



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.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY of EASTER, Year C – April 28<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  
10:30am Mass at BUPA/Eastwood Aged Care  
Thurs: 9:10pm Mass  
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

**CATHOLIC LIFE**

The last 'paper' edition is now out. Please pick up your copy from the foyer of the church. ENJOY!!!

**NEXT WEEKEND 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Procession of Gospel/Gifts</b>	<b>Special Ministers</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	C Power	D Reefman	G Dooley	C Power, C Marriot-Smith & P Elliott
<b>9:30am</b>	G Neeson	H Sampson	R David, J & G Neeson	K Bennett, T Kosmer & A Chila
<b>CHURCH CLEANING: 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May: M Owen, J &amp; D Fallon</b>				

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

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

Sr Lauraine Brice (Sion nun from Sale), Peter Ross, Eddie Sroczyński, Kevin Pearson.

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

Teresa Saulle, Don Ward, Monica Ainsworth, Cliff Betts, Lena Betts, Glen Dungey, Des Shanahan, baby John Brooks, Fortunato & Francesca Desio, Norman Dore, Joe Gwizdek, Sean Dooley, Maria Capobianco, Rick Marshall, Fr Tim O'Brien, Fr Maurice Hoyne, Felicia Bagnato, Eleanor Parry-Jones, Guise Duong Van Ho, Barry Brindle, Bob Carrick, Vicki Hall, Domenico Schiafone, Pat Bills, Fr Michael Hallinan, Fr Thomas Hurley.

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

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

Arthur Elbourne, Jayden Harrison, Keith Hayles, Jane Rowlands, Genevieve Bolleman, Matthew Brunt, Cathy Tickle, Joan Wriggel, Pat Coloe, Ray Adamson, Daphne Moore, Pat Doe, Trevor Steer, Margaret Wood (Paula B-G's sister), Julie Frew, Yvonne Roy, Bernard McCarthy (Jose's brother), Holly Box, Amy Hood, Billy Sant, Patricia Dean (Paula O'Neill's mum), 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, Mark Kelly, Coral Prendergast, Gerry McDonald, Guy Newman, Terry Pendergast, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Victoria Haeusler, James Warren, Trish Freebairn, Tracey Moffatt, Paul McFarlane, Betty Holloway, Trish Henderson, Brian Rowe, Peter Grimsted, Anne Armstrong, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Tammy Ewing, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Shannon Helmers, Margaret Flynn, Amanda Matthews, Rose Gallagher, Tyson Chapman, 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 back for term 2. 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 invited to come along also. Our thanks to Michelle and Amanda for their ongoing support of this wonderful initiative.

### ***HISTORICAL CONTEXT –***

#### ***My Lord and my God***

By the time the Gospel of John was written – in the last decade of the 1<sup>st</sup> Century – there were already diverse beliefs about Jesus. As is recorded in the gospels, there were those who regarded Jesus as one of the prophets of Israel; others recognised him as the promised Messiah; others still had come to believe in Jesus the Christ as the incarnation of God. That is certainly the theology expressed in the Gospel of John. Perhaps as a means to further his community's theology and correct other ideas, the gospel writer has Thomas declare, "My Lord and my God!"

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** want us to know that they are available to people who wish to speak with them at any time. If there is some problem you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to call Bruce (0412 938 772) or Jeanette (0409 662 925). They will be very glad to speak with you.

### **PARISH RETREAT**

**29 April – 25 May**



### **THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME SPIRITUALLY FIT**

**Introductory Session 7.30pm Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> -**

**sessions at 1.30pm or 7.30pm**

**Closing Session Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May –**

**details to be confirmed.**

- **Your Commitment: 5 x 90-minute group sessions @ St Mary Parish Hall.**
- **At Home: 30 minutes Daily Spiritual Exercise for 4 days, Sunday Eucharist or a weekend exercise.**

**The Retreat is very flexible – we will be guided and taught all we need to know in simple easy steps by a visiting Jesuit Fr Alvin.**

**Cost: Retreat – FREE Guided Retreat Book - \$35**

**For more details please see a member of the Retreat Team after Mass this weekend or contact Pattie Pruscino 5152 2942 or Chris Power 0418 148 657**

### **PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 UPDATE**

*by Lana Turvey-Collins, National Facilitator*

It covered almost 10 months and culminated in a flurry of late submissions, but the Listening and Dialogue phase of the Plenary Council has yielded a remarkable foundation from which the people of God can move forward. Late last week, the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPRI) completed the statistical analysis and reported that more than 17,500 submissions had been lodged -- thousands of which represented groups. In all, more than 222,000 people either made an individual submission or participated in a group discussion that culminated in a submission.

The NCPRI will continue its quantitative and qualitative analysis of the stories that people have shared over the coming weeks. From that analysis, which will include prayer and discernment, national themes for discernment will emerge and be announced in June. Reports will be published on each of the themes and allow ongoing involvement for the large numbers of people who participated during the Listening and Dialogue phase.

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.

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2019. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to make your donation online.

Through your generosity you are helping to empower communities with hope and helping those in great need shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. Lives change when we all give 100%.

[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

#projectcompassion or phone 1800 024 413

### **EASTER TRIDUUM MASSES**

We offer a **HUGE** thank you to all who helped with any or all the Easter Masses. Considering the numbers that attended the different services, especially Easter Sunday, we needed the support which we so gratefully accepted. To the musicians, readers, Eucharistic ministers, liturgy team members, candle bearers etc. (there are too many to mention) – without your support our Masses would have not proceeded so well. A thank you to Fr Mark Godridge who travelled to the High Country and supported those communities.

### **CATHOLIC BISHOPS' FEDERAL ELECTION STATEMENT**

The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

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

Concrete, drainage and lighting works are about to begin 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.

Also, please mark your diaries and reserve the evening of **Wed May 29**. Our heritage architect, Arthur Andronas, and another guest presenter, Fr Stephen Hackett, MSC, will share their expertise regarding renewal of church interiors, particularly with our church in mind, as we endeavour to conclude the liturgical brief for Arthur and the Bishop. We continue to pray and discern how any changes might look. Your discernment is important. "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)

### **BAIRNSDALE UNITING CHURCH**

The Pipe Organ & Musical Events Group are presenting a short concert for your enjoyment with the Bairnsdale Canzona Brass on Sunday morning **May 5<sup>th</sup>** 11:30am to 12:30pm at Bairnsdale Uniting Church. **COST:** \$5 at the door.

Musicians will be John Schmidli on trumpet; Rachael Gilliland on Trombone and Kees Dogger on French Horn.



### **AN INVITATION**

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, know that we are thinking about you. We are glad you are here and invite you to be an active part of us again. If you would like more information on our parish program Reconnect, please contact Patricia Walsh on 5152 2418 or Sandra Tilley sfo on [smtilleyofs@bigpond.com](mailto:smtilleyofs@bigpond.com)

### **SMILE**

Why did the bees go on strike?  
For more honey and shorter flowers.

### **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 **HOSPITALITY***

*empowers a Christian to be a generous channel of God's love by warmly welcoming and caring for those in need of food, shelter and friendship.*

**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 Clare and her gift of **LEADERSHIP** –for standing up and being counted in regards to the sexual abuse in the Catholic church; to Jenny and her gift of **CRAFTSMANSHIP** – had a vision for ANZAC Day and shared it with others; and to Jan and Harold and their gifts of **ADMINISTRATION** - ensuring that we never forget those who have fought for our country. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

### **CHOSEN CONFERENCE**

*Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:9*

The Chosen Conference is a national conference for youth and young adults between 18 - 30 years old, organised by Jesus Youth, an International Catholic Association with a focus on evangelising young people and nurturing their missionary initiatives. 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, uplifting 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

### **FAMILY WEEK**

CatholicCare's Family Week is from 15-21 May this year and has the purpose of assisting schools and parishes to celebrate and strengthen family relationships. As Pope Francis says, in *Amoris Laetitia*, "The triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection," (para. 11). This year's theme, Building Connections in the Spirit of Hope, is focused on hope and trust as foundations for intra- and inter-family relationships. Recognising that Parish-School connections benefit both, and that family wellbeing is a primary goal for both.

Suggestions:

- Pray for and affirm local families in their journeys.
- Support a family as their child prepares for the Sacrament of First Communion.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

29<sup>th</sup> Apr – 25<sup>th</sup> May: Parish Retreat.

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.

**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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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year C**

**'Divine Mercy' Sunday**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5: 12-16**

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19**

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20: 19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Readings for 05/05/2019*  
**3rd Sunday of EASTER, Year C**  
1st Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41  
Psalm: Ps 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13  
2nd Reading: Revelations 5: 11-14  
Gospel: John 21: 1-19