



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.**

**6th SUNDAY of EASTER, Year C – May 26<sup>th</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.

**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  
Tues: 9:10am Mass  
Wed: 9:10am Mass  
Thurs: 9:10am Mass at St Mary's Primary School – Grade 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 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 10:00am Wednesday's at St Patrick's, Paynesville

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS**

The winter edition is now out. Pick up a copy. This edition is focused on Mind, body, soul –mental health and wellness. Always a good read.

**NEXT WEEKEND 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	J Peachey	J DeBoer	M Calabro	J Peachey, C Power & T Flannery
9:30am	G Burton	J Coverdale	T Kosmer, J Burton & Children's Liturgy	S Dean, J Neeson & R David

**CHURCH CLEANING: 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June:** St Anthony Committee

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

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

George Hilder (Dot Cameron's brother), Bernard Hauser (USA), Bernard Coloe.

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

Lillian Bills, Robert Bills, Brian Keady, Bill McNeill, Kath McAuley, Brendan Prendergast, Fr William Ryan, Dean Edward Coleman VG, Fr Peter Kilduff, Bis. James Corbett, Grace Calabro, Fr Robert Mead, Fr Sylvester Maddock, Fr Francis Moore, Fr Martin Roche.

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

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

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

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's of the month during the school term. All children to the age of 12 are welcome to attend. Young teenagers/adults are encouraged to come along and help. If you are not sure about your child attending, please know that you are welcome to come along also. Our thanks to Michelle and Amanda for their ongoing support of this wonderful initiative.

### **26,000 VISITORS AND 100,000 DOLLARS**

We have a beautiful church to welcome others to and a wonderful story to tell about the murals. It is our unique story and our volunteer guides testify to the pleasure they have in meeting people from interstate and overseas. Do you have a few hours to spare during week days? Do you enjoy meeting new people and having a conversation? If you're interested in becoming a church tour guide, please contact the Parish Office. A few more people and we'll be able to conduct tours on Sunday afternoons, too!



**Share your skills** with a community organisation in Asia or the Pacific to contribute to **sustainable solutions to poverty**. Our community partners have requested **teachers, nurses, tradies and more** to work alongside a local counterpart in 2020. We welcome all those who envision **volunteering their skills overseas** in the next few years to **join our next training course**, starting in **Sydney on July 6th**. Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 for more details

### **TRINITY FAMILIES COLLECTION**

Trinity Families is the Sale Diocese's charitable fund which does magnificent work providing support for programs which aid families in need of welfare services. Over the past 15 years it has provided a staggering \$1.5 million to assist other charities to run programs for families in need in our region.

Programs funded include family counselling services, parenting programs, suicide prevention, respite care, drug and alcohol programs and emergency accommodation.

Trinity Families could do much more if it had more financial resources and that is why we need you to respond positively to the annual appeal in our parishes. **The appeal collection will take place this weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May as a 3<sup>rd</sup> collection.**

The theme this year is **"Be the reason someone smiles today."** Your generosity in supporting this annual appeal will be greatly appreciated.

On the pews are envelopes which can be used for donations. Cheque and credit card donations can be posted back to the diocese, but we ask that cash donations are placed in the envelope. Tax deductible receipts will be provided if you give your email or postal address.

The Trinity Families website [www.trinityfamilies.org.au](http://www.trinityfamilies.org.au) has details if you wish to donate by direct debit. Again, please give generously to this once a year appeal and hopefully we see smiles on the faces of many more struggling families within our diocese.

### **"GROUNDED IN TRUTH**

#### **WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE"**

The Bairnsdale West Primary School Community would like to invite you to their Reconciliation Day Assembly on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at 10am in the Nova Hall. Please join them as we work toward a positive future. For catering purposes please RSVP by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Email [bairnsdale.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:bairnsdale.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Phone 5152 3516. If you intend to stay only for the assembly there is no need to respond. **ALL** are welcome to attend.

### **GOSPEL FOCUS – Advocate**

In the text, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sometimes translated as Paraclete. Both words have very similar meanings. Today when we describe someone as an advocate we usually mean that they stand up for and speak out for someone else or a particular cause. Advocate also has a legal meaning where the advocate bears witness and attests to the validity of another. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of Jesus in that the action of the Holy Spirit continues to bear witness to the message of Jesus.

### **BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

Parishioner Bernie Sweetman is hosting a Cancer Council Australia's Biggest morning tea to help raise vital funds for cancer research, prevention programs and support services.

**Date:** Sunday 2nd June 2019 **Time:** 9.30am onwards

**Suggested Donation:** \$20 **Venue:** 17 Fison Avenue Eastwood

### **SMILE**

Why did the T.rex only eat raw meat?  
Because it didn't know how to cook.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

26<sup>th</sup> May: 3<sup>rd</sup> Collection for Trinity Families.

29<sup>th</sup> May: Seminar regarding St Mary's church interior.

9<sup>th</sup> Jun: St Anthony of Padua Mass & Procession.

16<sup>th</sup> Jun: Pilgrimage of Icon and Candle at Bairnsdale.

22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> Jun: Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

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

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

## ST MARY'S RESTORATION PROJECT

Concrete, drainage and lighting works have begun on the east side of the church. Trucks will be accessing the work area via the internal driveway. Therefore, access to the church during the week will be mostly via the west porch on the Pyke St side. We apologise for any inconvenience. All entry points will be available on weekends except the entry at the back of Subway. This will continue for another 1 to 2 weeks.

## CHURCH INTERIOR INFORMATION EVENING

While the work continues **outside** St Mary's church and the all abilities access into the church and chapel takes shape, it's time to meet again and complete the architect's brief for **inside**. To help us consider the possibilities, our architect, Arthur Andronas, will be joined by Fr Stephen Hackett, MSC, on **Wednesday evening at 5:00pm in the Parish Centre**. We will hear the important principles that are the basis for any decisions regarding key elements that constitute the liturgical character of our worship space. It would be wonderful to see as many parishioners as possible come along and be both informed and formed as we continue to pray and discern how any changes might look. For, "when a place of worship is to be renewed, the local church community is to be genuinely consulted and engaged in the whole process." (*Fit for Sacred Use*, n823) Please bring along any old photos that show the church as it has looked over the decades (eg baptisms in the original baptistry; pictures that show when the walls and window recesses were pink and blue; etc). A cup of soup will be available, and we'll aim to finish at 7:00pm.

## PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 UPDATE

by Lana Turvey-Collins, National Facilitator

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](http://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.



## 46<sup>th</sup> MASS & PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF ST ANTHONY

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 11am, St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale

Mass and procession in honour of St Anthony of Padua. The procession in Main Street, Benediction, Blessing and distribution of bread and holy pictures will follow the procession. Afterwards, a social gathering will take place at St Mary's Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share.

## DINNER IN THANKS OF 50 YEARS BLESSED SERVICE OF FR. FRANK BERTAGNOLLI

A dinner is being held at the Bairnsdale Sporting and Convention Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm in appreciation of the 50 years Fr Frank has been involved with our Parish and the Mass in honour of St Anthony of Padua. There will be 3 courses available with several choices of each. Price: 2 courses \$29.50 or 3 courses \$34.50. Drinks will be extra. Please contact Tony Chila 5156 9231; Tony Desio 5152 6193 OR Bruno Capobianco 5152 2022 if you would like to attend.

## 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 EVANGELISM

*empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God's love by sharing the faith with others in a way that draws them to become disciples of Jesus and responsible members of his church.*

**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 Judyanne and her gift of **ENCOURAGEMENT** – for her activeness and support of her local Koorie community ; to Mary and her gift of **ADMINISTRATION** – keeps active in her small parish community ensuring all are safe; and to Maree and her gift of **HELPS** – supporting the parish with some 'little' tasks that make a 'big' difference. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

42 students, with the support of parents, carers and teachers are on their journey towards the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers at this time as their faith continues to deepen and they come to know how much God loves them and is with them always.

## HELP NEEDED FOR FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

On the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June following the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, the Parish plans to help the children and their families celebrate this 'faithstone', in the Parish Centre, afterwards. It would be wonderful if a few parishioners could help support the gathering by heating up food, setting up the tables, doing dishes etc. If you can help in any way, please contact Michelle on 5152 2942. **When:** Saturday 22nd June 6pm or Sunday 9.30am for approx. 2.5hours

## CHOSEN CONFERENCE

The Chosen Conference is a national conference for youth and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, organised by Jesus Youth. We invite you to join us from the **4th - 7th July 2019** at Sacred Heart Girl's College Melbourne for 4 power-packed days of youth rallies, up-lifting talks, workshops, theatre, Eucharistic celebrations, vocation & mission expo and live music. For registrations please visit [www.chosenconference.org.au](http://www.chosenconference.org.au). For further information, queries or group registration please contact [info@chosenconference.org.au](mailto:info@chosenconference.org.au) or call us at 0491 002 081

## 6PM & 9:30AM MASS ROSTERS

The new rosters are now out. Please pick up your copy from the foyer of the church. If you are going away or have an issue with when you are rostered on, please don't hesitate to contact Christine Shanahan on 5156 8704 for 6pm OR Angela Chila for 9:30am (who do up the rosters) and let them know of your concerns.

**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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**6th Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;  
proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15: 1-2, 22-29**

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

O God, let all the nations praise you!

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

**(Revelation) 21: 10-14, 22-23**

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

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

**John 14: 23-29**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Readings for 02/06/2019*  
**The Ascension of the Lord, Year C**  
1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11  
Psalm: Ps 46: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23  
Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53