Sunday June 16-22, 2019**

**World Refugee Day Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**Join us at St. Mary's Parish Centre 4pm – 7pm for**  
**'A WORLD OF STORIES'**

Farhat Firdous – Multicultural Engagement Coordinator

Ignacio Rodriguez – Multicultural Project Coordinator

Behrouz Boochani – read by Michael Fox

Chris Power – History of EGASS

Jeni Irwin – Reclaimed for Good; and the Alley Cats Choir.

**COME AND SHARE A MEAL OF FINGER FOOD**

### **NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND ACTION**

**Join St Mary's Parish in a week of community solidarity with**  
**people seeking asylum.**

We are all invited to participate in this year's National Week of Prayer and Action to be held between 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. This coincides with Refugee Week and will be in the first 100 days of a newly elected government, so a crucial time for a strong message for compassion, and compassionate policies, for those seeking asylum.

As a practical expression of Pope Francis' message to welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees, we are asking for you to take action alongside others from across the Catholic community all over Australia! – this allows our collective advocacy to have greater impact – together we can make a difference!

## CHURCH INTERIOR INFORMATION EVENING

While the work continues **outside** St Mary's church and the new disabilities access into the church and chapel takes shape, the timing was good for our information evening on May 23 regarding the **inside**. Due to sickness, Fr Stephen Hackett, MSC, was unable to attend. Fr Michael substituted and presented what Stephen had prepared. We heard about the important principles (liturgical, architectural, cultural heritage and theological), which are the basis for any decisions regarding key elements that constitute the character of any church, or chapel. Copies (paper or electronic) are available. Please consider requesting a copy from the Parish Centre to inform your discernment, discussions and deliberations.

Our heritage architect, Arthur Andronas, then presented the application of these principles in our church. 35 parishioners attended and after listening to **the rationale for approaching the interior renewal**, time was dedicated to raising questions and sharing ideas for consideration. In due course, further consultation will happen. For now, please continue to discern and discuss what might be, when we imagine if. . . . . For, "when a place of worship is to be renewed, the local church community is to be genuinely consulted and engaged in the whole process." (*Fit for Sacred Use*, n823) Please let us know if you have any old photos that show the church as it has looked over the decades (eg baptisms in the original baptistry; when the walls were blue and window recesses pink; etc). Arthur would like to gain insights into the changes over the years.

### ST MARY'S RESTORATION PROJECT

As well as the construction of a new all abilities entry/exit point, drainage works and electrical cabling for exterior lighting is underway on the east side of the church. Trucks have been intermittently accessing the work area via the internal driveway. **Therefore, access to the church is sometimes available only via the west porch on the Pyke St side. All church entry points are made available on weekends. However, the gate from the carpark outside the Parish Centre is closed for access to the church.** This will continue for several weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience.

### PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 UPDATE

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

"The emergence of the National Themes for Discernment is an important moment in our journey towards the Plenary Council. It is an expression of the sense of the faith from the faithful and, from this, we can proceed in our discernment of what the Spirit is saying to us in Australia," Ms Turvey-Collins said.

### ST MARY'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

St Mary's Friendship Group will meet in the Parish Centre at 10am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Ladies new to the parish are invited to join with former CWL members and other parishioners to keep in touch and support each other. The plan is that this group will meet monthly.

#### Collections for week ending 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,039.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 225.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 995.10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 953.60
Church Tours	\$ 166.90

## 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 INTERCESSORY PRAYER empowers the intense prayer of a Christian for others to be the means by which God's love and deliverance reaches those in need. 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 Wayne and his gift of **HELPS** – for his ability to bring people together and celebrate; to Enza and her gift of **CRAFTSMANSHIP** – providing a beautiful cake for a special occasion; and to Jan and her gift of **HELPS** – for putting up her hand, in a time of need, to help out. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

40 students, with the support of parents, carers and teachers are on their journey towards the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers at this time as their faith continues to deepen and they come to know how much God loves them and is with them always.

### A WORD FROM BISHOP PATRICK

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ in the Diocese of Sale. Beginning this weekend I will be present with all the Australian Bishops who are gathering in prayer just South of Rome for a Retreat in preparation for both the *Ad Limina* visit the following week and the Plenary Council in 2020, 2021. It is a recognition that if we want both events to be more than simply a 'talk fest' then they need to be grounded in prayer.

I make a simple plea during the next two weeks: Please pray for the Australian Bishops; for me as your Bishop and for our grace-filled Diocese of Sale.

The *Ad Limina Apostolorum* is a visit each Bishop has to make every five years to Rome. The nature of the *Ad Limina* is that it is a pilgrimage to the tombs of St Peter and Paul and a meeting with Pope Francis. Grouped around this is visits to many of the Congregations (Dicasteries or Departments) located in the Vatican as well as visits to the major Basilicas of Rome and other activities. The 2019 timetable is very full.

So dear brothers and sisters, first, please be assured of my constant prayer for you, our Diocese and Parishes and all organisations in the Diocese. One place I will certainly be visiting is the Church of Saint Alphonsus (Via Merulana) where the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is located. Mary the Mother of God, under this title, is the patron of our Diocese. Second may I invite you to pray for me and our Diocese in these days especially from 12<sup>th</sup> June until 1<sup>st</sup> July.

With deep gratitude to God for all his grace and mercy and recognising that God is Good,  
Yours in Christ, +Pat O'Regan; Bishop of Sale

### SMILE

How do you make seven even? Take away the 's'.

**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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**The Most Holy Trinity, Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit,  
for he has shown us his merciful love.

**A reading from the book of Proverbs 8: 22-31**

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:  
The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,  
before the oldest of his works.  
From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning,  
before earth came into being.  
The deep was not, when I was born,  
there were no springs to gush with water.  
Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I  
came to birth; before he made the earth, the  
countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust.  
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,  
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,  
when he thickened the clouds above,  
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,  
when he assigned the sea its boundaries  
– and the waters will not invade the shore –  
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,  
I was by his side, a master craftsman,  
delighting him day after day, ever at play in his  
presence, at play everywhere in his world,  
delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

O Lord, our God,  
how wonderful your name in all the earth!  
1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him? (R.)  
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet. (R.)

3. All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish that make their way through  
the waters. (R.)

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans 5: 1-5**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged  
righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith  
and through Jesus that we have entered this state of  
grace in which we can boast about looking forward to  
God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we  
can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring  
patience, as we know, and patience brings  
perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this  
hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has  
been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which  
has been given us.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.  
**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John 16: 12-15**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.  
But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.  
He will glorify me, since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.  
Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:  
All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**HISTORICAL CONTEXT – The Nicene Creed**

The definitive statement of Christian belief is contained within the  
Nicene Creed that is proclaimed by the community in the Mass. It  
was developed by the Council of Nicea, held in 325, in response to  
a variety of teachings (some declared to be heresy) that were  
circulating at the time and the creed was further revised in 381. The  
creed declares that Jesus is 'God from God, light from light, true  
God from true God...of one being with the Father' and that the Holy  
Spirit 'proceeds from the Father and the Son'. All these statements  
seek to define the oneness of the Trinitarian God.

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*Readings for 23/06/2019*  
**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year C**  
1st Reading: Genesis 14: 18-20  
Psalm: Ps 109: 1-4  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26  
Gospel: Luke 9: 11-17