



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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – July 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 June - September

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO:
at Omeo Hospital (rear entrance) Sun - 11:00am
SACRED HEART, SWIFTS CREEK: Sat - 6:30pm
ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BENAMBRA: Sun - 9:30am

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 Maddocks Gardens Aged Care
Thurs: 9:10am Mass at St Mary's Primary School Grade
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

SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the past 20 years, St Mary's Parish has put aside 2.5% of Planned Giving receipts for local, national and international needs. Your suggestions are warmly invited for this year's disbursement of accumulated funds. Please leave your written suggestions at the Parish Centre by August 1st.

NEXT WEEKEND 27th, 28th July 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 & M Saunders
9:30am	H Van den Einden	A Vowell	M Elbourne & friend	P Brown-Graham, S Dean & J Delany
CHURCH CLEANING:	16 th – 31 st July	D & T Roderick		

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joseph Santamaria (father of Anita Hallett), Heather Bills.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Catherine Smyth, Demetrio Bagnato, Bill Macnamara, Marie Wade, Maureen Coffey, Frank Traynor, Marie Petterson, Teresa Mitchell, Peg Townsend, David Murray, Leonard 'Mick' Michalowsky, Peter Van Nuttrim, Frank Power, Annunziata & Giuseppe Di Palma, Nicolina Tedeschi, Fr John Allen, Fr Michael McAlroy, Fr Denis O'Callaghan, Fr Peter McCormack, Fr Maurice McKenna, Maria Anna Vanzin, Kerrie Knott, Bob McKenzie, Irene Flannery, Carmel Hall, Marion Pearce, Fr William Hannify, Fr Mat White, Fr John Heffernan, Fr Patrick 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:

Rob Short, Bernadette Wolters, Jacqueline Wolters, Tony Hutchins, Pat Doe, Paul Hamilton, Jane Rowlands, Nicholas Browne, Holly Box, Arthur Elbourne, Genevieve Bolleman, Rivers Purtel, Joan Wriggel, Matthew Brunt, Cathy Tickle, Ray & Fran Adamson, Daphne Moore, Yvonne Roy, Trevor Steer, Amy Hood, Margaret Wood (Paula B-G's sister), Julie Frew, Patricia Dean (Paula O'Neill's mum), Bill Cole, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Billy Sant, Sue Bayley, Daryl Evans, Jean Coleman, Brenda Lyons, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), John Buck, Ena Morris, Rick Jones, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Joyce Harrington, Di Dunlop, 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, Trish Henderson, Peter Grimsted, Anne Armstrong, Margaret Flynn, Tyson Chapman, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth Knight, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Shannon Helmers, Amanda Matthews, Elizabeth Stehmann, Thomas Anderson.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Preparation for the Diocesan Assembly (13-14 September) is progressing well. In a few weeks' time, we will be receiving material for parishes to think about the number of delegates, how to choose our delegates and a simple preparation process in which we can engage our parish communities.

Mrs Sophy Morley is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Sue Eeles as our Diocesan Assembly Assistant who will assist her and the Diocesan *Gaudium et Spes* team with Assembly planning and preparation. Many of you would know Sue from her time as an Administration Officer in the Diocesan Finance Office. We welcome Sue on board. You may contact Sue or Sophy about any detail of the Diocesan Assembly on 03 5622 6677. Sue will be working with the team until the middle of October.

CELEBRATE YOUTH EVENT!

AUGUST 25th, 2019 will be the 2nd "CELEBRATE" youth event that invites all people young and old across the Diocese to celebrate the gifts and talents our young people have. This is a free family event that will see performances from young people from across the diocese, a Youth Mass and a party with pizza's, slushies, popcorn, games and more. Location – Lavalla Catholic College, Kildare Campus – Kosciuszko St Traralgon. Time 4pm – 7pm. Please call Jen if you are interested in helping, performing, reading, sponsoring this celebration – 0437492349 or youth@smpt.org.au

CALLED AND GIFTED TO READ?

The *Proclaimers' Enrichment* sessions over the next 6 weeks are **Monday**, July 22, August 5 and August 19 at **1.30pm** in St Mary's Parish Centre. We meet **for 90 minutes**. All readers/proclaimers of the Word are welcome to attend.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 UPDATE

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

These themes are available from the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.

By clicking on each of the 6 themes you will be able to download a snapshot report which delves into all the topics covered under each of the themes. **Otherwise you can pick up a hard copy of the 6 themes from the Parish Centre.**

Soon, we will be entering into a LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT PHASE which will extend until April 2020. This will be a slower, deeper process than last year. **As a Diocese we will begin this next Listening and Discernment Phase after the Diocesan Assembly is over.** We will then provide training for Leaders and Plenary teams after which the discernment process can be activated in parishes.

CATHOLIC ALLIANCE FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself." "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." Luke 10:27-28 (last Sundays Gospel)

#6YearsTooMany 19th July 2019 marks six years since former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced that people seeking asylum, arriving by boat, will never be settled in Australia and be processed offshore.

What has happened with Australia's offshore processing?

- 3,127 people have been sent to PNG and Nauru since 19th July 2013
- There are approximately 800 people who are left living in limbo in PNG and Nauru.
- Over 1250 people over the past six years have been transferred to Australia for medical reasons (either treatment or accompanying someone who requires treatment).
- There have been over 508 resettled in the US, and some others in Europe or Asia. However, many who have been found refugees, but rejected by the USA are still languishing in PNG and Nauru.

After six years there have been many tragic consequences resulting from this policy including:

- 2 recent self-immolations; 12 deaths; Split families; Many episodes of mental ill-health and acts of self-harm.

Currently there are approx. 450 people in PNG, approx. 420 on Nauru (0 children) – total number in PNG and Nauru approx. 800. (*Statistics from Refugee Council – 2 July 2019*)

Send a 'message in a bottle' of hope Write your own 'message of hope' (a mobile-phone photo of the note is fine!) and send to info@capsa.org.au and the messages will be sent to the refugees and people seeking asylum in PNG and Nauru. We want them to know that many people in Australia are thinking of them and working for their safe resettlement.

SMILE

What did the bacon say to the egg?
I might be a ham, but your yolks are bad.

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS - WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Child Safe Standard - One

Strategy

Strategies to embed an organizational culture of child safety.

Actions

Appoint child safe 'champions' within your leadership teams that can talk about what the Child Safe policy means for staff and volunteers.

ST MARY'S RESTORATION PROJECT

Access to the church is sometimes available only via the west porch on the Pyke St side. All church entry points are made available on weekends. However, the gate from the carpark outside the Parish Centre is closed for access to the church. This will continue for several weeks and we apologise for any inconvenience.

CHURCH INTERIOR INFORMATION EVENING

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.

ALTAR

Theology – the Altar is Christ. The Altar is the place where the sacrifice of the cross is "made present under sacramental signs" of bread and wine and it is "the table of the Lord to which the People of God" are called. (GIRM 296)

Relationship – The Altar is harmonious with the Ambo, the Presiders Chair, and the peoples seating. The Altar is the natural focus of people's attention.

Ritual Reform – The Altar should be free standing, permit walking around it and celebration facing the people. (GIRM 299)

The Altar's location should be truly central so that the attention of all people naturally focusses there. (GIRM 299)

The Altar should be fixed and made of natural stone. (GIRM 301)

From - *National Liturgical Architecture and Art Board – 'And When Churches Are To Be Built...' Preparation, planning and construction of places of worship.*

- GIRM (The General Instruction of the Roman Missal)

Imagine if. . . .

- the original pulpit was repurposed into an Altar with a new mensa (top).
- we could all be gathered around the Altar.
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(add your own 'imagine if')

To bring a vision into reality we value 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.

FOUND

A pendant earring was found in the church following Mass last Sunday. If you believe it is yours, you can pick it up at the Parish Centre during office hours.

PETER'S PENCE

We thank you for your very generous support of this annual collection. \$735.75 will be forwarded on your behalf for the upkeep of the Holy Father and his works of charity.

Collections for week ending 14th July 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,274.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 375.00
1 st Collection	\$ 429.70
2 nd Collection	\$ 697.95

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

WRITING

empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's creativity by using words to create works of truth or beauty that reflect the fullness of human experience and bring glory to God.

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 Fr Michael and his charism of **LEADERSHIP** - for listening and discerning before coming to a decision; to Irene and her gift of **HELPS** – knows there is life after work and seeking out how to help her community; and to Paul and his gift of **HELPS** – ask a busy man and he will find time to help. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!

Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **2019 Victorian weekend dates: 23-25 Aug, and 15-17 Nov. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.**

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



YOUTH MASS

A Youth Mass is to be held on Sunday 4th August at 5pm at St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale. All are welcome. It is hoped that it will be a regular event on the 1st Sunday of the month. If you wish to help with music, reading or play a part within the Mass, please contact Michelle Grimsted at the Parish Centre. Pizza will follow in the Parish Centre afterwards.

2019 ANNUAL SEMINARY RAFFLE

The Corpus Christi College Seminary Parents and Friends Auxiliary are proud to present the 2019 Annual Raffle. It is in support of Catholic priestly vocations. **COST:** \$10 a ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Centre. **PRIZES:** 1st – \$15,000 Travel Award thanks to Ashmore & James Travel Associates; 2nd - \$1000 Gift Voucher from Coles Myer; 3rd - \$400 Gift Voucher from Coles Myer and 4th - \$200 Gift Voucher from Coles Myer. **DRAWN:** 30/08/2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

22nd Jul: Proclaimers Group 1:30pm Parish Centre
10th Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation
13th/14th 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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

A reading from the book of Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' he asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?/
He who walks without fault;/ he who acts with justice/
and speaks the truth from his heart;/
he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,/who casts no slur on his neighbour,/who holds the godless in disdain,/but honours those who fear the Lord. **R**

He who keeps his pledge come what may;/who takes no interest on a loan/and accepts no bribes against the innocent./Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1: 24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10: 38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 28/07/2019
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6-8
2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbor. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbor whilst this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.