



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.

The PRESENTATION of the LORD, Year A – February 2nd, 2020

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.

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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 Mass
Wed: 9:10am Mass
10:30am Mass at BUPA/Eastwood Aged Care
Thurs: 9:10am Mass
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.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES - are now ready to be picked up from the foyer of the church. Thank you for helping us in this matter.

NEXT WEEKEND 8th & 9th February 2020

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	J Peachey	K Flannery	B Calabro	J Peachey, T & K Flannery
9:30am	M Grimsted	M Elliott	J & D Fallon	J Coverdale, A Chila & D Fallon
CHURCH CLEANING: 1 st – 29 th February – Volunteers needed.				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Wigg, Tom Crozier (Traralgon), Kathleen Reinhardt, Fr John O'Kelly, Kathleen Byrne, William (Bill) Cole.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Noel Bills, Norm Bowers, Joseph Zagami, John Flannery, Alan Bills, Catherine Cullen, Pat Farquhar, Genoveffa Calvi, Giosue Calvi, Fr David Quinn, Fr E Curran, Fr E Halihan, Fr Patrick McDonnell, Eileen Ebert, Vittorio Saulle, Maria Parisotto, Maria Pukal, Jack Clark, Gwen Morgan, Bill Keyte, Jim Murphy, Roger McCombe, Sr Maria Terese, Fr Bill Shanahan, Fr Law Cusack, Fr Philip Kavanagh, Fr Maurice Carroll.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Marcie Hayles, Bernard O'Kelly, Lachlan Van Den Einden, Kitty Cosse, Joan Marshall, Irene Beatson, Loran Tilley-Withers, John Pruscino, Jacek Dutkiewicz, Adam Gilhooley, Tahlia De Felice, Mary Johnson, Nicholas Browne, Fr Carl Schafer ofm, John Graves, Alan Cross, Carmel Kenyon, Alan Cooke, Rick Jones, Yvonne Roy, Cathy Tickle, Matthew Brunt, Bernadette Wolters, Paul Hamilton, Joan Wriggel, Jane Rowlands, Jacqueline Wolters, Peter Grimsted, Billy Sant, Pat Doe, John Buck, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Arthur Elbourne, Guy Newman, Genevieve Bolleman, Ena Morris, Mark Kelly, Ray & Fran Adamson, Amy Hood, Gerard Templer, James Warren, Coral Prendergast, Brian Rowe, Joyce Harrington, Julie Frew, Paul McFarlane, Shannon Helmers, Rose Gallagher, Brenda Lyons, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Elizabeth Knight, Margaret Flynn, Tammy Ewing, Anne Armstrong, Tracey Moffatt, Trish Henderson, Gerry McDonald, Holly Box, Tyson Chapman, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth Stehmann.

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.

POSTSCRIPT TO FR O'KELLY'S FUNERAL

Just as the Bishop began the final prayers at the graveside, a yellow tailed black cockatoo flew overhead, calling. It didn't cease calling until the celebrant at the graveside fell silent.

J. O'K. and the Y.T.B.

Over many a campsite all over the land
A Black Cockatoo was often at hand.

A bird of distinction, of startling hues,
Red, White and Yellow Black Cockatoos.

Not a screecher, annoying, like the white sulphur job,
More plaintive and mournful, yet not outright sob.

Its flight is all dignity. No ducking and diving.
A regular wing beat. No fancy contriving.

They gathered at graveside. The end of his toil.
Time for farewells. Hands full of soil.

The Bishop was doing what Bishops do well,
Leading in prayer farewelling a soul.

When from o'er the morass, nearly late for the meeting,
Flew a Yellow Tailed Black, wings solemnly beating.

This high-flying mourner sang his doleful tribute
From Bushbird to Bushman The Final Salute

PARISH LIBRARY

Over the past 9 months Marsha & Marie have worked to put our books into some sort of order. Come on into the Parish Centre and see what is available. We invite you to use this most valuable resource.



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 way for us to listen to the voice of the Spirit.

The 'gatherings' will be held at the Parish Centre.

THEME 4. Prayerful & Eucharistic

1st half: Wednesday 5th February 5:30pm – 6:30pm

2nd half: Wednesday 12th February 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Pick up a copy of the 'Snapshot' from the foyer.

THEME 5. Humble, Healing & Merciful

1st half: Wednesday 19th February 5:30pm – 6:30pm

2nd half: Wednesday 26th February 5:30pm – 6:30pm

THEME 6. Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal

1st half: Wednesday 4th March 5:30pm – 6:30pm

2nd half: Wednesday 11th March 5:30pm – 6:30pm

A GENTLE REMINDER: If you know you are unable to attend the 1st half of a theme, it is best you do not attend the 2nd half. These gatherings are of 'communal discernment', so if you have not been involved with the 1st half you have been unable to hear other people's thoughts, so it makes it difficult to be part of a 'communal decision'.

We look forward to seeing you there for Theme 4.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS

We're here to help. We will visit you, or, come and see us at Vinnie's Assistance Centre, Bairnsdale Riviera Plaza, Shop 15
PH: 03) 5152 6687

We welcome into our Parish family



Tully Artie George
&
Bronte Kathleen
Children of Jane & Jake St John

They will be baptised at St Canice's Church, Lindenow this weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Welcome to 2020 and our Children's Liturgy with Michelle and Amanda leading. All children up to grade 6 are welcome to participate. Remember it is the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month during school term. We hope to see you there. If your child is a bit unsure, a parent or carer is welcome to come along. A great way for our young children to learn about God's love for all.



Sincere THANKS to all who made the Bushfire Ecumenical Service & Get together such a prayerful & vibrant gathering. From all walks of life & faiths – a testimony to our community.

ANGLICAN & CATHOLIC GATHERING

You might recall attending an 'Advent Conversation' in 2018 called together by our respective Bishops. This proved to be a significant event for both our churches, and it was subsequently resolved by the Bishops that a Joint Task Force be established to build on that momentum and explore further opportunities for us to work and witness together.

The first initiative in this regard is a further Bible Study designed as a preparation for Lent and we invite you to this 'Lenten Conversation' to be held on 21 February 2020. We have two outstanding scholars from the University of Divinity to lead the Bible Study, Dr Frances Baker of the Catholic Theological College and Revd. Professor Mark Lindsay of Trinity College Theological School, together with both of our Bishops.

This 'Lenten Conversation' will be held at The Abbey on Raymond Island, commencing at 10am and to finish around 3.30pm. For catering purposes booking is essential with a catering charge of \$20pp. If you require any further information at this stage please contact The Abbey on 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au.

2020 STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS CONFERENCE

Saturday 15 February 2020, 9:00am – 6:30pm, 400 City Road, Southbank (Planetshakers Centre)

A day of prayer and renewal for all to come together and be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Encouraged by Pope Francis' message that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength – especially in times when your faith could be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter Comensoli and Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

We invite everyone to this free event. If you are interested in participating, please register online. For more information & free registration visit www.strengthinweakness.com.au

ST JOSEPH'S, TRAFALGAR

You are invited to help celebrate 90 years of Catholic Education on Sunday 22nd March beginning with a Thanksgiving Mass at 10am. This will be followed by Open School, Social Gathering and a BBQ lunch provided. Please bring any memorabilia to share. RSVP by Friday 13th March to office@trafalgar.catholic.edu.au or 5633 1151 or loconnell@trafalgar.catholic.edu.au

FAMILY YOUTH MASS

With such a difficult start to 2020 it has been determined that the 1st monthly Family Youth Mass for 2020 will be 8th March at 5pm and followed by pizza in the Parish Centre. So put this date in your diaries.

EAST GIPPSLAND CHILD SAFE TRAINING SESSION

Saturday, March 21st, 2020

St Marys Parish Centre

10.00am – 12.30pm

All Parish volunteers are expected to attend.

MONTHLY MORNING TEA

The 1st morning tea for the year will be today following 9:30am Mass. Come along, have a cuppa and introduce yourself to someone new. ALL are welcome.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2nd Feb: Children's Liturgy during 9:30am Mass.

2nd Feb: Morning Tea after 9:30am Mass.

5th Feb: 1st half of 4th theme – Plenary Council 5:30pm Parish Centre

6th Feb: Loss & Grief Group 5pm @ Parish Centre.

12th Feb: 2nd half of 4th theme-Plenary Council 5:30pm Parish Centre

13th Feb: Rev. Dr Elio Capra SDB – Understanding the Sacraments.

21st Feb: 'Lenten Conversation' @ The Abbey.

21st Feb: Friendship Group 10am @ Parish Centre.

26th Feb: Ash Wednesday.

21st Mar: All Parish Volunteers Meeting 10am Parish Centre.

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 can 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

PASTORING

empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God's love and build Christian community by nurturing the relationships and long-term growth of a group.

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 Michelle and her charism of **EVANGELISM** – sharing the story of another who survived the recent bushfires; to Michael and his gift of **PASTORING** – this past 6 weeks being overseer of all of East Gippsland; and to Sue and her charism of **HELPS** – supporting some of the volunteers cleaning up properties. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

SACRAMENTS – The Fabric of our Catholic Lives

Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB, a Salesian priest, will be holding evening sessions at **St Brendan's Lakes Entrance on Wednesday 12th February** and at **St Mary's Parish Centre Bairnsdale on Thursday 13th February**. TIME: 7pm to 8:30pm

Fr Elio is a very personable and knowledgeable speaker. He has a sense of fun and is very engaging and interesting to listen to.

There is an expectation for at least one of the parents/caregivers whose child is participating in this year's 2020 Sacrament Program to attend. If you have any queries please contact Michelle Grimsted at St Mary's Parish Centre on 5152 2942 or via email stm.michelleg@gmail.com

These sessions are also open to parishioners who might like to deepen their understanding of how God is in our daily surroundings and encounters.

A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

With Ash Wednesday falling on 26th February, our time of Lent will be upon us. Once again, we are offering prayer groups where you will reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent. 'Together through these days of Lent we allow the Scripture to unveil for us "what eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him"'. (1 Corinthians 2: 9)

The program has been prepared by the Archdiocese of Brisbane, which we have used over the last few years and is highly recommended. It comes with a book which sets out the way each session is run, books will cost \$6. If you would like to join a prayer group for the 7-week program, each session will go for approximately 1 & ½ hours, please let Michelle or Pattie, at the Parish Centre, know.

SMILE

Why did the boy's gran knit him 3 socks?
Because he had grown another foot.

Collections for week ending 26th January 2020

Envelopes	\$ 1,526.00
D/D & Cards	\$ 302.00
1 st Collection	\$ 667.20
2 nd Collection	\$ 854.30

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.

The Presentation of the Lord, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

A reading from the prophet Malachi 3: 1 – 4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift up your heads;/ grow higher, ancient doors. / Let him enter, the king of glory! R.
Who is the king of glory? / The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, / the Lord, the valiant in war. R.

O gates, lift high your heads;/ grow higher, ancient doors. / Let him enter, the king of glory! R.
Who is he, the king of glory? / He, the Lord of armies,/ he is the king of glory. R.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2: 14–18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers

so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2: 22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel. 'As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 09/02/2020
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10
Psalm: Ps 111: 4-9
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16