



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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – June 30th, 2019
Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

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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. 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: 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 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: 9:10am 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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INITIATIVE



As always, the PPC is seeking ways to connect people with Parish. It has been decided to offer 'a cuppa' on the 1st Sunday of each month. This begins on 7th July following the NATSIC/NAIDOC Mass. Come along, chat to someone you may not know very well or introduce yourself to a new person in the Parish. **EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO BE INVOLVED.**

NEXT WEEKEND 6th & 7th July 2019

ROSTERS Commentator Proclaimer Procession of Gospel/Gifts Special Ministers
6:00pm M Saunders P Reefman C Marriot-Smith, M Saunders & P Elliott
9:30am NAIDOC/NATSIC Mass A Chila, D Fallon & C Harney
CHURCH CLEANING: 1st – 15th July: C Marriot-Smith, G & J Neeson

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Heather Bills, Amanda Otuonye (nee Gillick).

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Marion Pearce, Stephen Redenbach, Vera Maginn, Nunzio Lanteri, Christopher Coverdale, Mgr William Walsh, Fr Eugene O'Connell, Mgr John Gallagher, Malcolm Hodgkisson, Wilma Palmer, Margaret Morgan, Dawn Anderson, Lorna Carroll, Mick Carroll, Emily & Charlie Fermio, Jack Cooney, Joan Overend, Norman Dore, Nathan Walker, Michelle McCormack, Eric Lenehan, Noeline Harris, Melissa Overy, Ross Scott, Pasqualina Di Palma, Fr Frank Carroll, Fr Frank O'Regan, Fr Michael Dwyer, Fr D Donovan.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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

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

NAIDOC/NATSIC MASS

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council have as their theme for the NATSIC Mass on 7th July **'Peace to this house and all who dwell within.'** They add ' In our busy lives, we are often bombarded with competing priorities, distractions, worries and concerns about ourselves and others, which can cause us to forget to take the time to stop, look around, reflect and look for our peace in our lives.' So, come along, join in and have a cuppa afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Following is a quote from Pope Benedict XVI, World Youth Day 2008 *'For thousands of years before the arrival of western settlers (in Australia), the sole inhabitants of the land were indigenous peoples, the **ABORIGINES AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS.** Their ancient heritage forms an essential part of the cultural landscape of modern Australia. Thanks to the Australian Government's courageous decision to acknowledge the injustices committed against the indigenous peoples in the past, concrete steps are now being taken to achieve reconciliation based on mutual respect. Rightly, you are seeking to close the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians regarding life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity! This example of reconciliation offers help to peoples all over the world who long to see their rights affirmed and their contribution to society acknowledged and promoted.'*

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION

Enrolment bookings for Semester 2 Study. Discover new depths to your faith. Yarra Theological Union, a Catholic College of the University of Divinity, is taking enrolments for theological study. Enrolment appointments are from 24th June until 11th July 2019. **Phone** 9890 3771 or admin@ytu.edu.au for an appointment.

ST MARY'S RESTORATION PROJECT

As well as the construction of a new all abilities entry/exit point, drainage works and electrical cabling for exterior lighting is underway on the east side of the church. **Therefore, 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.** This will continue for several weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience.

CHURCH INTERIOR INFORMATION EVENING

Copies (paper or electronic) are available following the Information evening. Please consider requesting a copy from the Parish Centre to inform your discernment, discussions and deliberations.

Please let us know if you have any old photos that show the church as it has looked over the decades (eg baptisms in the original baptistry; when the walls were blue and window recesses pink; etc). Arthur would like to gain insights into the changes over the years.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 UPDATE

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

"The emergence of the National Themes for Discernment is an important moment in our journey towards the Plenary Council. It is an expression of the sense of the faith from the faithful and, from this, we can proceed in our discernment of what the Spirit is saying to us in Australia," Ms Turvey-Collins said.

CALLED AND GIFTED TO READ?

The **Proclaimers' Enrichment sessions** recommence on **Monday, June 24th at 1.30pm** in the St Mary's Pastoral Centre. Following dates are July 22, August 5 and August 19.

We meet on **Mondays for 90 minutes** to share the scriptures for Mass, meditate on the Gospels, receive input about how to enrich and empower your reading of the Word and practise reading aloud in a mutually supportive environment.

All benefit by ongoing training in the Ministry of Reader (or Lector) – this is an opportunity to be refreshed, inspired, informed and ENRICHED.

Whether you have been a Reader for a long time or are just now thinking you may be called and gifted for this ministry, why not come and see what it's all about? Bring along a friend. To find out more, please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Narre Warren is taking part in a Pilgrimage, leaving 25th May 2020 organised by Harvest Journeys and they have a few spaces left for those who may want to join them. Please see the flyer (found in the foyer of the church) for more details on the trip. Contact details are: Harvest 1800 819 156; or Narre Warren Parish 9704 7935.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 29th/30th Jun: 3rd collection for VINNIES Winter Appeal.
- 7th Jul: NATSICC/NAIDOC Mass 9:30am.
- 7th Jul: Cuppa following Mass in Parish Centre.
- 10th Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation.
- 13th/14th Sep: Diocesan Assembly.

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

You may be aware that on 19th June 2019 the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Act (2017) came into effect. What is being referred to as 'VAD' is a combination of what in plain-speaking is more commonly known as physician assisted suicide and euthanasia. A pastoral letter has been issued jointly by the Archbishop of Melbourne and the Bishops of Ballarat, Sandhurst and Sale.

This letter is accompanied by the document *We Care* which reminds us that, "Just as the early Christians were, we too, are called to accompany and care for those who are suffering". *We Care* provides ways in which those who conscientiously object to this law can accompany people who suffer.

Copies of the Pastoral Letter and the document *We Care* are available in the foyer of the church. Please take a copy of both to read at home.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The annual Winter Appeal for Vinnies will be taken up **THIS WEEKEND**. It will take place as a 3rd collection. Envelopes are available on the pews. If you prefer, blankets and non-perishable food items will be gratefully accepted.

Our Bairnsdale Conference reports that "Over the past 12 months we have conducted just over 800 visitations, assisted over 1000 adults and 1100 children, and handed out almost \$110,000 in assistance. We have assisted 413 separate households and had 166 new companions asking for help this financial year.

Increasingly over the past few years, people with various problems from afar have gravitated to the Bairnsdale area seeking help. Mainly, due to family abuse, Domestic Violence, and Sustenance abuse/Recovery. Conference members have assisted with food parcels, accommodation, furniture, whitegoods, car repairs, plus a variety of other assistance including medical and prescription costs. We thank you for your ongoing support and generosity. Be assured that those who receive a 'hand up' are forever grateful."

SOCIAL JUSTICE

For the past 20 years, St Mary's Parish has put aside 2.5% of Planned Giving receipts for local, national and international needs. Your suggestions are warmly invited for this year's disbursement of accumulated funds. Please leave your written suggestions at the Parish Centre by August 1st.

FUNDRAISER

You are invited to lunch with Bishop Pat O'Regan on Saturday 24th August 2019. The lunch will be at the Black Tie Function Centre, 90 Alfred St., Warragul, 12noon. The 2-course lunch will cost \$45 and wine, beer and soft drinks at bar prices. The event is open to all who want to support this venture. This event is proudly hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross, Diocese of Sale and all proceeds will go to the bursary fund for the education of Sale Diocese Seminarians. Tickets at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BDRJN>

STAMPS FOR SALESIAN MISSIONS

Thank you for saving your used stamps to benefit Salesian Missions. Please cut the stamps from the envelopes leaving a 5mm border. Stamps can be left at the Parish Centre in the box provided, or on the collection plate in an envelope.

SAINT LUKE'S GOSPEL

St Brendan's Parish of Lakes Entrance will be hosting a bible study on Luke every Saturday in August. 10am sharp in the hobby room. Please give some thought to attending. Contact Mary at the Parish Office for more details 5155 5232.

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
MISSIONARY
empowers a Christian to be a channel of
God's goodness to others by effectively
and joyfully using their charisms in a
second culture.
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 Gemma and her gift of **TEACHING** – for sharing her heritage with the school community; to Rosie and Carmel and their gifts of **HELPS** – for stepping up to offer help. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

A WORD FROM BISHOP PATRICK

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ in the Diocese of Sale. Beginning this weekend I will be present with all the Australian Bishops who are gathering in prayer just South of Rome for a Retreat in preparation for both the *Ad Limina* visit the following week and the Plenary Council in 2020, 2021. It is a recognition that if we want both events to be more than simply a 'talk fest' then they need to be grounded in prayer.

I make a simple plea during the next two weeks: Please pray for the Australian Bishops; for me as your Bishop and for our grace-filled Diocese of Sale.

The *Ad Limina Apostolorum* is a visit each Bishop has to make every five years to Rome. The nature of the *Ad Limina* is that it is a pilgrimage to the tombs of St Peter and Paul and a meeting with Pope Francis. Grouped around this is visits to many of the Congregations (Dicasteries or Departments) located in the Vatican as well as visits to the major Basilicas of Rome and other activities. The 2019 timetable is very full.

So dear brothers and sisters, first, please be assured of my constant prayer for you, our Diocese and Parishes and all organisations in the Diocese. One place I will certainly be visiting is the Church of Saint Alphonsus (Via Merulana) where the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is located. Mary the Mother of God, under this title, is the patron of our Diocese. Second may I invite you to pray for me and our Diocese in these days especially from 12th June until 1st July.

With deep gratitude to God for all his grace and mercy and recognising that God is Good,

Yours in Christ, +Pat O'Regan; Bishop of Sale

SMILE

What's the hardest part about being an octopus?
Washing your hands before dinner.

Collections for week ending 16th June 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,373.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 2,330.00
1 st Collection	\$ 468.15
2 nd Collection	\$ 614.75
Church Tours	\$ 489.00

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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

A reading from the first book of Kings 19: 16, 19-21

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5: 1, 13-18

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9: 51-62

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 07/07/2019
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 10-14
Psalm: Ps 65: 1-7
2nd Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18
Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20