



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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – October 20th, 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 Mass
Wed: 9:10am Mass
Thurs: 9:10am Mass at St Mary's Primary School (Year 3'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 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.

THERE WILL BE A 3rd COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR 'CATHOLIC MISSION'

NEXT WEEKEND 26th & 27th October 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	B Calabro	S Gibson	J De Boer	B O'Kelly, B Calabro & J Peachey
9:30am	D Atkins	S Tilley	R & J Gray	R David, J Neeson & M Owen
CHURCH CLEANING: 16 th – 31 st October – Volunteers needed.				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marie Brammall, Daphne Moore (Kerrie Flannery's sister), Jim Astley (Faye Bett's father), Gary Moffatt, Lily Brown, Amanda Matthews.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Antonio Cavone, Pasquale D'Aloia, Noel Currie, Concetta Pruscino, Cliff Brammall, Keith McNairn, Elizabetha De Lutis, Fr Frank Rowe, Fr James Kennedy, Ria Reefman, Joseph Raudino, Nerine Schiwy, Barbara Eldridge, Thomas Keyte, David Minchin, Jeanna Jones, Danny Cook, Mary Douglas, Molly Smullen, Marie Traynor, Martin White (Snr), Cliff Brammall, Pauline Cocco, Valda Reinhardt, MaryAnne Scott, Helen Bons, Lucy Mann, Fr John Gavin, Fr Alfred Davis, Fr D Gordon, Fr Thomas Egan.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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

EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH OCTOBER 2019

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, Pope Francis has announced the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019. The Twitter hashtag #MYMISSION social media campaign (and the prayer intention for the month of October, which the Holy Father will entrust to the Worldwide Prayer Network platform (www.popesprayer.va) through a video), will be dedicated to the "missio ad gentes" and to the Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019. It will be present on all of the Pope's social networks: the network of the Pope's video (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, website, newsletter), Click To Pray (where there is the Pope's personal prayer profile), Twitter (@Pontifex), Instagram (@Franciscus) and Vatican Media, all in different languages and integrated into the #MYMISSION social media campaign that Catholic Mission will promote. Initiatives developed by Catholic Mission including media work via social, online, print and radio can be found at www.catholicmission.org.au/EMM

HI THERE My name is Heather Wordsworth, and I 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. 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.

Collections for week ending 13th October 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,682.50
D/D & Cards	\$ 445.00
1 st Collection	\$ 345.05
2 nd Collection	\$ 888.40
Church Tours	\$ 1,388.30



DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY CONVERSATIONS

As a result of our discussion groups at the Diocesan Assembly last month, the raw responses from the Assembly conversations on the **final two of the five Assembly Themes have now been published**. They are now available from your Parish office and will be available on the Diocesan website for you to read what has been shared and discussed. <https://www.cdsale.org.au/> Click on the Diocesan Assembly graphic and you will be directed to the Diocesan Assembly page.

As soon as the website technology can be sorted, we will be uploading some Assembly videos for you to view. We will inform you when that's done.

Our focus now turns back to Plenary 2020 as we begin our next phase of 'Listening & Discerning'. Watch this space for dates and times in the coming weeks.

FR DENIS O'BRYAN – 40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Parishioners are invited to celebrate with Fr Denis on 27th October, beginning with Mass at 10:45am at St Peter's College, 55 MacKillop Way, Cnr. Heather Grove, Clyde North. Lunch will follow in the Lower Room of St Peter's College. RSVP Christine Salu on 5998 0947 or email: parish@stthomasap.org.au by 11th October. **Please note: this date has passed so if you would like to attend, please notify Christine as soon as possible.**

2019 FRIENDS OF SION GATHERING

Friends of Sion Gathering will commence at **9.30am on Sunday 10 November 2019** with Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale. This will be the penultimate gathering with the final event on Sunday 8 November 2020 celebrating 130 years of the arrival of the Sisters. If you would like to attend this year and have not received an invitation please contact CeCe Kingwill by emailing: wjcc@iinet.net.au or Maureen McLeod on 0427 443 550.

RESTORATION FUNDRAISER

You are invited to 'An Afternoon with Liminality – Celtic Trio' to be held at St Mary's Church on Sunday 3rd November at 2pm. Tickets are \$25, and Devonshire Tea will be available at interval for \$5. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BFOOS Enq: 0429 650 571. A great way to support the restoration of our iconic church and listen to some beautiful music at the same time.

CATHOLIC MISSION

Sister Stan Mumuni is at the forefront of the Church's work in reaching out to children in need in Ghana. As the director of the Nazareth Home for God's Children, Sister Stan works endlessly to provide education, healthcare and a safe home for children rescued from life-threatening situations.

In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered 'spirit children' and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. Today you can personally partner with the Church in Ghana and offer monthly support to this essential work. All gifts will be directed to life-saving projects for children in need. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghana

DATES TO REMEMBER

22nd Oct: Day Prayer Retreat, St Brigid's, Cowwarr 11am-3:30pm
23rd Nov: Parish Dinner 6pm @ Parish Centre.

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.



MUSIC

Theology – Leaders of music should be considered as part of the assembled community...undertaking a specific function. The positioning should also help (musicians) to exercise this function more easily and allow each...member full sacramental participation. (FSU 1003)

Relationship – Singers and musicians lead and encourage the assembly to join in singing the liturgy and themselves participate with the rest of the people. (WCAB 251)

To facilitate the singing of the responsorial psalm with a cantor, the music area should have a good relationship with the ambo. (FSU 1006)

Ritual Reform – liturgical music (is) a collaboration between the ministers, the whole assembly and the choir or cantor. (FSU 1011)

Imagine if. . . .

- More resonant acoustic encouraged the people’s singing. (See FSU 1022)
- Music leadership was visible as well as audible. (See FSU 1026)
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(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.

*FSU= Fit For Sacred Use Stewardship and renewal of places of worship
WCAB=National Liturgical Architecture and Art Board- ‘And When Churches Are To Be Built.....’ Preparation, planning and construction of places of worship.*

DAY PRAYER RETREAT

EVERYONE is warmly invited to hear Fr Hugh Thomas CSsR speak on the theme “The Power of the Rosary” to be held at **St Brigid’s Church, 19 Church St, Cowwarr on Tuesday, 22nd October, 11am – 3.30pm.**

“Highlighting the great miracles that have occurred through the Rosary, such as Lepanto, along with the teaching of the Popes, especially St John Paul 11- encouraging us to pray the Rosary as given by the Blessed Virgin in her Apparitions.”

Fr Thomas is Responsible for the Marian Movement of Priests (MMP) in NSW and is again conducting MMP Day Prayer Retreats in Victoria. He has hosted missions & retreats in Australia & overseas for many years. The day will include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Cenacle Rosary, Reflections by Fr Thomas and Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please BYO lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. All queries very welcome by contacting Marianne Bagguley on 0407 353 750

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
SERVICE
empowers a Christian to be a channel of God’s purposes by recognising the logistical gaps or unmet needs that can prevent good things from happening, and by personally doing whatever it takes to solve the problem and meet the need
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 Dene and her charism of **HELPS** – being of great help to a family during the passing of a loved one; to Ken and Dave and their gifts of **SERVICE** – doing what they can to support those who find themselves in difficult situations. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

PARISH CENSUS CARDS

It has been 3 years since we completed our last Parish Census and many details change in this time. Parish Census Cards will be distributed at Masses this weekend. Please fill them in even if your details have not changed. Importantly make sure you fill in your email address and mobile if you have them as these are important means of communication. Please place them on the collection plates.

PARISH DINNER

Over the past couple of years, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been focused on how to become a more welcoming parish community. We have reintroduced a monthly ‘morning tea’ and now we are holding a ‘Parish Dinner’ which we hope will become a regular event. As this is our first one it will be a case of trial and error. The night begins at 6pm with nibbles, followed by meat and salads and then dessert. We ask that you supply your own drinks (alcohol if you wish), but tea/coffee/milo/cordial will be supplied by the Parish. We are putting a small charge on for the night, but children will be free. You can tear off the piece below and drop it into the Parish Centre OR place it on the collection plate OR give it to Pattie Pruscino. We will need to know numbers by 12th November. We look forward to seeing you there, and with your support, we pray it will be a twice-yearly occurrence. **DATE:** 23rd December **TIME:** 6pm **WHERE:** St Mary’s Parish Centre **RSVP:** 12th November **BOOKINGS:** Please pay when booking.

SMILE

Why did the can crusher quit his job?
Because it was soda pressing!

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: 12th 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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

A reading from the second book of Exodus 17: 8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.** The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

3: 13- 4: 2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Luke 18: 1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 27/10/2019
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19
Psalm: Ps 32: 2-3, 17-19, 23
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

DIFFERENT VIEW – CONVINCING GOD

Does this teaching about the need for communal prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.