



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.

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

*Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.*

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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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, 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](mailto:stmarysbairnsdale@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.

**MORNING TEA**

A reminder that Morning Tea will follow 9:30am Mass today. All are welcome. It is a great way to stop for a moment, smell the roses and catch up with friends and newcomers. Come and have a 'cuppa' with your dad, or in memory of your dad.

**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

**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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month – MASS: June - September**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO:** Sun - 11:00am  
**at Omeo Hospital (rear entrance)**  
**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  
10:30am Mass at BUPA/Eastwood Aged Care  
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, Bairnsdale  
10:00am Wednesday's at St Patrick's, Paynesville

**THANK YOU - FR PIUS**

God is good, God is good indeed. The parish of St Mary's is most grateful for your presence this last 2 weeks. We hope you continue to enjoy your time in Victoria as you head to Wonthaggi for 2 weeks. We pray you travel safely and arrive back in Orange refreshed and with some insight of the area where Bishop Michael McKenna was born.

**NEXT WEEKEND 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Procession of Gospel/Gifts</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
6:00pm	M Saunders	C Marriot-Smith	G Dooley	M Saunders, T & K Flannery
9:30am	D Fallon	D Cameron	M Elbourne & friend	H Sampson, A Chila & E Cameron

**CHURCH CLEANING:** 1st – 15<sup>th</sup> September - Any volunteers, please.

## **Please pray for**

### **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Graham Kelly, Pat Summers (nee Dwyer), Jai Patton (son of Tammy Ewing), Joan O'Brien.

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

Bill Greenwood, Irma Cerini, Manfred Ratzman, Helen Gagalowicz, Chris McKenna, James Duggan, Mary Keady, Fr James Collier, Mark Morgan, Francesca Aloisio, Francesco Aloisio, Jack Donchi, Jan Ross-Feltham, Nicolina Tedeschi, Pasquale Tedeschi, Fr Joe Pulis SDB, Fr John Kavanagh.

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

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

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

### **FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE**

Today the Special Collection for the Priest's Welfare Foundation will go towards the support of the sick or retired priests and deacons in our diocese and the overseas priests in time of sickness. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

### **NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**

1 – 7 September 2019. This week is coordinated by the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) and it commences on Father's Day. The aim of the week is to engage members of the community in supporting families and protecting children. The theme for 2019 is a focus on 'Child Development' through supporting parents with the messages that:

- Kids do well when parents are supported
- To raise thriving kids, parents need support to navigate life's choppy waters.

There is much rich literature in our Catholic tradition around the metaphor "navigating choppy waters" where safe harbours represent the support and protection from Christ himself. Check out the website: <http://frameworksinstitute.org/toolkits/parenting>.

For further information, please contact Dr Angela Lecomber, Professional Standards Officer on 03 5614 5140 or email [angelal@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:angelal@sale.catholic.org.au).

### **SMILE**

What kind of a key can't open a lock? A don-key!

#### **Collections for week ending 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Envelopes	\$ 1,546.00
D/D & Cards	\$ 350.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 707.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 767.55

### **WHAT WILL THE ASSEMBLY DISCUSS?**

*Sharing our Story, Celebrating Our Faith, Shaping Our Future* is the broad theme of our Diocesan Assembly. The major Assembly topics (based on *Listening and Dialogue* responses):

1. **Faith Formation & Spirituality (living out the joy of the Gospel)**
2. **Leadership & Governance (providing leadership and structures that promote evangelisation)**
3. **Families and Vocation (raising disciples in our families, so that they can go out into the world)**
4. **Liturgy and Prayer (nourishing our communities)**
5. **The Welcoming Community (a community on mission, not maintenance)**



On 13-14 September 2019, the Catholic Diocese of Sale is holding its Diocesan Assembly, the first for over 15 years. Bishop Pat and the Diocesan Gaudium et Spes Plenary 2020 Team have been aware that there is much that can be done in our Diocese right now. We want to hear from people across our Diocese about the vision they have for their diocese and parishes in living *the joy of the Gospel*.

The five themes, mentioned above, are not the themes to be discerned in the second phase for the Plenary Council 2020.

### **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU**

Now is your chance to be heard about the vision you have for our Diocese and this Parish, living the joy of the Gospel. So, you are warmly invited to participate and share your visions by either:

- Attending one of the 1-hour meetings at the Parish Centre, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept, at 10am or 5:30pm.

Or you may like to respond from the comfort of your home by either:

- Choosing one or more Assembly Theme/s and uploading your responses (dot points) to:
  - Survey Monkey link on the Diocesan website [www.cdsale.org.au](http://www.cdsale.org.au) or
  - directly to Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G58GMPY> or
  - submit handwritten responses to the Parish Centre by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

You are encouraged to speak up, be heard, and consider other opinions - if you don't say a word, everything will stay the same. Please ensure that you pick up a copy of the 5 themes as you leave Mass if you missed out last weekend.

**HI THERE** My name is Heather Wordsworth, have been attending St Mary's for some time, my family have sold and moving to NSW, and I now require board in the Bairnsdale area. I am in my 50's, own a car and am animal free. Presently, I am on Centrelink payments but looking for work, so can afford \$110 per fortnight. I have a medium amount of personal gear and would prefer 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.

### **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE**

*'Be faithful to your Spiritual Calling'* 2 Tim 1.6

Sept 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September, Marist Sion College, Warragul. All welcome. Please see the brochures, with program details & registration, found in the foyer of the church. For catering, contact Cathy 0432 588 195.

**Standard Five**

**Strategy**

Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.

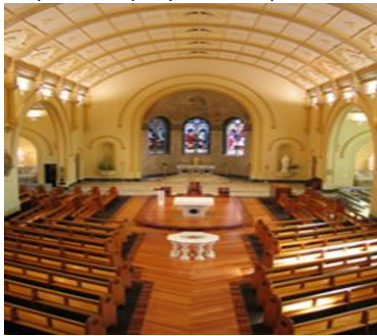
**Actions**

Ensure you have clear processes for concerns to be raised and communicate this widely both within the organisation as well as to families and children engaging with your organisation. If your organisation also must comply with the **Reportable Conduct Scheme**, you should include this here.

We will cover the *Reportable Conduct Scheme* in the coming weeks.

**CHURCH INTERIOR INFORMATION**

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.



**PLACE FOR THE ASSEMBLY**

**Theology** – Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them Mt18:20 – Christ is present in his word, under the appearance of bread and wine, the priest and the whole community. (SC 7; CCC 1140)

Fully conscience active participation is the right and duty of the people because of their baptism, and this aim is to be considered before all else. (see SC 14)

**Relationship** – the relationship between the place for the assembly and the sanctuary (altar, ambo, chair) expresses the unity of the gathered church. (SC 14)

‘The assembly is not a body of spectators in an auditorium, gathered in front of a platform for a performance’ (FSU 968)

‘The font is a sign of the baptismal unity upon which the liturgical assembly is founded’ (FSU 969)

**Ritual Reform** – ‘The unity of space presumed by the liturgical theology of current rites suggests a ‘one-room’ church space, since ‘it is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates’ (CCC 1140)

**Imagine if. . . .**

- The place of the assembly was not designed for an audience but for participation (*And When Churches Are To Be Built.....’*)
- When we all gather, we sit in a way that expresses becoming one Body of Christ.

- .....
- (add your own ‘imagine if’)

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.

**Please forward your reflections to Fr Michael.**

(SC=*Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Vatican 11 Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*) (CCC=*Catechism of the Catholic Church 1994*) (FSU=*Fit For Sacred Use Stewardship and renewal of places of worship*) (National Liturgical Architecture and Art Board- ‘*And When Churches Are To Be Built.....’* Preparation, planning and construction of places of worship.)

**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*  
**MERCY**  
*empowers a Christian to be a channel of God’s love through practical deeds of compassion that relieve the distress of those who suffer and help them experience God’s love.*  
**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 Robyn and her charism of TEACHING – helping people through the RCIA program; to Sandie and her gift of KNOWLEDGE – supporting others on their faith journey. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.



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

**GET A LIFE...**

As a part of the Parish Pastoral Council (or PPC), we are looking to start a Social Group for YOUNG, SINGLE people over 60 who are interested in getting together on a regular basis with the aim of socialising. Activities may include ‘potluck’ suppers, games nights, 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.

**VOCATIONS DAY- WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

Come and See, where God may be calling you to serve! You may be drawn to ministries available in your parish or a vocation of service as a catechist, missionary, priest or religious - to be held at St Agatha’s Primary School Hall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September, beginning with Mass at 9.30am. The day concludes at 4pm. For bookings go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BECJR> or contact 5996 1985.

**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST-**

offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html> Closing Date 18 October 2019



Congratulations to  
**Pina Ciaglia**  
on reaching 80 years young. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept: Proclaimers Group 1:30pm Parish Centre.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept: Parish meetings @ 10am or 5:30pm Parish Centre.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sept: Youth Mass at St Mary’s **5:30pm** (Change of time).
- 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Sept: Diocesan Assembly.



**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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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, Full of mercy to all who call to you.

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach)**

**3: 17-20, 28-29**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus  
My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R.** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

**A reading from the letter to the**

**Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24**

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

**Alleluia!**

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

**Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Readings for 8/09/2019*  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**  
1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20, 28-29  
Psalm: Ps 67: 4-7, 10-11  
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19  
Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14



Prayer for *Father's Day*

God our Father,  
We give you thanks and praise  
for fathers young and old.  
We pray for young fathers,  
newly embracing their vocation;  
May they find courage and perseverance  
to balance work, family and faith  
in joy and sacrifice.  
We pray for Fathers around the world  
whose children are lost or suffering;  
May they know that the God of compassion  
walks with them in their sorrow.  
We pray for men who are not fathers  
but still mentor and guide us  
with fatherly love and advice.  
We remember fathers, grandfathers,  
and great grandfathers  
who are no longer with us  
but who live forever in our memory  
and nourish us with their love.

*Amen.*