



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.

4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year C – February 3rd, 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: Angelo D'Amore, Michael Flynn, Rita Bowers, Angela McKail, Marylin Elliott and Wilma Collier. Clare Marriot-Smith & Denise Fallon (retiring).
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. Available during Mass or on 3rd Sunday of the 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

WEEKEND

ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE: Sat: 6:00pm & Sun: 9:30am
CHILDRENS LITURGY: 1st & 3rd Sunday monthly - 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

2nd & 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

1st, 3rd & 5th 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 BUPA/Eastwood Aged Care
Thurs: 11:00am Requiem Mass for Mr Roger McCombe
Fri: 9:10am Mass
2:00pm Requiem Mass for Mrs Eileen Ebert

Fr Xavier is in India for 3 weeks. As previously stated, he will be with us until Easter. We wish him safe travel, and a speedy return around 21st February.
Fr Avinash George, who was recently ordained back in India, will now begin his time with us on 22nd February.

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

NEXT WEEKEND 9th & 10th February 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	J Peachey	K Flannery	M Calabro	J Peachey, T & K Flannery
9:30am	D Fallon	M Elliott	M Elbourne & friend	D Fallon, A Chila & G Burton
CHURCH CLEANING: 1st – 14th February: P & S Roderick				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Roger McCombe, Bill Keyte, Karen Skeen, Simon Coulter (son of Michael, grandson of Brian & Josie), Eileen Ebert, Grant Mitchell, Paul Rowe, Lawrence Liccione (brother of Maureen Newcomen).

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Patricia Farquhar, Norm Bowers, Catherine Cullen, John Flannery, Alan Bills, Joseph Zagami, Genoveffa & Giosue Calvi, Fr David Quinn, Fr E Curran, Fr E Halihan, Vittorio Saulle, Patricia Wood, Maria Pukal, Maria Parisotto, Sr Maria Terese, Jack Clark, Gwen Morgan, Noel Bills, Fr John Carley, Fr Bill Shanahan, Fr Philip Kavanagh, Fr Maurice Carroll.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Margaret Wood, Julie Frew, Bernard McCarthy (Jose’s brother), Ray Worseldine, Patricia Dean (Paula O’Neill’s mum), Amy Hood, Bruno Capobianco, Yvonne Roy, Serge D’Angelo, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Holly Box, John Graves, Brenda Lyons, Jean Coleman, John Buck, Daryl Evans, Ena Morris, Bill Cole, Billy Sant, Sue Bayley, Gerry McDonald, Kerry Larkin, Mark Kelly, Guy Newman, Tyler Green, Terry Pendergast, Rick Jones, Brian Rowe, Victoria Haeusler, Joyce Harrington, Anne Armstrong, Trish Freebairn, Tracey Moffatt, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Di Dunlop, Peter Grimsted, Tammy Ewing, Paul McFarlane, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Shannon Helmers, Raylene Steer, Margaret Flynn, Rose Gallagher, Amanda Matthews, Betty Holloway, Elizabeth Knight, James Warren, Maryanne Esmonde, Trish Henderson, Coral Prendergast, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth & Frank Stehmann, Tyson Chapman, 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.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

IT’S BACK – Children’s Liturgy will be offered every 1st and 3rd Sunday morning during Mass and within school terms. The first gathering will be 3rd February. Michelle and Amanda are again taking up this ministry and are always on the lookout for more helpers. If you can assist in any way, please contact Michelle at the Parish Centre.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The 1st meeting for 2019 is Thursday 21st February in the Parish Centre at 5:30pm. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.** All members are encouraged to attend.

SISTERHOOD OF EAST GIPPSLAND

You are invited to ‘Sisterhood of East Gippsland’ on **Monday evenings 6pm – 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.** *Sisterhood is friendships, sharing laughter and tears, heartache and fears, letting go of the hurts and holding tight to the truths of Jesus.* For further information or enquiries, please contact Michelle at the Parish Centre.

SMILE

When do mice follow cats? In a dictionary.

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.

PRAYERS FOR FR ANTHONY

Please continue to keep Fr Anthony in your prayers. His recovery is steady but slow. With this comes the situation that Fr Michael is having to spend more time in Lakes Entrance, Orbost and other parts of the East. We must also take a moment to give thanks to the priests who have helped the 2 parishes by covering some of the Masses during this time. We ask that you keep all our priests in your prayers for continued good health.

Remember too, those who live in the ‘high country’, with the shortage of priests they have paid the price, but willingly accepted, the fact they have gone without Mass on a few occasions over the past couple of months. Please keep these communities in your prayers also.

EMMAUS – IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION 2019

Spiritual Direction invites you to a closer relationship with God within your Faith tradition. It is not about being ‘directed’, rather it is very much about being ‘invited’ to draw closer to God. God seeks you where you are. Flyers are available in the foyer of the church which provides dates and some information on ‘Spiritual Direction’, OR you can speak to Pattie if you have any questions or concerns. Mrs Geraldine Naismith resides in our Diocese and travels here once a month to give/help with this very blessed ministry.

ST MARY’S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The first meeting of St Mary’s Friendship Group will be at 10am in the Parish Centre on Friday 15th February. This group has been formed as a result of the closure of Catholic Women’s League branch to support each other. Women who are new to the parish are most welcome to attend. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

HELP WITH CATERING

With the closing of Catholic Women’s League in Bairnsdale, Bev Broome has agreed to continue with catering for funerals and morning and afternoon teas. We thank all those who have supported this very worthy service over many years. If you are new to the parish or are now able to help in some way e.g. making scones, preparing sandwiches or helping on the day to serve or wash dishes, please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre. We will include you on the roster where you may be called upon a couple of times a year for assistance. We thank you in anticipation of your support.

PROCLAIMERS ENRICHMENT GROUP

Due to a couple of issues the first meeting of this group for 2019 will be 18th March. Following this the dates will be 1st, 15th and 29th April. All readers/proclaimers are encouraged to attend. They are relaxed, informative and prayerful gatherings.

GLUTEN FREE?

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

7th Feb: Loss & Grief Group 5pm @ Parish Centre.
15th Feb: Friendship Group 10am @ Parish Centre.
19th Feb: Liturgy Meeting @ Parish Centre 3:30pm.
21st Feb: PPC Meeting 5:30pm @ Parish Centre.
6th Mar: Ash Wednesday.
18th Mar: Proclaimers Group 1:30pm @ Parish Centre.
26th Mar: Sacrament of First Reconciliation.
22nd/23rd Jun: Sacrament of First Holy Communion.
10th Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation.



*Do you enjoy a time of peace, meditation and prayer?
If so then Taize may be for you.*

Taize is a tiny village in the hills of Burgundy in the eastern part of France. Since 1940 it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers whose vocation is to strive for communion among all. Taize's simple and effective liturgy is based on traditional elements of readings, silence, intercession and chants. The meditative chants are an echo of tradition deeply rooted in Christian prayer. Come and join us on the **last Thursday of each month** as we share together in the style of Taize 7pm – 8pm at the Salvation Army Church, Goold Street, Bairnsdale.

MINISTRY TO THE AGED, SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

As a new year begins, we are inviting parish members to attend the masses that are held in the Aged Care Centres and show support for our residents.

Mass are held at 10:30am –

1st Wednesday of the month – BUPA Eastwood

2nd Wednesday of the month – OPAL Harnham Drive

4th Wednesday of the month – Maddocks Gardens/Sutherland Lodge.

Please let us know of any friends, family members or acquaintances who are residents in these centres so we can contact them.

Our team takes communion to the residents on a regular basis and will also visit people in their homes who are housebound. We are always seeking more people to assist in this ministry.

Please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre if you have a gift/charism for this ministry. It is very rewarding work. Being a new participant, you would be accompanied and supported until you felt comfortable with the role. We give thanks and blessings to those who do this work now and in the past and look forward to others coming forward to support this very special ministry.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Fr Noel Connolly SSC, is a member of the Facilitation Team for the Plenary Council 2020, and has recently published some thoughts on the upcoming Plenary Council. One of his concerns is "that I do not think it is easy to know what is deep in our hearts and it is even more difficult to express it adequately."

Luke 18: 35-43 – Jesus heard the blind man calling out and "ordered him to be brought to him; and when the man came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'" It was obvious that the blind man wanted, he wanted to see. But, Jesus insists on asking, "What do you want me to do for you?" It was important to Jesus that the blind man articulate what he wanted. It is important to each of us that we be able to answer the same question.

Fr Noel ends with this thought... 'That is why I would encourage people to share and send in their responses often. It is not something that can be done in one listening and dialogue session. What we are trying to develop is a habit of mind, heart and prayer.'

To read more go to:

<https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/newsletters-and-bulletins/columban-ebulletin>



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

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 Julie and her gift of **ADMINISTRATION** – knew someone had to decide and followed through; to Vanessa and her charism of **ENCOURAGEMENT** – caring for those who cannot speak for themselves and to Maureen and her gift of **MERCY** – for the love she showed for her brother. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The next batch of envelopes are now ready to be picked up and begin 17th February. They can be found in the foyer of the church. We thank you in anticipation for picking them up and for your financial support.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous."

1 Corinthians 13:4

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less "self-centred" and become more "God-centered".

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Parish begins the preparation of children, usually those in Grade 3, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the 12th February. The sacrament will take place on 26th March. If you know anyone who may be interested, please contact Michelle at the Parish Centre 5152 2942 ASAP.

LOSS AND GRIEF GROUP

The Loss and Grief Group's first gathering for 2019 will be 7th February. They meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Parish centre @ 5pm. If you would like more information please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre and she will arrange for someone to contact you.

Collections for week ending 27th January 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,277.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 325.00
1 st Collection	\$ 491.05
2 nd Collection	\$ 801.60

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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. I will sing of your salvation.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13: 4-13 (Shorter form)

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child,

I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4: 21-20

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – Salvation for all.

Luke is written for a predominantly non-Jewish (gentile) Christian community. Although it had been resolved that one did not have to become a Jew to become a Christian there was still a lingering doubt about preference being given to the Jews. The gospel writer goes to great lengths to reassure his audience community that the message of Jesus was for all people – gentile and Jew alike. This week's gospel is one of many passages that feature gentile people receiving God's acceptance and favour. It's a clear message that the salvation promised by Jesus is available to all who seek it.

<i>Readings for 10/02/2019</i>
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm: Ps 137: 1-5, 7-8
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11