



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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – September 29th, 2019

Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

PARISH CONTACTS

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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: stmarysbairnsdale@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

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

4th Sundays of the Month – MASS: June - September

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO:
 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
 10:30am Mass BUPA/Eastwood Aged Care
 Thurs: 9:10am 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 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

GLUTEN FREE?

Anyone needing a GF host is asked to speak to the priest before Mass to organise.

NEXT WEEKEND 5th & 6th October 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	M Saunders	P Reefman	G Dooley	C Power, M Saunders & P Elliott
9:30am	J Coverdale	P Brown-Graham	M Grimsted & family	K Bennett, R David & M Elliott
CHURCH CLEANING: 1 st – 15 th October – G & K Cassidy				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Judy Nash (in W.A. & s.i.l of Nola), Lawrence Hudson, Brenda Rovers, Bro. Kevin Williams cfc (brother of Cath & b-i-l of Terry Smyth), Jess Fraser.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Salvatore Di Palma, Nicholas Dooley, Fr David Verlin, Fr E Donohue, Fr William O'Brien, Dick Pepper, Betty Merlo, Margaret Kelsey, Dean Peter Coyne VG, Fr John Dunlea OMI.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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

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

THE SEASON OF CREATION

From September 1st to October 4th, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. Some of us pray, some of us do hands-on projects, some of us advocate.

Please go to <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/> for further information and join the action.

ST JOSEPH'S, SWAN REACH

St Joseph's at Swan Reach is 105 years old in October. Accordingly, a special Mass is planned on Sunday 20th October at 11am. Lunch to follow at Swanny Pub. They will be putting on a roast of the day! Bookings for lunch essential, please advise Ray & Maureen Kleinitz on 5156 3392.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A LISTENING CHURCH

Br Noel Connolly is coming to speak at Sacred Heart School Hall, Morwell on 17th October at 7pm. He is a Columban missionary priest. Presently, he is Coordinator of Mission & Culture at the Catholic Institute of Sydney and is on the Facilitation Team for the Plenary Council 2020. **RSVP:** 12th October for catering purposes to mwellcathpar@netspace.net.au **Entry:** Gold Coin Donation. See flyer in foyer of the church.

ST BRENDAN'S PARISH MINI RETREAT

Theme: Remain In My Love (John:15) 9.30 -2pm. Presented by Sr Lynette Young Thursday 17th October. Morning tea supplied. BYO lunch. Bookings thru Sr Lyn on 5155 1210.

Collections for week ending 22nd September 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,019.00
D/D & Cards	\$ 505.00
1 st Collection	\$ 479.10
2 nd Collection	\$ 627.45
Church Tours	\$ 156.00



The Diocesan Assembly met last Friday evening and all-day Saturday and it was a great success. Our parish delegates met again on Friday (a couple were missing) to determine how to let the rest of the parish how the Assembly had gone, the fruits we could share with others and seeds we could plant here. Our delegates will share with you their experiences and thoughts over the next few weeks to keep you informed.

At the Assembly we all had an opportunity to ponder and discern 2 of the 5 themes

1. Faith Formation & Spirituality
2. Leadership & Governance
3. Families and Vocation
4. Liturgy & Prayer

& 5. The Welcoming Community.

So, reflecting on the topics, we were asked to discuss, share and listen, in groups of about 10 – **What would a parish or diocese living the joy of the Gospel be like?**

How would you see our Parish?

FR ANTHONY PHILLIPS

"Of his own free will and after a period of prayer and discernment, Fr Anthony Phillips has informed Bishop O'Regan that he will cease his relationship with the Diocese of Sale, effective on Sunday 29th September 2019. This period of discernment includes the fact that he is also taking the step of ceasing to be in active priestly ministry. He has been priest-in-residence in the Parish of Lakes Entrance since February 2016. The bishop would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Anthony for giving to us in the Diocese of Sale, this time of his life in ministry to God's Holy People and in wishing him good health into the future. May God's continued blessings be in his life." (Bishop Pat, 16th September '19)

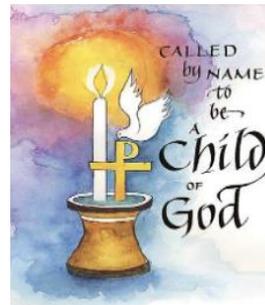
SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. There are copies of the statement in the foyer of the church, please pick up one. For more information you can visit the website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

PAST NAGLE STAFF AND STUDENTS

Are you a past Nagle student or staff member? We are starting a new magazine and would love to hear about what you have been up to since leaving Nagle. For more information please call Amanda Vowell on 5152 9984 or Email marketing@nagle.vic.edu.au.

We welcome into our Parish family



Le Hoang Henry
son of
Hoang Thi Na & Le Van Thanh
Alexandra Louise Violet Boeker
daughter of
Louise Holden & Judd Boeker
Greyson Leo Beams
son of
Tamika Harris & Brian Beams

SMILE

What do sharks eat with their ice cream? Jellyfish.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Kath Cassidy and Paul Heaton-Harris attended an Information Session for the Reportable Conduct Scheme on Friday 21st September which provided a general overview and information about the scheme, including the responsibilities of a Head of an organisation, what is reportable conduct and the investigation process. For information and enquiries about Child Safeguarding please contact Kath or Paul through the Parish Office 03 5152 2942

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.



**GATHERING SPACE/
ENTRANCE**

Theology – we bring to the Liturgy our daily life and our concerns for others. From the liturgy we go out, strengthened and renewed, to live the Christian life. (WCAB 168)

The gathering place enables people to meet, supports the mission of Christian love, and provides a context for liturgical worship (FSU 911) ...churches doors should stand as a symbol of Christ. (WCAB 204)

Relationship – A bridge between Liturgy and life, the gathering space is related both to the worship space and to the processes of arrival and departure. (FSU 912)

Associated amenities include kitchen, toilets and setting for hospitality and various opportunities for communications: noticeboards, newsletters and the like. (FSU 913)

The Entrance...functions as a transition between the gathering space and the sacred place of the assembly at worship. (FSU 945)

Ritual Reform – The dynamic of forming the liturgical assembly...begins from the time of arrival at the church when members of the church greet one another and ready themselves for the liturgy. (WCAB 170)

The purpose of the Dismissal is “so that each may go back to doing good works, praising and blessing God”. This begins already as the community leaves, bidding one another farewell and perhaps sharing some refreshment. (WCAB 171)

The Entrance space needs to be large enough for participants at liturgical moments such as baptisms, weddings, funerals and Sunday Eucharist to gather for procession. (FSU 950 & 951)

Imagine if. . . .

- Our gathering space was improved as a place of hospitality, charity and reaching out to others.
- Our entrance space gave more room for welcoming rituals for baptisms, weddings and funerals.
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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
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 Gabrielle and her charism of **ENCOURAGEMENT** – a listening ear for those around her; to Kath and her gift of **SERVICE** – accepting a role to help keep our parish 'child and vulnerable adults' safe; and Jenny and her gift of **SERVICE** – ensuring all is ready each day at the church. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18 October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate, information and resources can be found online at: www.millionkidspraying.org.

PROCLAIMERS' ENRICHMENT GROUP

The next meeting will be 7th October (as the gathering for 30th September has been cancelled) at 1:30pm at St Mary's Parish Centre until 3pm. Please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre OR Donrita at donrita@iprimus.com.au or 0411 702 068.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Study Tour of the Biblical Lands

14 November – 7 December 2020: Jordan, Greece, Israel & Palestinian Territories and option for 3 days in Crete and Delphi. Tour Leaders: Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean CM
Information Session: Saturday 19th October 2019: 2pm to 4pm
RSVP & further information:
Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314 E: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 7th Oct: Proclaimers Group 1:30pm Parish Centre.
- 7th Oct: 5:30pm Parish Centre – 'Animator Training' for Plenary.
- 8th Oct: 10:30am Parish Centre – 'Animator Training' for Plenary.
- 13th Oct: Community Prayer Walk in Bairnsdale.
- 17th Oct: Noel Connolly - Sacred Heart School Hall, Morwell 7pm.
- 20th Oct: Mass @ St Joseph's, Swan Reach 11am.

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

A reading from the prophet Amos 6: 1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 6: 11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses.

Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings

and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 16: 19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 6/10/2019
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4
Psalm: Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

LIVING THE GOSPEL – Paying attention

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.