



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.**

**5th SUNDAY of EASTER, Year C – May 19<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  
 No Mass at Maddocks Gardens due to clergy professional development day in Warragul.  
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass at St Mary's Primary School - Preps  
 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 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  
 10:00am Wednesday's at St Patrick's, Paynesville



We take this time to **THANK** all volunteers, be they within the church or wider community, for all they give and do. Without them we would not be able to do God's work or appreciate the many gifts we have been so blessed with.

**NEXT WEEKEND 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Procession of Gospel/Gifts</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	B Calabro	P Reefman	to be organised	M Saunders, T Flannery & P Elliott
<b>9:30am</b>	D Fallon	M Elliott	M Elbourne & friend	D Fallon, A Chila & G Burton
<b>CHURCH CLEANING: 16<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May:</b> A & B Cattapan, D & J Coverdale				

## **Please pray for**

### **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Bernard Coloe.

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

Grace Calabro, Fr Sylvester Maddock, Fr Francis Moore, Fr Robert Mead, Fr Martin Roche, Noreen Godridge, April Herrick, Domenico Capobianco, Leo Cahill, Nicodemo Tedeschi, Lindsay Pepper, June Bennett, Fr Aeneas Hennesy, Mg James O'Mara, Dr James McGillicuddy.

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

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

Paul Hamilton, Jane Rowlands, Nicholas Browne, Arthur Elbourne, Keith Hayles, Genevieve Bolleman, Rivers Purtel, Matthew Brunt, Cathy Tickle, Joan Wriggel, 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), Bernard McCarthy (Jose's brother), Holly Box, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Billy Sant, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Sue Bayley, Daryl Evans, Bill Cole, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Brenda Lyons, Jean Coleman, John Buck, Ena Morris, Kerry Larkin, Rick Jones, Joyce Harrington, Di Dunlop, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), 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, Rose Gallagher, Trish Henderson, Peter Grimsted, Anne Armstrong, Margaret Flynn, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Shannon Helmers, Amanda Matthews, Tyson Chapman, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth Knight, Thomas Anderson.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's of the month during the school term. All children to the age of 12 are welcome to attend. Young teenagers/adults are encouraged to come along and help. If you are not sure about your child attending, please know that you are welcome to come along also. Our thanks to Michelle and Amanda for their ongoing support of this wonderful initiative.

### **26,000 VISITORS AND 100,000 DOLLARS**

We have a beautiful church to welcome others to and a wonderful story to tell about the murals. It is our unique story and our volunteer guides testify to the pleasure they have in meeting people from interstate and overseas. Do you have a few hours to spare during week days? Do you enjoy meeting new people and having a conversation? If you're interested in becoming a church tour guide, please contact the Parish Office. A few more people and we'll be able to conduct tours on Sunday afternoons, too!



**Share your skills** with a community organisation in Asia or the Pacific to contribute to **sustainable solutions to poverty**. Our community partners have requested **teachers, nurses, tradies and more** to work alongside a local counterpart in 2020. We welcome all those who envision **volunteering their skills overseas** in the next few years to **join our next training course**, starting in **Sydney on July 6th**. Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) or call **Palms now on 02 9560 5333** for more details

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** want us to know that they are available to people who wish to speak with them at any time. If there is some problem you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to call Bruce (0412 938 772) or Jeanette (0409 662 925). They will be very glad to speak with you.

## **PARISH RETREAT**

**29 April – 25 May**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - sessions at 1.30pm OR 7.30pm

**Closing session Saturday 25th May**

**2:30pm at the Parish Centre.**

At the closing session, which will finish around 5:30pm, afternoon tea will be offered. Please bring a plate to share. At the end of the gathering it is hoped all will be able to celebrate together at 6pm Mass at St Mary's with Fr Alvin presiding.

**Please keep Fr Alvin and all those participating in your prayers.**

### **TRINITY FAMILIES COLLECTION**

Trinity Families is the Sale Diocese's charitable fund which does magnificent work providing support for programs which aid families in need of welfare services. Over the past 15 years it has provided a staggering \$1.5 million to assist other charities to run programs for families in need in our region.

Programs funded include family counselling services, parenting programs, suicide prevention, respite care, drug and alcohol programs and emergency accommodation.

Trinity Families could do much more if it had more financial resources and that is why we need you to respond positively to the annual appeal in our parishes. **The appeal collection will take place next weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May as a 3<sup>rd</sup> collection.**

The theme this year is **"Be the reason someone smiles today."** Your generosity in supporting this annual appeal will be greatly appreciated.

On the pews are envelopes which can be used for donations. Cheque and credit card donations can be posted back to the diocese, but we ask that cash donations are placed in the envelope. Tax deductible receipts will be provided if you give your email or postal address.

The Trinity Families website [www.trinityfamilies.org.au](http://www.trinityfamilies.org.au) has details if you wish to donate by direct debit. Again, please give generously to this once a year appeal and hopefully we see smiles on the faces of many more struggling families within our diocese.

### **LITURGY MEETING**

Our next Liturgy meeting will be held this Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at the Parish Centre starting at 3:30pm. We will review our Easter Liturgies and plan for the next couple of months. We hope all team members will be able to attend.

### **"GROUNDED IN TRUTH**

### **WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE"**

The Bairnsdale West Primary School Community would like to invite you to their Reconciliation Day Assembly on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at 10am in the Nova Hall. Please join them as we work toward a positive future. For catering purposes please RSVP by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Email [bairnsdale.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:bairnsdale.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Phone 5152 3516. If you intend to stay only for the assembly there is no need to respond. **ALL** are welcome to attend.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

25<sup>th</sup> May: Parish Retreat to finish 2:30pm at Parish Centre.

21<sup>st</sup> May: Liturgy Meeting 3:30pm at Parish Centre.

26<sup>th</sup> May: 3<sup>rd</sup> Collection for Trinity Families.

29<sup>th</sup> May: Seminar regarding St Mary's church interior.

9<sup>th</sup> Jun: St Anthony of Padua Mass & Procession.

16<sup>th</sup> Jun: Pilgrimage of Icon and Candle at Bairnsdale.

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.

## ST MARY'S RESTORATION PROJECT

Concrete, drainage and lighting works have begun on the east side of the church. Trucks will be accessing the work area via the internal driveway. **Therefore, access to the church during the week will be mostly via the west porch on the Pyke St side.** We apologise for any inconvenience. **All entry points will be available on weekends except the entry at the back of Subway.** This will continue for another 3 to 4 weeks.

Also, please mark your diaries and reserve the evening of **Wednesday May 29 at 5pm in the Parish Centre.** Our heritage architect, Arthur Andronas, and another guest presenter, Fr Stephen Hackett, MSC, will share their expertise regarding **renewal of church interiors**, particularly with our church in mind, as we endeavour to conclude the liturgical brief for Arthur and the Bishop. We continue to pray and discern how any changes might look. Your discernment is important. "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)

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 UPDATE

by Lana Turvey-Collins, National Facilitator

Right now, the Plenary Council facilitation team is working on the advertisements, job descriptions, terms of reference and other supporting collateral for the Working Groups – the collaborative teams of people who will draft the papers in response to the Listening and Dialogue submissions. Those papers will become the foundation for the Plenary Council agenda.

Stay tuned [by subscribing to *Plenary Post* at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)] for more information on the Working Groups. In the meantime, celebrate the achievement of over 222,000 people having been a part of the process until now and think about the kind of Church we are becoming through the encounter of Christ in one another.



### 46<sup>th</sup> MASS & PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF ST ANTHONY

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 11am, St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale

Mass and procession in honour of St Anthony of Padua. Concelebrated by Frs. Frank Bertagnolli SDB, Michael Willemsen and other priests. The procession in Main Street, Benediction, Blessing and distribution of bread and holy pictures will follow the procession. Afterwards, a social gathering will take place at St Mary's Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share.

### DINNER IN THANKS OF 50 YEARS BLESSED SERVICE OF FR. FRANK BERTAGNOLLI

A dinner is being held at the Bairnsdale Sporting and Convention Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm in appreciation of the 50 years Fr Frank has been involved with our Parish and the Mass in honour of St Anthony of Padua. Please contact Tony Chila 5156 9231; Tony Desio 5152 6193 OR Bruno Capobianco 5152 2022 if you would like to attend.



### 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 at [smtilleyofs@bigpond.com](mailto:smtilleyofs@bigpond.com)

### 6PM & 9:30AM MASS ROSTERS

The new rosters are now out. Please pick up your copy from the foyer of the church. If you are going away or have an issue with when you are rostered on, please don't hesitate to contact Christine Shanahan on 5156 8704 for 6pm OR Angela Chila for 9:30am (who do up the rosters) and let them know of your concerns.

## 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 HOSPITALITY

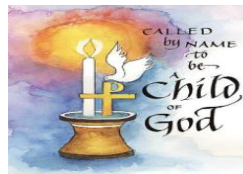
*empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God's love by sharing the faith with others in a way that draws them to become disciples of Jesus and responsible members of his church.*

**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 Jenny and her gift of **HELPS** – for going the extra mile while Roger is not well; to Barry and Paul and their gifts of **CRAFTSMANSHIP** – laying carpet on a weekend to minimise problems; and to Chris and her gift of **EVANGELISM** – supporting the parish retreat in a leadership capacity. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

### We welcome into our parish family



*Lola Valentine*

daughter of Roisin & Ben Calabro

*Evelyn Laura*

daughter of Jessica & Glenn Murray

### SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

42 students, with the support of parents, carers and teachers are beginning 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.

### CHOSEN CONFERENCE

*Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9*

The Chosen Conference is a national conference for youth and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, organised by Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. We invite you to join us from the **4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019** at Sacred Heart Girl's College Melbourne for 4 power-packed days of youth rallies, uplifting talks, workshops, theatre, Eucharistic celebrations, vocation & mission expo and live music. For registrations please visit [www.chosenconference.org.au](http://www.chosenconference.org.au). For further information, queries or group registration please contact [info@chosenconference.org.au](mailto:info@chosenconference.org.au) or call us at 0491 002 081

### SMILE

Why isn't your nose 12 inches long?

Because then it would be a foot.

### Collections for week ending 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,338.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 225.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 457.35
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 612.30
Church Tours	\$ 576.40
Education of Seminarians Bursary Fund	\$ 922.00

**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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**5th Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 14: 21-27**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

**(Revelation) 21: 1-5**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to**

**John 13: 31-35**

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Readings for 26/05/2019*

**6th Sunday of EASTER, Year C**

1st Reading: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Psalm: Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8

2nd Reading: Revelations 21: 10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14: 23-29

**GOSPEL FOCUS – God’s Love**

What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God’s love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God’s love doesn’t keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God’s love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God’s love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God’s love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Parish Centre will be closed on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May for a couple of reasons. If you need to contact a priest, please ring 5152 3106. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We will be back on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.