



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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – August 18th, 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: 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. 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.

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 5's
Fri: 9:10am Mass

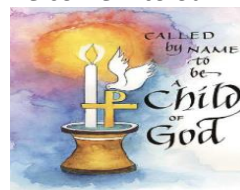
RECONCILIATION

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

We welcome into our Parish family this weekend



Ariah Bree Leonti
daughter of
Hannah and Daniel

NEXT WEEKEND 24th & 25th August 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	C Marriot-Smith	M Saunders	D Reefman	C Marriot-Smith, T Flannery & P Elliott
9:30am	H Ven den Einden	N Nash	J & D Fallon, R & J Gray	D Atkins, G & K Cassidy

CHURCH CLEANING: 16th – 31st August - J Delany, J & H Coverdale

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joan O'Brien, Phyllis Tanner.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Freda Carrick, Frank Gregson, Marjorie Dore, Hank Janson, Leo Bills, Peter Vanzin, Alma Turzan, Anne Farrell, Dinah Howe, Mary Collins, Shirley Stoddart, Neil Wigg, Fr William Shinnick, Fr Patrick Cremin, Fr Thomas Shearman, Michael Trybus, Maureen Terrill, Penny Hood Bis. Patrick Lyons, Fr Patrick O'Hanlon.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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

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.

CELEBRATE YOUTH EVENT!

AUGUST 25th, 2019 will be the 2nd "CELEBRATE" youth event that invites all people young and old across the Diocese to celebrate the gifts and talents our young people have. It is a free family event. **Location:** Lavalla Catholic College, Kildare Campus – Kosciuszko St Traralgon. **Time** 4pm – 7pm. Call Jen if you are interested in attending – 0437492349 or youth@smp.org.au

CALLED AND GIFTED TO READ?

The next **Proclaimers' Enrichment session** is **Monday, August 19 at 1.30pm** in St Mary's Parish Centre. We meet for 90 minutes. All readers/proclaimers of the Word are welcome to attend.

HI THERE

My name is Heather Wordsworth, been attending St Mary's for some time, my parents have sold and moving to NSW, and I now need board in the Bairnsdale area. I am in my 50's, own a car and am animal free. At the moment I am on Centrelink payments but looking for work, so can afford \$110 per fortnight. I have a medium amount of personal gear and need to live in Bairnsdale if possible. I do have my own bed and would enjoy 3 meals a week with your family. 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Luke 12:51)

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

WHO IS GOING TO THE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY?

There will be around 400 people participating in the Assembly. These include clergy, delegates from each parish, heads of Diocesan agencies, Diocesan councils, school principals, religious education leaders and others. There will be official observers from other Christian Churches. Parish representatives will make up a significant proportion of the delegates at the Assembly. Further details about the numbers of delegates from each parish, how to choose delegates and online booking details will be provided. The Assembly begins at 5pm on Friday 13th September and concludes at 4.00 pm on Saturday 14th September. All delegates must be able to commit to attending the entire Assembly proceedings. Parishes will be provided with Assembly information packs.

SELECTION OF PARISH DELEGATES FOR DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

Our Parish of Bairnsdale-Omeo can bring 10 delegates (this number does not include our priests, principals or Michelle who is on the Plenary Team). As we discern who may attend, we are to consider people who are, amongst other things:

- Prayerful and discerning.
- Willing to let the Holy Spirit work through them.
- Willing to dialogue and listen to others.
- Capable and competent in representing the parish community, not just their personal views.
- Have positive 'influence' – that may mean someone who doesn't always agree with the PP.

Those selected would need to commit to:

- taking part in the preparation process leading up to the Assembly.
- to attend the Assembly from 5pm Friday 13th September to 4pm Saturday 14th September in Warragul.
- and to 'follow up' with their Parish afterwards.

Please pass names for nomination of yourself or others, who you discern would be suitable, to Fr Michael or Michelle Grimsted **ASAP**.

CatholicCare SUNDAY APPEAL – THANK YOU

CatholicCare is deeply grateful for the support of our Parish during last week's CatholicCare appeal. With our Parish's donation of \$557 and donations from the Catholic Church community, they can continue to support vulnerable and disadvantaged families through a range of social services. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS -

THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

We are seeking volunteers for January 2020 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, East Timor & Solomon Islands. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE

'Fan into flame the gift of God within you' 2 Tim 1.6

Sept 6th-8th September, Marist Sion College, Warragul. Speakers: Fr Francis Otobo PP Traralgon, CCR Chaplain and Mrs Ann Brereton, Chairperson CCR Australia. All welcome. Please see brochures for program details and registration which can be found in the foyer of the church. For catering, please contact Cathy McLure 0432588195.

Collections for week ending 11th August 2019

Envelopes	\$1,212.00
D/D & Cards	\$ 410.00
1 st Collection	\$ 673.75
2 nd Collection	\$ 723.35

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS - WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Standard Four

Strategy

Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel.

Actions

Review your human resource practices and take action to ensure a focus on child safety.

ST MARY'S RESTORATION PROJECT

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 at this time. This will continue for several weeks and we apologise for any inconvenience.

CHURCH INTERIOR INFORMATION EVENING

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.

PRESIDER'S CHAIR



Theology - The chair for the priest/celebrant must signify his function of presiding over the gathering and of directing the prayer.... any appearance of a throne is to be avoided (GIRM 310)

Relationship – The arrangement of the sanctuary needs to articulate carefully the relationships between altar, ambo and chair, each of which is the focus of attention at different points in the liturgy. Its location should facilitate communication between priest and congregation (see GIRM 310)
...the chair's relationship with the assembly expresses a close and coherent unity...(see GIRM 294)

Ritual Reform – the role of presiding over the assembly in the person of Christ (SC33) does not separate the priest from the gathered Church.

- GIRM (The General Instruction of the Roman Missal)

Imagine if. . . .

- the priest was to sit more centrally to the assembled people.

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(add your own 'imagine if')

To bring a vision into reality we value 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 19th Aug: Proclaimers Enrichment Group 1:30pm Parish Centre.
- 23rd/25th Aug: Marriage Encounter Weekend.
- 29th Aug: Taize Prayers at Salvation Army Citadel 7pm – 8pm.
- 31st Aug: Ordination to the Diaconate, Sale Cathedral, 11am.
- 1st Sept: 'Cuppa' after Mass in Parish Centre.
- 8th Sept: Youth Mass at St Mary's **5:30pm** (Change of time).
- 13th/14th Sept: Diocesan Assembly.

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

MUSIC

empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's creative goodness to others through writing or performing music for the delight of others and the praise of God.

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 Marylou and her charism of **LEADERSHIP** – so well used with the Nagle College 'Founders Day' Mass; to Maureen, singers and musicians and their gifts of **MUSIC** – supporting the 'Founders Day' Mass with beautiful hymns, songs and instrumental playing. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

2019 ANNUAL SEMINARY RAFFLE

The Corpus Christi College Seminary Parents and Friends Auxiliary have organised the 2019 Annual Raffle. It is in support of Catholic priestly vocations. **COST:** \$10 a ticket. **PRIZES:** 1st – \$15,000 Travel Award thanks to Ashmore & James Travel Associates; **prizes** for 2nd – 5th also. **DRAWN:** 30/08/2019

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

The Ordination to the Diaconate for Jithin Anto, Confidence Masvosva and Paul Zaher will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 11.00 am on Saturday 31 August 2019.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



"GET A LIFE



Are you tired of sitting home alone on a Saturday with nothing to do?... Don't enjoy going out by yourself? Don't have a life?

Then here is an answer to your problem.

We, as a part of the Parish Pastoral Council (or PPC), are looking to start a Social Group for **YOUNG, SINGLE people over 60** who are interested in getting together on a regular basis (once a month) with the aim of socialising. Proposed activities include 'potluck' suppers, games nights, a morning walk followed by coffee, 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.

SMILE

What do penguins wear when it's cold? Ice caps.

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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord /and he stooped down to me; /he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit, /from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock /and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth, /praise of our God. /Many shall see and fear/ and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor, /the Lord thinks of me. /You are my rescuer, my help, /O God, do not delay! **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12: 1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started.

Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12: 49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 25/08/2019
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21
Psalm: Ps 116
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

LIVING THE GOSPEL – SPEAKING A HARD MESSAGE

Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel.