



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.

SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION, Year C – April 21st, 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, 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
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: 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 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
10:30am Mass at Maddocks Gardens
Thurs: 9:10pm Mass ANZAC DAY
Fri: 9:10am Mass
11:00am Funeral Prayers for Mr Peter Ross at St Patrick's, Paynesville.

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 10:00am Wednesday's at St Patrick's, Paynesville



Fr Michael, Fr Avinash, Fr Xavier and parish staff wish all a blessed, peace filled and joyous Easter. May you enjoy time with family and friends and travel safely on the roads. We pray our teachers have taken time to refresh and all students enjoyed some 'down' time. Peace be with you all.

NEXT WEEKEND 27th & 28th April 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	C Marriot-Smith	S Gibson	M Calabro	C Marriot-Smith, B O'Kelly & P Elliott
9:30am	P Brown-Graham	N Nash	M Grimsted & family	M Owen, P Brown-Graham & M Elliott
CHURCH CLEANING: 16th – 30th April: M Saunders & P Pruscino				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Ross, Eddie Sroczyński, Kevin Pearson.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Eleanor Parry-Jones, Felicia Bagnato, Guise Duong Van Ho, Barry Brindle, Bob Carrick, Domenico Schiafone, Pat Bills, Vicki Hall, Fr Michael Hallinan, Fr Thomas Hurley, Leanne Taylor, Ray Cook, John McMahon, Veronica Saunders, Fr Daniel Horan, Fr Harry Verbruggen, Fr Richard Buckley, Fr John McCann.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Genevieve Bolleman, Matthew Brunt, Jane Rowlands, Cathy Tickle, Joan Wriggel, Pat Coloe, Ray Adamson, Daphne Moore, Pat Doe, Trevor Steer, Margaret Wood (Paula B-G's sister), Julie Frew, Bernard McCarthy (Jose's brother), Holly Box, Amy Hood, Billy Sant, Patricia Dean (Paula O'Neill's mum), Bill Cole, Yvonne Roy, Sue Bayley, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Daryl Evans, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Brenda Lyons, Jean Coleman, John Buck, Ena Morris, Kerry Larkin, Joyce Harrington, Di Dunlop, Mark Kelly, Coral Prendergast, Gerry McDonald, Guy Newman, Terry Pendergast, Rick Jones, Victoria Haeusler, James Warren, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Trish Freebairn, Tracey Moffatt, Paul McFarlane, Trish Henderson, Brian Rowe, Peter Grimsted, Anne Armstrong, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Tammy Ewing, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Shannon Helmers, Margaret Flynn, Rose Gallagher, Amanda Matthews, Tyson Chapman, Betty Holloway, Elizabeth Knight, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann, Thomas Anderson.

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.

GOSPEL FOCUS The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as 'the one Jesus loved'. It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as 'the Son of God' or 'the Son of Man' rather than say 'I', John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

Collections for week ending 7th April 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,407.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 1,955.00
1 st Collection	\$ 513.25
2 nd Collection	\$ 796.45
Church Tours	\$ 457.05

PARISH RETREAT

29 April – 25 May



This is an excellent form of retreat for busy people, since it links prayer with our experiences and helps us to recognise the presence of the Lord in a variety of happenings. Your prayer is done alone, at home or in some quiet place, and at a time convenient to you.

Find a poster on the Notice boards at Bairnsdale, Paynesville and Lindenow churches or go to the Parish website. www.stmarysbairnsdale.net For more details please phone Pattie Pruscino 5152 2942 or Chris Power 0418 148 657

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 UPDATE

by Lana Turvey-Collins, National Facilitator

It covered almost 10 months and culminated in a flurry of late submissions, but the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council has yielded a remarkable foundation from which the people of God can move forward. Late last week, the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPRI) completed the statistical analysis and reported that more than 17,500 submissions had been lodged -- thousands of which represented groups. In all, more than 222,000 people either made an individual submission or participated in a group discussion that culminated in a submission.

The NCPRI will continue its quantitative and qualitative analysis of the stories that people have shared over the coming weeks. From that analysis, which will include prayer and discernment, national themes for discernment will emerge and be announced in June. Reports will be published on each of the themes and allow ongoing involvement for the large numbers of people who participated during the Listening and Dialogue phase.

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] 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.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT – My Lord and my God (for 2nd Sunday)

By the time the Gospel of John was written – in the last decade of the 1st Century – there were already diverse beliefs about Jesus. As is regarded in the gospels, there were those who regarded Jesus as one of the prophets of Israel; others recognized his as the promised Messiah; others still had come to believe in Jesus the Christ as the incarnation of God. That is certainly the theology expressed in the Gospel of John. Perhaps as a means to further his community's theology and correct other ideas, the gospel writer has Thomas declare, "My Lord and my God!"



Living with a disability was challenging for Nguyet. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community.**

Lives change when we all give 100%.

Please return your Project Compassion boxes on Holy Thursday evening. A basket will be prominently placed to take them all. The quicker we get them, the sooner our contributions can be forwarded on to those who need it.

FASTING IN LENT 2019

Three Benefits of Living with Less

Our Home Becomes a Haven: When we have fewer things we don't have to expend so much time and energy organising and maintaining them. There's less stress and less chaos.

There is More Room to Love God and Others: Material things are not bad in and of themselves. However, we are called to love God ABOVE all things. Having or desiring too many things can distract us from our relationship with our God and our family. When we live with less, we have...more freedom to ponder and listen to God; more time to pray; the ability to focus on improving our relationships.

We Practise the Virtue of Holy Detachment: When we learn to detach from the things of this world, we also learn to practice holy detachment in other areas of life: from worrying about what we cannot control; from other people's opinions of us; from forming unfounded opinions about others; from our own self-will...so that we can embrace our Lord's Holy will more fully in our lives.

SLAVERY – FREE CHOCOLATE

Last month, while speaking about modern slavery Pope Francis said that, faced with the tragic reality of modern slavery, "no one can wash their hands of it, without being in some way, an accomplice to this crime against humanity".

Thinking of buying Easter eggs? Use your money justly – please.

What Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter? There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget-priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, Coles and a wide selection at Haighs and OXFAM shops; Chocolatier also produces FAIRTRADE Easter chocolate.

Action: Tell three people about the importance of buying only slavery-free chocolate this Easter and beyond. Try some and tell them how good it tastes. Join this global fight against modern slavery.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 14th Apr: Farewell Morning Tea for Fr Xavier 10:30am
- 14th Apr: 11am – 1pm support of Refugees & Asylum Seekers.
- 16th Apr: Chrism Mass, Sale Cathedral 11am.
- 29th Apr – 25th May: Parish Retreat.
- 16th Jun: Pilgrimage of Icon and Candle at Bairnsdale.
- 22nd/23rd Jun: Sacrament of First Holy Communion.
- 10th Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation.
- 13th/14th Sep: 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 **CELIBACY** empowers a Christian to be most fulfilled and spiritually fruitful by remaining unmarried and celibate for the sake of Christ.*

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 Rick and Colleen and their gifts of **LEADERSHIP & ENCOURAGEMENT** –for sharing their knowledge of 'Country' to achieve good things; to Marylin and her gift of **HELPS** – saw a need and did something about it; and to our Parish family and their gift of **INTERCESSARY PRAYERS** - a parishioner is feeling the healing power of our prayers. 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



London
daughter of
Tara and Andrew Thomson

MASS TIMES FOR THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday

7pm Mass of the Lord's St Mary's, Bairnsdale

Good Friday

9:30am Stations of the Cross St Mary's, Bairnsdale
11:00am Stations of the Cross St Canice's, Lindenow
3:00pm Passion Liturgy St Mary's, Bairnsdale
3:00pm Passion Liturgy Immaculate Conception, Omeo

Holy Saturday

7:00pm Easter Vigil St Mary's, Bairnsdale

Easter Sunday

8:00am Mass St Patrick's, Paynesville
9:00am Mass St Francis of Assisi, Benambra
9:30am Mass St Mary's Bairnsdale
11:00am Mass Sacred Heart, Swift's Creek
11:00am Mass St Canice's, Lindenow

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.

Sunday of the Resurrection

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be glory and power
for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10: 34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 28/04/2019
2nd Sunday of EASTER
(Divine Mercy Sunday), Year C
1st Reading: Acts 5: 12-16
Psalm: Ps 117: 2-4, 22-27
2nd Reading: Revelations 1: 9-13, 17-19
Gospel: John 20: 19-31

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' FEDERAL ELECTION STATEMENT

The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at www.catholic.org.au

CATHOLIC LIFE

The last 'paper' edition is now out. Please pick up your copy from the foyer of the church. ENJOY!!!