



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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – November 17th, 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 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, 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
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: 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
4th 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 No Mass – Clergy Reflection Day in Warragul.
8:45am Morning Office 9am Rosary
Wed: 9:10am Mass
Thurs: 9:10am Mass at St Mary’s Primary School Gymnasium
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

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 23rd & 24th November 2019

| ROSTERS | Commentator | Proclaimer | Procession of Gospel/Gifts | Special Ministers |
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| 6:00pm | C Marriot-Smith | C Kenyon | T & K Flannery | C M-Smith, T Flannery & P Elliott |
| 9:30am | P Brown Graham | S Tilley | M Grimsted & family | M Owen, M Elliott & G Burton |
| CHURCH CLEANING: 16 th – 30 th November – D & J Coverdale, B & A Cattapan | | | | |

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Laws, Kevin Hogan (Fr Brendan's father), Susan Florance (nee Harrington).

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Pasquale Pruscino, Pat Pruscino, Antonio Pruscino, Pietro Carioli, Domenico Rettino, Helen McBride, Graham Rowe, Jim Dwyer, Alex Bain, Sarah Traynor, Robert Rhodes, Fr Edward O'Malley, Fr Daniel O'Reily, Emeritus Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Fr Tim McInnes, Dennis Quigley, Kathleen Marshall, Peter O'Donohue, Norm Mann, Robert Bills, Huynh Van Tuan, Michael Dudley, Fr William Tierney, Fr Con Donovan, Fr Dave Cagney.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Fr Michael has approved the following organisations suggested by parishioners, to be recipients of \$500 each from St Mary's Parish Welfare Account.

For Local Needs: St Vincent de Paul Conference, Bairnsdale.
Riding for the Disabled, Bairnsdale.
Need for Feed (Drought Assistance in Gippsland)

For national needs: Brigidine Asylum Seeker, Melbourne
Apostleship of the Sea
Aboriginal Literacy Program, Melbourne

For international needs: Bairnsdale Friends of Timor Leste (Scholarships for young men & women to train to become teachers; Luncheon program at St Antonio's Secondary School in Baucau).

3RD COLLECTION - 23RD /24TH NOVEMBER

There will be a 3rd collection next weekend at all Masses for the Military Ordinariate. The Catholic Military Ordinariate of Australia has been charged with the pastoral care of uniformed members of Australia's Navy, Army and Air Force, their families and of the civilians employed by the Department of Defence. Your prayers and support for their chaplains is greatly appreciated along with your continuing support for all who serve.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME

A 1997 Mitsubishi Lancer, in good condition but not registered, is looking for a new home. Its' previous owners have a new car and are hoping that someone, who maybe can't afford to buy a car, may appreciate this offer. If you know of someone please contact John on 0447 285 500.

PLENARY 2020

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?

In this phase, we are continuing to listen to what the Spirit is saying as we move from listening and dialogue, into listening and discernment. This process of discernment is communal rather than individual. As such, we are called to work together as a group. The process is built upon the practise of Spiritual Conversations drawn primarily from the St Ignatian tradition. It is a part of the Communal discernment process and provides a way for groups of people to listen to God, by listening to one another. It is a way for us to listen to the voice of the Spirit.

This will take place over the next few months from November 2019 – March 2020. Your commitment would be to attend two 1-hour meetings to listen & discern one of the National Themes.

- Missionary & Evangelising
- Inclusive, participatory and synodal
- Humble, healing and merciful
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- A joyful, hope-filled and servant community
- Open to conversion, renewal and reform

The first gathering will take place from 5.30pm – 6.30pm on Wednesday 20th November and Wednesday 27th November, at the Parish Centre, Bairnsdale to discern the theme, *Open to conversion, renewal and reform.*

RESTORATION UPDATE

External work on the church grounds at St Mary's has resumed. The concreting work is a continuation of the eastern side of the church and then across the front, all the way to the new Pyke St vehicle access gateway. This will take a few weeks, so access to the church will be limited during this time. Please use the SIDE ENTRANCES, when necessary. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Once the concreting is complete, we'll be able to see the finishing line for the exterior of the church. Our attention is already focused on the inside, exemplified by the recent series of bulletin notices on interior features. To assist our forward planning towards a liturgical brief for the Architect and the Bishop, an important display will be revealed on **Dec 1 after the 9:30 Mass**. The new liturgical year is a timely opportunity for as many of the community as possible to further engage in the process of discerning what, if any, changes could be made during the restoration works inside the church. Please mark your diary and join us on the day. Your voice is as important as anyone else's. You are also welcome to forward your thoughts to Fr Michael by email (stm.michaelw@gmail.com). Thank-you.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SHARE THE FRIENDSHIP Combined Churches Pastoral Care Group

The final meeting for 2019 of the Combined Churches Pastoral Care Group is to be held at the Uniting Church at 12 noon on Thursday 21 November. Shirley and David Husted will share stories of their recent trip to Canada. Please bring along something to share for our "shared lunch". This group meets three times a year and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 20th Nov: Plenary Gathering 5:30pm @ Parish Centre.
- 21st Nov: Combined Churches Group 12 noon, Uniting Church.
- 23rd Nov: Parish Dinner 6pm @ Parish Centre.
- 23rd/24th Nov: 3rd collection for Military Ordinariate.
- 27th Nov: Plenary Gathering 5:30pm @ Parish Centre.
- 1st Dec: Blessing of the Cribs Mass 9:30am St Mary's Church
- 1st Dec: Restoration update after 9:30am Mass @ Parish Centre.
- 1st Dec: PPC Morning Tea in Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass.

RENEWAL OF CHURCH INTERIOR

What could our worship space look like?

1. **LET US PRAY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** for guidance as we discern moving forward to the future for our iconic heritage church.
2. **COLLECT AN INFORMATION BOOKLET** 'Church Interior Renewal Guide' with guiding principles from the Church Documents to help us in our discernment process. What do we **Retain, Reuse, Relocate, Rebuild, Remove and/or Renew?**

The booklets will be available next weekend (24th November) in all church foyers, or from the Parish Centre.

3. **COME ALONG FOR MORNING TEA** Sunday December 1st after the 9.30am Mass in St Mary's Parish Hall. A 'cuppa' will be served from 10.30am followed by a brief presentation of the journey so far. Then, time for a 'walk-about' viewing elements of the worship space, which will be displayed around the Hall and/or go and visualise the ideas in the church.

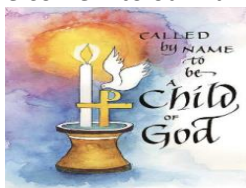
During this time, we will have the opportunity to write any ideas/suggestions that we feel drawn to contribute for consideration in the final brief.

You are welcome to come prepared, with responses to the prompts in the booklet.

There will be a 'wrap up' at 11:30, with time for questions, or comments from the floor and raising of further ideas, or suggestions regarding the different elements.

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.

We welcome into our Parish family this weekend



Laila Yutian
daughter of
Xin Chin & Yak Hong Kuick

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Parish Liturgy Team have been studying the GIRM (The General Instruction of the Roman Missal) and we have realised that 'special ministers' **DO NOT** need to symbolically wash their hands as they prepare to give communion. However, for hygiene's sake, hand sanitiser will be available. If you would like more information, please speak to a member of the Liturgy Team – Kath Cassidy, Angela Chila, Sandie Tilley, Michelle Grimsted, Robyn David, Maureen Saunders, Donrita Reefman, Pattie Pruscino, Fr Michael or Fr Avinash.

6PM MASS ROSTER

The new roster is now ready to be picked up. Please find your copy in the foyer of the church.

| Collections for week ending 10th November 2019 | |
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| Envelopes | \$ 1,526.05 |
| D/D & Cards | \$ 185.00 |
| 1 st Collection | \$ 523.30 |
| 2 nd Collection | \$ 769.75 |
| Church Tours | \$ 244.75 |

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
FAITH
empowers a Christian to be an effective agent of God's purposes through an unusual trust in the love, power, and provision of God and a remarkable freedom to act on this trust.
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 Sandra and her charism of **MUSIC** – the joy that comes with music in children's lives is wonderful; Michelle and her gift of **FAITH** – encouraging, passionate and supporting the Family Youth Mass; and Grade 1 teachers and their gifts of **ENCOURAGEMENT** – showing and encouraging the children to give thanks to God with their voices. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

PARISH DINNER

Last days to book a seat or a table. **DATE:** 23rd November
TIME: 6pm **WHERE:** St Mary's Parish Centre
RSVP: 19th November **BOOKINGS:** Please pay when booking.
Please note: This being our 1st dinner, we are trying 6pm as an encouragement for young families to attend. We understand that Mass goes on Saturday evening are compromised, please know that you can pop in afterwards for a cuppa (& dessert?).



Children's Liturgy is on this weekend.

'BLESSING OF THE CRIBS' MASS



All are warmly invited to bring along their family nativity scenes to the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 1st December at St Mary's for a 'Blessing of the Cribs'. Morning Tea will be served in the Parish Centre afterwards. This is a great way to start off our time of Advent preparation and bring Christ back intomas!

SMILE

What's the difference between a train and a tree?
One leaves its shed and the other sheds its leaves.

PARISH DINNER - 23rd NOVEMBER 2019 - 6PM

2 course meal with nibbles beforehand. Adults: \$10 Children (under 16): FREE

NAME:

CONTACT NUMBER:

NUMBER ATTENDING: Adults Children

RSVP: 19th November 2019

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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

A reading from the second book of Malachi 3: 19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp/ with the sound of music./ With trumpets and the sound of the horn/ acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;/ the world, and all its peoples./ Let the rivers clap their hands/ and the hills ring out their joy/ at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes,/ he comes to rule the earth./ He will rule the world with justice/ and the people with fairness. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3: 7 – 12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work.

Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21: 5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 24/11/2019
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe, Year C
1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3
Psalm: Ps 121: 1-5
2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 12-20
Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

PRAYERS FOR DROUGHT STRICKEN AREAS OF AUSTRALIA

The Catholic Church in Australia is dedicating the month of November 2019 as a time to pray for those affected by crippling drought conditions and to pray for the gift of rain. Parishes, schools, families and other Catholic communities across the country are being encouraged to participate in the National Prayer Campaign for Drought, which also invites people to provide assistance to those most in need. The month of prayer is an additional response to the local work being done in affected communities. More information can be found on the ACBC website Catholic.org.au