



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 MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST, Year C – June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
*Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.*

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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, 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](mailto: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.

**GLUTEN FREE:** Anyone needing a GF host is asked to speak to the priest before Mass to organise.

**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  
**4<sup>th</sup> 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 Solemnity: Birth of John the Baptist  
Tues: 9:10am Mass  
11:00am Funeral Prayers for Mrs Heather Bills at St Patrick's, Paynesville.  
Wed: 9:10am Mass  
11:00am Funeral Prayers for Mrs Amanda Otuonye  
Thurs: 10:00am Mass with St Mary's Primary School attending.  
Fri: 9:10am Mass Solemnity: Sacred Heart

**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



*Congratulations to the children receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.*

**NEXT WEEKEND 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Procession of Gospel/Gifts</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	J De Boer	C Marriot Smith	M Calabro	P Elliott, M Elliott & C Marriot Smith
<b>9:30am</b>	J Neeson	N Nash	M Elbourne	S Tilley, G Neeson & H Sampson
<b>CHURCH CLEANING: 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Volunteers needed.				

### ***Please pray for***

#### **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Heather Bills, Amanda Otuonye (nee Gillick), Roger Reinhardt.

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

Malcolm Hodgkisson, Wilma Palmer, Margaret Morgan, Dawn Anderson, Emily & Charlie Fermio, Jack Cooney, Joan Overend, Lorna Carroll, Mick Carroll, Nathan Walker, Michelle McCormack, Eric Lenehan, Norman Dore, Noeline Harris, Melissa Overy, Ross Scott, Pasqualina Di Palma, Fr Frank Carroll, Fr Frank O'Regan, Fr Michael Dwyer, Fr D Donovan, Chris Ward, Robert Coleman, Dennis McNamara, Rik Vijverborg, Maurice Walsh, Margaret Scott, Dawn Anderson, Mgr Stan Crowe, Margaret Morgan, Fr William McLoughlin, Bis. Richard Ryan CM.

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

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

Bernadette Wolters, Jacqueline Wolters, Tony Hutchins, Pat Doe, Paul Hamilton, Jane Rowlands, Nicholas Browne, Arthur Elbourne, Genevieve Bolleman, Rivers Purtel, Matthew Brunt, Cathy Tickle, Joan Wriggel, 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), Holly Box, 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.

*Please remember all parishioners who are in ill health or recuperating from illness or surgery.*

### **PRESENTATION ABOUT SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S VOICES IN THE PACIFIC**

Come to St Mary's Parish Centre, Pyke Street Bairnsdale on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm to hear from Donrita Reefman from East Gippsland Toastmasters about her work with a team of four, empowering women and girls in the remote community of Noro in the Western Province of the Solomon Islands.

Donrita was an addition to this year's project which has previously focused only on health education, family violence and safety for children as well as sewing skills. Donrita helped build the public speaking skills amongst local women so that they may better advocate for their communities. Everyone is welcome to come along to see a presentation by Donrita to be followed by question time and supper.

### **NAIDOC/NATSIC MASS**

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have as their theme for the NATSIC Mass on 7<sup>th</sup> July **'Peace to this house and all who dwell within.'** They add 'In our busy lives, we are often bombarded with competing priorities, distractions, worries and concerns about ourselves and others, which can cause us to forget to take the time to stop, look around, reflect and look for our peace in our lives.' So, come along, join in and have a cuppa afterwards in the Parish centre.

### **YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION**

Enrolment bookings for Semester 2 Study. Discover new depths to your faith. Yarra Theological Union, a Catholic College of the University of Divinity, is taking enrolments for theological study. Enrolment appointments are from 24th June until 11th July 2019. **Phone** 9890 3771 or **admin@ytu.edu.au** for an appointment.

### **ST MARY'S RESTORATION PROJECT**

As well as the construction of a new all abilities entry/exit point, drainage works and electrical cabling for exterior lighting is underway on the east side of the church. **Therefore, 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. We apologise for any inconvenience.

### **CHURCH INTERIOR INFORMATION EVENING**

Copies (paper or electronic) are available following the Information evening. Please consider requesting a copy from the Parish Centre to inform your discernment, discussions and deliberations.

Please let us know if you have any old photos that show the church as it has looked over the decades (eg baptisms in the original baptistry; when the walls were blue and window recesses pink; etc). Arthur would like to gain insights into the changes over the years.

### **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.

"The emergence of the National Themes for Discernment is an important moment in our journey towards the Plenary Council. It is an expression of the sense of the faith from the faithful and, from this, we can proceed in our discernment of what the Spirit is saying to us in Australia," Ms Turvey-Collins said.

### **NO-ONE SHOULD HAVE TO...**

#### **CHOOSE BETWEEN THEIR JOB AND THEIR FAITH**

Following the 2018 Fair Go With Religious Freedom Tour, Barnabas Fund presents the 2019 Update.

Those attending the 2018 tour engaged enthusiastically with discussion about what Christians could do together in Australia's current 'Secular – Humanist' society.

The 2019 Update plans to look at what Barnabas Fund is currently doing, re-cap on Australia's history and foundation of freedom and discuss ways in which Christians may be strengthened against increasing difficulties each may face.

**WHERE:** Bairnsdale Presbyterian Church 159 Nicholson Street

**DATE:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June **TIME:** 7pm. **ALL ARE MOST WELCOME**

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INITIATIVE**

As always, the PPC is seeking ways to connect people with parish. It has been decided to offer 'a cuppa' on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. This begins on 7<sup>th</sup> July following the NATSIC/NAIDOC Mass. Come along, chat to someone you may not know very well or introduce yourself to a new person in the parish. **EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO BE INVOLVED.**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

24<sup>th</sup> Jun: 1:30pm Parish Centre Proclaimers Enrichment Group.

28<sup>th</sup> Jun: 7pm Parish Centre – Voice of Women in the Pacific.

28<sup>th</sup> Jun: 7pm Presbyterian Church - Religious Freedom.

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> Jun: 3<sup>rd</sup> collection for VINNIES Winter Appeal.

7<sup>th</sup> Jul: NATSICC/NAIDOC Mass 9:30am.

7<sup>th</sup> Jul: Cuppa following Mass in Parish Centre.

10<sup>th</sup> Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation.

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Sep: Diocesan Assembly.

The following children are celebrating the *Sacrament of First Holy Communion* this weekend.



Jordan Andrews-Hei  
 Laura Blackshaw  
 Oliver Brooks  
 Lucy Cashman  
 Imogene Clay  
 Joseph Dwyer  
 Chelsea Foy  
 Jessica Grimsted  
 Emme Hadden  
 Ethan Jones  
 Paul Lanteri  
 Haylee McKinnon  
 Lochlan O'Kelly  
 Ishan Palatty  
 Dana Riley  
 Jhana Sibal  
 Joseph Sykes  
 Kane Taylor

Andi Barron  
 Evangeline Booth  
 Illy Capobianco  
 Tahlia Chila  
 Amber Cribbes  
 Chelsea Eddie  
 Rei Gonzales  
 Paige Hack  
 Frazer Jackson  
 Clancy Knott  
 Zaeln Lynch  
 Tanah Moon  
 Ishika Palatty  
 Bella Prince  
 Zahra Ross  
 Isla Siribanphithak  
 Abigail Taylor  
 Charlotte Walkley

*Allegra Webster*

*May your first Holy Communion celebrate your friendship with Jesus.  
 As you grow in this friendship may your words be gentle, and your touch be kind.  
 May you hear the whispers of love in your heart each day.  
 May you have fun in discovering God hidden everywhere.  
 And may you remember to thank God often for the gift of life. Amen*

*ALL in the Parish congratulate you on taking this step in your faith journey.  
 May your blessings be many,  
 your faith become stronger and your desire to receive Holy Communion deepen.*

A big THANK YOU to teachers and family who have helped and supported the children with this ongoing journey of faith.

**ICON AND PLENARY 2020 CANDLE**

If you would like to hear again the history of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help you can look it up on YouTube under 'Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help History – Peter Slater Interview'.

<b>Collections for week ending 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>	
Envelopes	\$ 1,373.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 2,330.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 468.15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 614.75
Church Tours	\$ 489.00

**SMILE**

What do Italian ghosts like for dinner? Spook-getti.

**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 **INTERCESSORY PRAYER** empowers the intense prayer of a Christian for others to be the means by which God's love and deliverance reaches those in 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 the Parents & Carers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Candidates and their gifts of **TEACHING** – for sharing their faith journey with their children; and to Fr Avinash and his gift of **HELPS** – always happy to help and use his knowledge where needed. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

**A WORD FROM BISHOP PATRICK**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ in the Diocese of Sale. Beginning this weekend I will be present with all the Australian Bishops who are gathering in prayer just South of Rome for a Retreat in preparation for both the *Ad Limina* visit the following week and the Plenary Council in 2020, 2021. It is a recognition that if we want both events to be more than simply a 'talk fest' then they need to be grounded in prayer.

I make a simple plea during the next two weeks: Please pray for the Australian Bishops; for me as your Bishop and for our grace-filled Diocese of Sale.

The *Ad Limina Apostolorum* is a visit each Bishop has to make every five years to Rome. The nature of the *Ad Limina* is that it is a pilgrimage to the tombs of St Peter and Paul and a meeting with Pope Francis. Grouped around this is visits to many of the Congregations (Dicasteries or Departments) located in the Vatican as well as visits to the major Basilicas of Rome and other activities. The 2019 timetable is very full.

So dear brothers and sisters, first, please be assured of my constant prayer for you, our Diocese and Parishes and all organisations in the Diocese. One place I will certainly be visiting is the Church of Saint Alphonsus (Via Merulana) where the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is located. Mary the Mother of God, under this title, is the patron of our Diocese. Second may I invite you to pray for me and our Diocese in these days especially from 12<sup>th</sup> June until 1<sup>st</sup> July.

With deep gratitude to God for all his grace and mercy and recognising that God is Good,  
 Yours in Christ, +Pat O'Regan; Bishop of Sale



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL**

The annual Winter Appeal for Vinnies will be taken up on 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. This will take place as a 3<sup>rd</sup> collection. Envelopes will be available on the pews. If you prefer, blankets and non-perishable food items, will be gratefully accepted.

**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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**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**A reading from the book of Genesis 14: 18-20**

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

(R.) You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master:/ 'Sit on my right:/ I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R.)

2. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. (R.)

3. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains;/ from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (R.)

4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R.)

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 11: 23-26**

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.'

Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Alleluia!**

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

**Luke 9: 11-17**

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets."* LUKE 9:17

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! God blesses all the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.

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**CALLED AND GIFTED TO READ?**

The **Proclaimers' Enrichment sessions** recommence on **Monday, June 24th at 1.30pm** in the St Mary's Pastoral Centre. Following dates are July 22, August 5 and August 19.

We meet on **Mondays for 90 minutes** to share the scriptures for Mass, meditate on the Gospels, receive input about how to enrich and empower your reading of the Word and practise reading aloud in a mutually supportive environment.

All benefit by ongoing training in the Ministry of Reader (or Lector) – we need to keep coming back to be refreshed, inspired, informed and ENRICHED.

Whether you have been a Reader for a long time or are just now thinking you may be called and gifted for this ministry, why not come and see what it's all about? Bring along a friend.

To find out more, please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Readings for 30/06/2019</i>  <b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C</b>  1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21  Psalm: Ps 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11  2nd Reading: Galatians 5: 1, 13-18  Gospel: Luke 9: 51-62</p>
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