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.

TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – August 25th, 2019
Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

Parish Contacts
Parish Priest: Fr Michael Willemsen
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Internet: www.stmarysbairnsdale.net
Facebook: St Mary’s Church Bairnsdale

St Mary’s Parish Pastoral Centre:
155 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale 3875 Phone 5152 2942
Parish Business Prebystery: Paul Heathon-Harris
Parish Sacramental Coordinator: Michelle Grimsted
Pastoral Coordinator: Pattie Pruscino
Child Safety Officer: Kath Cassidy

St Mary’s Primary: Phone 5152 3706
Principal: Michelle Garbutt
Newsletter: www.stmbairns.catholic.edu.au
Nagle College: Phone 5152 6122
Principal: Neville Powles
Newsletter: www.nagle.vic.edu.au
St Mary’s Op Shop: Phone 5152 2088

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 Mackil, 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.

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: 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

Other Sundays of the Month - LITURGY of the WORD
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMOE: Sun - 9:00am
SACRED HEART, SWIFTS CREEK: Sun - 8:30am
ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BENAMBRA: Sun - 9:30am

4th Sundays of the Month – MASS: June - September
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMOE:
at Omeo Hospital (rear entrance) Sun - 11:00am
SACRED HEART, SWIFTS CREEK: Sat - 6:30pm
ST FRANCIS of ASSISI, BENAMBRA: Sun - 9:00am

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 5’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

NEXT WEEKEND 24th & 25th August 2019

ROSTERS Commentator Proclaimer Procession of Gospel/Gifts Special Ministers
6:00pm C Marriot-Smith M Saunders D Reefman C Marriot-Smith, T Flannery & P Elliott
9:30am H Ven den Einden N Nash J & D Fallon, R & J Gray D Atkins, G & K Cassidy

CHURCH CLEANING: 16th – 31st August - J Delany, J & H Coverdale
Please pray for
OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:
Joan O’Brien, Phyllis Tanner.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:
Fred Carrick, Frank Gregson, Marjorie Dore, Hank Janson, Leo Bills,
Peter Vanzin, Alma Turzan, Anne Farrell, Dinah Howe, Mary Collins,
Shirley Stoddart, Neil Wigg, Fr William Shinnick, Fr Patrick Cremin,
Fr Thomas Shearman, Michael Trybus, Maureen Terrill,
Penny Hood Bis. Patrick Lyons, Fr Patrick O’Hanlon.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:
Carmel Kenyon, Fred Crea, Alan Cooke, Rob Short, Tony Hutchins,
Brenda Wolters, Cathy Tickle, Jacqueline Wolters, Pat Doe,
Paul Hamilton, Jane Rowlands, Holly Box, Nicholas Browne,
Arthur Elbourne, Genevieve Bolleman, Billy Sant, River Purtel,
Joan Wriggel, Matthew Brun, Bill Cole, Ray & Fran Adamson,
Daphne Moore, Yvonne Roy, Trevor Steer, Amy Hood, Julie Frew,
Coral Prendergast, Paul McFarlane, James Warren, Patricia Dean
(Paula O’Neill’s mum), Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Sue Bayley,
Daryl Evans, John Buck, Jean Coleman, Brenda Lyons, Ena Morris,
Shannon Helmers, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer),
Rick Jones, Elizabeth Knight, Mark Kelly, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter
of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Joyce Harrington, Brian Rowe,
Gerry McDonald, Margaret Flynn, Guy Newman, Rose Gallagher,
Trish Freebairn, Tammy Ewing, Tracey Moffatt, Trish Henderson,
Peter Grimsted, Anne Armstrong, Tyson Chapman, Michael Counsel,
Di Dunlop, Elizabeth Stehmann, Julianne Milnes-James,
Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Amanda Matthews.

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

Please let the Parish Centre know if you wish to add or remove

HI THERE
My name is Heather Wordsworth, been attending St Mary’s for some
time, my family have sold and moving to NSW, and I now need board
in the Bairnsdale area. I am in my 50’s, own a car and am animal free.
At the moment I am on Centrelink payments but looking for work, so
can afford $110 per fortnight. I have a medium amount of personal gear
and need to live in Bairnsdale if possible. I do have my own bed and
would enjoy 3 meals a week with your family. 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.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE
‘Be faithful to your Spiritual Calling’ 2 Tim 1.6
Sept 6th-8th September, Marist Sion College, Warragul. 
Speakers: Fr Francis Otobo PP Traralgon, CCR Chaplain and
Mrs Ann Brereton, Chairperson CCR Australia. All welcome.
Please see brochures for program details and registration which can be
found in the foyer of the church. For catering, please contact Cathy
McLure 0432588195.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
SELECTION OF PARISH DELEGATES FOR DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
Our Parish of Bairnsdale-Omeo can bring 10 delegates (this
class does not include our priests, principals or Michelle
who is on the Plenary Team). As we discern who may attend,
we are to consider people who are, amongst other things:
• Prayerful and discerning.
• Willing to let the Holy Spirit work through them.
• Willing to dialogue and listen to others.
• Capable and competent in representing the parish
community, not just their personal views.
• Have positive ‘influence’ – that may mean someone who
doesn’t always agree with the PP.
Those selected would need to commit to:
• taking part in the preparation process leading up to the
Assembly.
• to attend the Assembly from 5pm Friday 13th September
 to 4pm Saturday 14th September in Warragul.
• and to ‘follow up’ with their Parish afterwards.
Please pass names for nomination of yourself or others,
who you discern would be suitable, to Fr Michael or Michelle
Grimsted ASAP.

Collections for week ending 11th August 2019

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CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS - WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

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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 at this time. 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.

PRESIDER’S CHAIR

Theology - The chair for the priest/celebrant must signify his function of presiding over the gathering and of directing the prayer…. any appearance of a throne is to be avoided (GIRM 310)

Relationship – The arrangement of the sanctuary needs to articulate carefully the relationships between altar, ambo and chair, each of which is the focus of attention at different points in the liturgy. Its location should facilitate communication between priest and congregation (see GIRM 310)

Ritual Reform – the role of presiding over the assembly in the person of Christ (SC33) does not separate the priest from the gathered Church.

- GIRM (The General Instruction of the Roman Missal)

Imagine if. . . .

- the priest was to sit more centrally to the assembled people.

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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.

DATES TO REMEMBER
29th Aug: Taize Prayers at Salvation Army Citadel 7pm – 8pm.
31st Aug: Ordination to the Diaconate, Sale Cathedral, 11am.
8th Sept: Youth Mass at St Mary’s 5:30pm (Change of time).
13th/14th Sept: 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 MUSIC empowers a Christian to be a channel of God’s creative goodness to others through writing or performing music for the delight of others and the praise of 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 Marylou and her charism of LEADERSHIP – so well used with the Nagle College ‘Founders Day’ Mass; to Maureen, singers and musicians and their gifts of MUSIC – supporting the ‘Founders Day’ Mass with beautiful hymns, songs and instrumental playing. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

2019 ANNUAL SEMINARY RAFFLE
The Corpus Christi College Seminary Parents and Friends Auxiliary have organised the 2019 Annual Raffle. It is in support of Catholic priestly vocations. COST: $10 a ticket. PRIZES: 1st – $15,000 Travel Award thanks to Ashmore & James Travel Associates; prizes for 2nd – 5th also. DRAWN: 30/08/2019

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE
The Ordination to the Diaconate for Jithin Anto, Confidence Masvosva and Paul Zaher will be celebrated at St Mary’s Cathedral at 11.00 am on Saturday 31 August 2019.

All are welcome to attend.

“GET A LIFE ….

Are you tired of sitting home alone on a Saturday with nothing to do?.... Don’t enjoy going out by yourself? Don’t have a life?

Then here is an answer to your problem. We, as a part of the Parish Pastoral Council (or PPC), are looking to start a Social Group for YOUNG, SINGLE people over 60 who are interested in getting together on a regular basis (once a month) with the aim of socialising. Proposed activities include ‘potluck’ suppers, games nights, a morning walk followed by coffee, movie nights and whatever else people may be interested in.

Please leave expressions of interest and contact details with Pattie Pruscino at the Parish Centre. Once we have an indication of the level of interest, we will organise an initial meeting to look at the proposal in more detail.

SMILE
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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:
R.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12: 1-4

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12: 49-53

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 1/09/2019
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Isaiah 66:
Psalm: Ps
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:
Gospel: Luke 13: