



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.

6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year C – February 17th, 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: Angelo D'Amore, Michael Flynn, Rita Bowers, Angela McKail, Marylin Elliott and Wilma Collier.
Clare Marriot-Smith & Denise Fallon (retiring).
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 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

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 at Nagle College Chapel – St Mary's Grade 2
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

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

CATHOLIC LIFE

The February issue is now out and can be found in the foyer of the church. Please pick up a copy – always a great read. You will learn that 'the paper' is folding after 21 years in production. There is 1 more issue to come. We give thanks to Mr Colin Coomber for all that he has done for and with this Diocesan paper.

NEXT WEEKEND 23rd & 24th February 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	J De Boer	P Reefman	G Dooley	M Elliott, T Flannery & P Elliott
9:30am	J Coverdale	P Brown-Graham	S Dean, S & C Tilley	M Owen, K & G Cassidy
CHURCH CLEANING: 14th – 28th February: J Delany, J & H Coverdale				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kathleen Rooney (s-i-l to Nellie), Marjorie McTaggart, Greta Andrews, Jim Murphy, Roger McCombe, Karen Skeen, Bill Keyte, Simon Coulter (son of Michael, grandson of Brian & Josie).

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Imelda Mattley, Andrew Buck, Betty Dwyer, Kath Connelley, Gwen Deery, Marie Downie, Fr Les Lisik CSsR, Fr Joseph O'Hagan, Filomena Maglione, Tony Capobianco, John Gagalowicz, Noel O'Keefe, Esmonde O'Reilly, Bisp. Arthur Fox, Fr Manny Spiteri, Fr Patrick McDonnell.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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

SMILE

What's the best way to see flying saucers? Trip up the waiter.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

IS BACK – Children's Liturgy will be offered every 1st and 3rd Sunday morning during Mass and within school terms. Michelle and Amanda are again taking up this ministry and are always on the lookout for more helpers. If you can assist in any way, please contact Michelle at the Parish Centre.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The 1st meeting for 2019 is Thursday 21st February in the Parish Centre at 5:30pm. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.** All members are encouraged to attend.

SISTERHOOD OF EAST GIPPSLAND

You are invited to 'Sisterhood of East Gippsland' on **Monday evenings 6pm – 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.** *Sisterhood is friendships, sharing laughter and tears, heartache and fears, letting go of the hurts and holding tight to the truths of Jesus.* For further information or enquiries, please contact Michelle at the Parish Centre.

9:30AM AND 6PM MASS ROSTER

6pm and 9:30am Mass rosters have been drawn up and are now ready to be collected. They can be found in the foyer of the church. We thank you for sharing your gifts with us. You are a blessing within our Parish. Commentators are reminded to contact all those rostered on for a Mass beforehand – it helps with the organising knowing who will be present.

PRAYERS FOR FR ANTHONY

Please continue to keep Fr Anthony in your prayers. His recovery is steady but slow. With this comes the situation that Fr Michael is having to spend more time in Lakes Entrance, Orbost and other parts of the East. We must also take a moment to give thanks to the priests who have helped the 2 parishes by covering some of the Masses during this time. We ask that you keep all our priests in your prayers for continued good health.

Remember too, those who live in the 'high country'. Please keep these communities in your prayers.

RITE OF ELECTION

This year the Rite of Election of Catechumens and Presentation of Baptised Candidates will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick O'Regan at St Mary's Cathedral Sale at 3.00 pm Sunday 10th March 2019.

Singers are invited to join a Diocesan Choir for the occasion. Rehearsal is at 1.30 in the choir loft followed by the Rite of Election at 3.00 pm. Afternoon tea to follow. Please RSVP to Sophy Morley without delay P 5622 6677 or email smorley@sale.catholic.org.au

LENTEN PROGRAM FOR GROUPS OR SINGLES

This year we are again taking up the Lenten Program developed by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The focus for this year is COMPASSION. We travel with it for the 6 weeks of Lent. We are excited to say that one of our own, Michelle Grimsted, is featured in week 2. **Books will cost \$8.** There are a couple of prayer groups that will be open to people joining them OR Michelle is offering to run a group on Thursday's at 5pm till 6pm at the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining a group, please speak to Michelle or Pattie at the Parish Centre.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Parish has begun the preparation of children, usually those in Grade 3, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament will take place on 26th March. If you know anyone who may be interested, please contact Michelle at the Parish Centre 5152 2942 ASAP.

PILGRIMAGE: HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE

20Days of Central Europe Marian Pilgrimage of Mercy TOUR TO: **Vienna, Slovakia, Poland, Czech Rep, Hungary, Croatia, Medjugorje** for \$6,430 **+PLUS+ 11Days** Optional Extension to Fatima, Salamanca, Lourdes, Avignon, Nerves, and Paris for \$2,250 from 23/09/2019 - 23/10/2019. Spiritual Director: Fr Emmanuel-tv. Contact us ASAP for more info/itinerary: 0417999553, (08)93413079, (08)93413131; holyspiritp@gmail.com; fremmanueltv@hotmail.com,

STILL WANTING A COLUMBAN CALENDAR?

Columban calendars are again available. Please see Pattie to purchase one. **COST: \$10**

DATES TO REMEMBER

19th Feb: Liturgy Meeting @ Parish Centre 3:30pm.
21st Feb: PPC Meeting 5:30pm @ Parish Centre.
6th Mar: Ash Wednesday.
16th Mar: Plenary teams to meet – Warragul – 9:30am – 3pm
18th Mar: Proclaimers Group 1:30pm @ Parish Centre.
26th Mar: Sacrament of First Reconciliation.
16th Jun: Pilgrimage of Icon and Candle
22nd/23rd Jun: Sacrament of First Holy Communion.
10th Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation.
13th/14th Sep: Diocesan Assembly



*Do you enjoy a time of peace,
meditation and prayer?
If so then Taizé may be for you.*

Taizé is a tiny village in the hills of Burgundy in the eastern part of France. Since 1940 it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers whose vocation is to strive for communion among all. Taizé's simple and effective liturgy is based on traditional elements of readings, silence, intercession and chants. The meditative chants are an echo of tradition deeply rooted in Christian prayer. Come and join us on the **last Thursday of each month** as we share together in the style of Taizé 7pm – 8pm at the Salvation Army Church, Goold Street, Bairnsdale.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Diocesan Assembly and Pilgrimage: Bishop Patrick has announced a Diocesan Assembly to be held on 13-14 September at Marist-Sion College Warragul. During the Plenary Council 2020 Listening and Dialogue process, several common topics have emerged. It has become evident that many of the suggestions which have been made can be initiated and implemented at a local Diocesan level. The Diocesan Assembly, while part of the overall Plenary journey, is of vital importance as it will provide us with the opportunity to together discern and discuss what it is that we can do here and now for our local Church in the Diocese of Sale. In the months leading up to the Assembly, the Diocesan community is being invited to embark on a period of prayer and preparation with a Diocesan Pilgrimage of the Icon of our Lady of Perpetual Help (the patroness of our Diocese) and the Diocesan Plenary 2020 Candle. Each parish will host the Icon and Candle for one week with the opportunity to receive and bless the Icon at weekend Masses and have it displayed for prayer during the week. Our week to host the Icon and Candle will begin 16th June.

On Saturday 16th March 9:30am – 3pm all members of Plenary Teams in the parishes of the Diocese of Sale, are invited to Warragul to spend the day with Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, the facilitator of Plenary Council 2020. This is a great opportunity to



hear about 'what comes next?' If you were involved with the running of 'conversations' or 'an animator' this is for you. Please see Michelle or Pattie to express your interest in attending the day.



AN INVITATION

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, know that we are thinking about you. We are glad you are here and invite you to be an active part of us again. If you would like more information on our parish program Reconnect, please contact Patricia Walsh on 5152 2418 or Sandra Tilley sfo on smtilleyofs@bigpond.com



*Congratulations to
Madison Arthur-Dimitrijevic
and
Ashley Marek*

who were married this weekend.
May they know God's love is with them always.

Collections for week ending 10th February 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,856.85
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 320.00
1 st Collection	\$ 490.80
2 nd Collection	\$ 632.85
Church Tours	\$ 260.15

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 Kerrie and her gift of **HELPS** – saw a need and stepped up to help; to Nicole and her charism of **SERVICE** – used her nursing background to help someone out; and to Lesley and her gift of **HELPS** – for happily working in the kitchen when needed. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

CALLED AND GIFTED TO READ?

Do you consider yourself gifted with proclaiming God's Word? (Are you an evangelist?) Are you passionate about spending time hearing, reading, meditating on God's Word? Perhaps you're *called and gifted* to be a Proclaimer of the Word during our liturgical celebrations.

The **Proclaimers' Enrichment sessions** recommence on **Monday, March 18 at 1.30pm** in the St Mary's Pastoral Centre.

We meet on **alternate Mondays for 90 minutes** to share the scriptures for Mass, meditate on the Gospels, receive input about how to enrich and empower your reading of the Word and practise reading aloud in a mutually supportive environment.

All benefit by ongoing training in the Ministry of Reader (or Lector) – we need to keep coming back to be refreshed, inspired, informed and ENRICHED.

Whether you have been a Reader for a long time or are just now thinking you may be called and gifted for this ministry, why not come and see what it's all about? Bring along a friend.

To find out more, please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Blessed are you when people hate you, ...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name ...on account of the Son of Man."

LUKE 6: 22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

LITURGY MEETING

The 1st meeting for 2019 will be held Tuesday 19th February at the Parish Centre at 3:30pm. Team members and any interested parishioners are invited to attend. With Ash Wednesday being 6th March there will be plenty to discuss.

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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 17: 5-8

The Lord says this:
'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

- R.** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.
1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
 2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
 3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.
Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:
'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.
'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.
'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.
'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – Message for all.

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people – not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and pagans as well. We can see this message revealed in the gathering of people who listened to Jesus' sermon on the plain. We're told there were people from all parts of Judea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognised the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon standing alongside Jews from Judea.

Readings for 24/02/2019
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8
Psalm: Ps 1: 1-4
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20
Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26