



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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – October 27th, 2019

Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale/Omeo acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

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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: stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com
Baptisms: Preparation sessions are held regularly, call the Sacramental Coordinator to make a date. 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 Sunday of the Month – MASS: October - May
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 (Year 5's)
11:00am Funeral Mass for Mr John Benedetti
Fri: 9:10am Mass ALL SAINTS
Sat: 9:10am Mass ALL SOULS

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

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Central to the mission of the Immaculate Conception Parish (known as St Mary's Parish) is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and vulnerable persons and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

NEXT WEEKEND 2nd & 3rd November 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	C Power	D Reefman	G Dooley	C Power, M Saunders & P Elliott
9:30am	T Kosmer	G Neeson	S Dean, C Tilley & Children's Lit.,	S Tilley, G & K Cassidy
CHURCH CLEANING: 1 st – 15 th November – Any volunteers??				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rob Shortt, John Benedetti, Patricia Dean (Paula O'Neill's mum), Marie Brammall, Daphne Moore (Kerrie Flannery's sister), Jim Astley (Faye Bett's father).

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

William Hilder, Pauline Hamilton, John McCormack, Bridget Ross, Silvana La Porta, Fr Peter Curran, Fr Patrick Sterling, Keith McNairn, Antonio Cavone, Pasquale D'Aloia, Noel Currie, Concetta Pruscino, Cliff Brammall, Elizabetta De Lutis, Fr Frank Rowe, Fr James Kennedy.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Susan Harrington, John Graves, Tienus Meeuwenoord, Sue Collier, Alan Cross, Carmel Kenyon, Alan Cooke, Tony Hutchins, Rick Jones, Bernadette Wolters, Jacqueline Wolters, Matthew Brunt, Billy Sant, Paul Hamilton, Jane Rowlands, Nicholas Browne, Pat Doe, Holly Box, Joan Wriggel, Genevieve Bolleman, Arthur Elbourne, Rivers Purtell, Cathy Tickle, Bill Cole, Mark Kelly, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Ray & Fran Adamson, Amy Hood, Yvonne Roy, James Warren, Julie Frew, John Buck, Paul McFarlane, Coral Prendergast, Sue Bayley, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Ena Morris, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Brenda Lyons, Elizabeth Knight, Brian Rowe, Shannon Helmers, Joyce Harrington, Margaret Flynn, Tammy Ewing, Anne Armstrong, Trish Henderson, Guy Newman, Gerry McDonald, Rose Gallagher, Tracey Moffatt, Peter Grimsted, Tyson Chapman, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth Stehmann, Dennis (Danny) Phelan.

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

CATHOLIC MISSION

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out to children and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world. A little over \$800 has been forwarded to those in Ghana. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Nazareth Home for God's Children to provide love and support for children rescued from life-threatening situations. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission or the Extraordinary Missionary Month in October, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Ghana

HI THERE My name is Heather Wordsworth, and I have been attending St Mary's for some time, my family have sold and moving to NSW, and I now require board in the Bairnsdale area. 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.

RESTORATION FUNDRAISER

You are invited to 'An Afternoon with Liminality – Celtic Trio' to be held at St Mary's Church on Sunday 3rd November at 2pm. Tickets are \$25, and Devonshire Tea will be available at interval for \$5. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BFOOS Enq: 0429 650 571. A great way to support the restoration of our iconic church and listen to some beautiful music at the same time.

Collections for week ending 20th October 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,603.50
D/D & Cards	\$ 1,825.00
1 st Collection	\$ 531.20
2 nd Collection	\$ 659.10
Church Tours	\$ 319.60

PLENARY 2020

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?

In this phase, we are continuing to listen to what the Spirit is saying as we move from listening and dialogue, into listening and discernment.

This process of discernment is communal rather than individual. As such, we are called to work together as a group. The process is built upon the practise of Spiritual Conversations drawn primarily from the St Ignatian tradition. It is a part of the Communal discernment process and provides a way for groups of people to listen to God, by listening to one another. It is a way for us to listen to the voice of the Spirit.

This process will take place over the next few months from November 2019 – March 2020 here at the Parish Centre, Bairnsdale. Your commitment would be to attend two 1 hour meetings to listen & discern one of the National Themes.

- Missionary & Evangelising
- Inclusive, participatory and synodal
- Humble, healing and merciful
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- A joyful, hope-filled and servant community
- Open to conversion, renewal and reform

The first gathering will take place from 5.30pm – 6.30pm on Wednesday 20th November and Wednesday 27th November, to discern the theme, *Open to conversion, renewal and reform*.

ALL SOULS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

All are invited and encouraged to attend the 9:10am Mass on Saturday 2nd November. Those who have lost loved ones through the year have been invited to attend, and a morning tea will follow in the Parish Centre.

RESTORATION UPDATE

External work on the church grounds at St Mary's will resume in coming days. The **concreting** work will be a continuation of the eastern side of the church and then across the front, all the way to the new Pyke St vehicle access gateway. This will take a few weeks, so access to the church will be limited during this time. Please use the SIDE ENTRANCES, when necessary. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Once the concreting is complete, we'll be able to see the finishing line for the exterior of the church. Our attention is already focused on the inside, exemplified by the current series of bulletin notices on interior features. To assist our forward planning towards a liturgical brief for the Architect and the Bishop, an important display will be revealed on **Dec 1 after the 9:30 Mass**. The new liturgical year is a timely opportunity for as many of the community as possible to further engage in the process of discerning what, if any, changes could be made during the restoration works inside the church. Please mark your diary and join us on the day. Your voice is as important as anyone else's. You are also welcome to forward your thoughts to Fr Michael by email (stm.michaelw@gmail.com). Thank-you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 22nd Oct: Day Prayer Retreat, St Brigid's, Cowwarr 11am-3:30pm
- 2nd Nov: Mass of Remembrance 9:10am, morning tea afterwards.
- 3rd Nov: 9:30am Children's Liturgy
- 3rd Nov: PPC Morning Tea + showcasing of groups in the parish.
- 3rd Nov: Liminosity Concert 2pm St Mary's Church.
- 7th Nov: Loss & Grief Group 5pm @ Parish Centre.
- 9th Nov: Teaching Day, Marian Room, St Joseph's, Warragul.
- 23rd Nov: Parish Dinner 6pm @ Parish Centre.
- 1st Dec: Restoration update after 9:30am Mass in Parish Centre.

CHURCH INTERIOR INFORMATION

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.



PENANCE- Sacrament of Reconciliation

Theology – ‘Penance is an encounter with Christ, present in the word and in the person of the priest who stands as a representative of the Church and who speaks the words of Christ: (I absolve you from your sin)’. WCAB 403

‘The victory of Christ over sin, first brought to light in baptism, is made available to those who fall into sin after baptism in the sacrament of penance. The Church *possesses both water and tears: the water of baptism, the tears of penance*’. FSU 1188

‘The sacrament of penance is...reconciliation with God and Church’. FSU 1189

Relationship – ‘as baptism marks entry, so penance marks ‘re-entry’ WCAB 408

‘Penance is related to baptism and therefore the reconciliation chapel is related to the font and narthex’ (Gathering Space) FSU 1190

The reconciliation chapel needs ‘an open relationship with the space for the assembly and the altar’, because ‘reconciliation to God also entails reconciliation with the church’ and ‘penance is a restoration to eucharist communion’ see FSU 1189, WCAB 409 & 410

Ritual Reform – ‘The sacrament of penance is celebrated with rites of reconciliation, both individual and communal. The church space for the sacrament is designed to accommodate the reconciliation of an individual penitent. Communal rites take place in the body of the church’. WCAB 404

‘...the penitent could be anonymous’ or ‘... sit with the priest face to face’ FSU 1193

‘... celebration of the rite of penance by penitent and priest together must be entirely visible from the nave of the church. Safeguarding standards established to protect penitent and priest in confession must be observed.’ FSU 1194

Imagine if. . . .

- our reconciliation chapel was a more welcoming open and joyous place celebrating the grace, mercy, and forgiveness of God, even when not in use.
- our reconciliation chapel related more obviously to the font, entrance, place of the assembly and altar.
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(add your own ‘imagine if’)

To bring a vision into reality we welcome 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.

FSU= Fit For Sacred Use Stewardship and renewal of places of worship
WCAB=National Liturgical Architecture and Art Board- ‘And When Churches Are To Be Built.....’ Preparation, planning and construction of places of worship.

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
SERVICE
empowers a Christian to be a channel of God’s purposes by recognising the logistical gaps or unmet needs that can prevent good things from happening, and by personally doing whatever it takes to solve the problem and meet the 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 Les and his charism of **TEACHING** – being of great support to the Grade 3’s and their class Mass; to Chris and Donrita and their gifts of **ADMINISTRATION** – doing what they can to ensure all are involved and understand the layout of the church; and Carmel and her gift of **HELPS** – asked and happy to do what she can to help the process. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

PARISH DINNER

Over the past couple of years, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been focused on how to become a more welcoming parish community. We have reintroduced a monthly ‘morning tea’ and now we are holding a ‘Parish Dinner’ which we hope will become a regular event. As this is our first one it will be a case of trial and error. The night begins at 6pm with nibbles, followed by meat and salads and then dessert. We ask that you supply your own drinks (alcohol if you wish), but tea/coffee/milo/cordial will be supplied by the Parish. We are putting a small charge on for the night, but children will be free. You can tear off the piece below and drop it into the Parish Centre OR place it on the collection plate OR give it to Pattie Pruscino. We will need to know numbers by 12th November. We look forward to seeing you there, and with your support, we pray it will be a twice-yearly occurrence. **DATE:** 23rd November **TIME:** 6pm **WHERE:** St Mary’s Parish Centre **RSVP:** 12th November **BOOKINGS:** Please pay when booking.

NEW WEBSITE FOR CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SALE

The Diocese has moved its website to a new domain and the content has been overhauled and refreshed. www.cdsale.org.au is the new website address.

TEACHING DAY – BISHOP PAT O’REGAN

WHEN: Saturday 9th November **WHERE:** Marian Room, St Joseph’s Church, Witton St, Warragul **TOPIC:** Unity & Diversity, Rejoice and be glad”. For more information please phone Michael Power: 5678 2271 or 0488 680 681

PARISH DINNER - 23rd NOVEMBER 2019 - 6PM

2 course meal with nibbles beforehand. Adults: \$10 Children (under 16): FREE

NAME:

CONTACT NUMBER:

NUMBER ATTENDING: Adults Children

RSVP: 12th November 2019

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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

A reading from the book of Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race

to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18: 9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 3/11/2019
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Wisdom 11: 22 – 12: 2
Psalm: Ps 144: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14
2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1: 11 – 2: 2
Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

A THOUGHT FROM FR ALVIN

Fr Alvin SJ held a retreat in Bairnsdale a couple of months ago. He recently sent these thoughts:

'I am presently in Hiroshima, Japan, spending a week in the Jesuit school here. That this city was one of 2 victims of the A-bomb but still insists on being a beacon of hope and peace is one testament to the tenacity of love.

The scars of past horrors and violence remain (like the pierced hands and side of Jesus) and remind us of humanity's capability for self-destruction when we put God out of the picture.

Yet the desire to forgive (and thus, love) comes about when we invite God back into our lives. It does not take away the scars or the pain. Rather love absorbs the pain and absolves the wrong committed without asking for anything in return.'