



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.

8th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year C – March 3rd, 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: Angelo D'Amore, Michael Flynn, Rita Bowers, Angela McKail, 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

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

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
Ash Wednesday:
8:00am Mass St Patrick's, Paynesville
9:10am Mass
9:30am Mass at St Mary's Primary School Gymnasium
11:30am Ashes and Communion BUPA/ Eastwood Aged Care
6:00pm Mass
Thurs: 9:10am Mass
6:00pm Mass followed by **'Stations of the Cross'**
Fri: 9:10am Mass followed by **'Stations of the Cross'**
During Lent 'Stations of the Cross' will follow the Friday 9:10am Mass. To foster our Lenten discipline of prayer, fasting and charitable works, an extra Mass, followed by Stations of the Cross, will be offered on Thursday's at 6:00PM.

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 March 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	M Saunders	K Flannery	G Dooley	M Saunders, T & K Flannery
9:30am	D Atkins	A Vowell	M Grimsted & family	K Bennett, D Atkins & M Elliott

CHURCH CLEANING: 1st – 15th March: P & C Heaton-Harris

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Butwell (aunt of Maureen Saunders), Robert Allen (brother of Fr John Allen), Elwyn Ingham, Kathleen Rooney (s-i-l to Nellie), Marjorie McTaggart, Greta Andrews.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Christian Halligan, Gwenda Leighton, Barry Neve, Dino Baccega, Aida Bachetti, Rachela Dicello, Betty Dimarco, Giuseppe Ganci, Pauline Ganci, Mary Sicura, Fr John Phelan, Fr Peter Dawson, Lucia D'Amore, Marie Francis, Sheila Lees, Ursula McCarthy, Lina Ciavarella, Leo Deery, Fr Gerard Coffey, Fr Daniel O'Shea, Fr John Shanley.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

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

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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Parish has begun the preparation of children, usually those in Grade 3, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament will take place on 26th March. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Contact Michelle at the Parish Centre 5152 2942 for any information.

BURSARY FUND - FUNDRAISER

The Knights of the Southern Cross will hold a fundraising dinner on March 28th to support the bursary fund for the education of Sale Diocese Seminarians. The dinner will be at the Black Tie Function Centre, 90 Alfred St, Warragul, 6.30 for 7pm start. The two-course dinner will cost \$60 and wine, beer and soft drinks will be available at bar prices. The event is open to all who want to support this venture. There will be a silent auction as an additional fundraiser. Tickets are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/470438>.

RITE OF ELECTION

This year the Rite of Election of Catechumens and Presentation of Baptised Candidates will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick O'Regan at St Mary's Cathedral Sale at 3.00 pm Sunday 10th March 2019.

ST MARY'S OPPORTUNITY SHOP

St. Mary's Op Shop is looking for a person to work on Mondays. The position would suit an able-bodied person who enjoys driving and helping to sort donated goods. We would like this person to start as soon as possible. If you are interested in the position, we invite you to phone the shop on 5152 2088. Moira and Judy will be pleased to hear from you.

PRAYERS FOR FR ANTHONY

Please continue to keep Fr Anthony in your prayers. His recovery is steady but slow. We ask that you keep all our priests in your prayers for continued good health.

Remember too, those who live in the 'high country', Mallacoota and Buchan who are back to once a month for Mass. Please keep these communities in your prayers.

LENTEN PROGRAM FOR GROUPS OR SINGLES

This year we are again taking up the Lenten Program developed by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The focus for this year is **COMPASSION**. We travel with it for the 6 weeks of Lent. We are excited to say that one of our own, Michelle Grimsted, is featured in week 2. **Books cost \$8**. There are a couple of prayer groups that will be open to people joining them OR Michelle is offering to run a group on Thursday's at 5pm till 6pm at the Parish Centre. If you are interested in joining a group, please speak to Michelle or Pattie at the Parish Centre.

Evangelisation Brisbane's 2019 Lenten Program **COMPASSION** is now available as an App! Download from **the App Store** or **Google Play** for Android™ devices for just \$1:99. Included in the App – Opening & Closing Prayer; Lenten Gospels; Gospel Reflection; Personal Reflection Questions; Lives of Compassion Stories and Acts of Compassion. Engage with the Lenten journey during your lunch break or just before you go to sleep. This is a great initiative.

ST PATRICKS COLLEGE SALE - Collegians Get together

LOCATION: Commercial Hotel, Yarragon. **TIME / DATE:**

12.30pm, Saturday 16th March. **RSVP:** John Daniels by email

by Sat. 9th March **EMAIL:** john@travelpluswarragul.com.au

PHONE: 03-5623-5555 (work) or 03-5622-2747 (home)

Thank you in anticipation, and best regards to you all,

John Daniels, Len Hallett & Brian Rochford

CONVICTION OF CARDINAL PELL

'At this time, when the Church is under deep scrutiny as a result, not just of this case and similar cases but of the Conference recently concluded in Rome, we must have in the forefront of our minds those who have been abused over many years. It is our responsibility to hold them and all concerned in prayer and to do whatever is right and just in reparation.'

This text is part of a joint statement from Ms Maria Kirkwood (Director of Catholic Education, Diocese of Sale) and Fr Peter Slater (Vicar-General). It was released on Feb 27 in the absence of Bishop O'Regan, who is currently overseas. This statement helps us remember who the Church's first pastoral priority ought to be. And, as with every case before the courts, we trust that those involved make the truth their priority, serving it without fear, or favour.

The Australian Bishops released a statement on Feb 26 (www.catholic.org.au), a few hours after the Court's suppression order was lifted.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

6th Mar: Ash Wednesday.

10th Mar: Rite of Election 3pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale

16th Mar: Plenary teams to meet – Warragul – 9:30am – 3pm

18th Mar: Proclaimers Group 1:30pm @ Parish Centre.

26th Mar: Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

28th Mar: 6:30pm Warragul – Bursary Fundraiser

16th Jun: Pilgrimage of Icon and Candle

22nd/23rd Jun: Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

10th Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation.

13th/14th Sep: Diocesan Assembly

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Diocesan Assembly and Pilgrimage: Bishop Patrick has announced a Diocesan Assembly to be held on 13-14 September at Marist-Sion College Warragul. During the Plenary Council 2020 Listening and Dialogue process, several common topics have emerged. It has become evident that many of the suggestions which have been made can be initiated and implemented at a local Diocesan level. The Diocesan Assembly, while part of the overall Plenary journey, is of vital importance as it will provide us with the opportunity to together discern and discuss what it is that we can do here and now for our local Church in the Diocese of Sale. In the months leading up to the Assembly, the Diocesan community is being invited to embark on a period of prayer and preparation with a Diocesan Pilgrimage of the Icon of our Lady of Perpetual Help (the patroness of our Diocese) and the Diocesan Plenary 2020 Candle. Each parish will host the Icon and Candle for one week with the opportunity to receive and bless the Icon at weekend Masses and have it displayed for prayer during the week. Our week to host the Icon and Candle will begin 16th June.



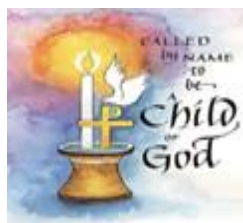
On Saturday 16th March 9:30am – 3pm all members of Plenary Teams in the parishes of the Sale Diocese are invited to Warragul to spend the day with Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, the facilitator of Plenary Council 2020. This is a great opportunity to hear

‘what comes next?’ If you were involved with the running of ‘conversations’ this is for you. See Michelle if you’re interested.

CHURCH CLEANING

Due to many reasons, our ‘Church cleaning roster’ is running low on volunteers. At the moment you would be required to clean twice a year, and you have a time frame of 2 weeks to do it in. The Parish sincerely thanks those who have helped in this way over the years and to those who are currently on the roster. Maybe ‘ask a friend’ and together it would be quicker and more enjoyable. If you are able to help, please talk with Pattie and we can include you on the roster.

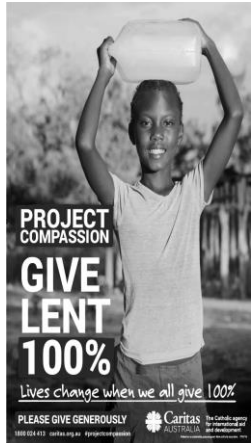
We welcome into our Parish family



Noah Brian
son of Nicole and Kirby Harmer
Xanthee
daughter of Mary and Terrence Worcester
Jasmine Aileen
daughter of Patricia and Jamie Mooney



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **“Give Lent 100%”**. You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.
Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.



SMILE

Teacher: That story’s excellently written for someone your age!
Student: How about for someone my mum’s age?

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 LEADERSHIP
empowers a Christian to be an agent of God’s purposes by sharing a compelling vision of a better future with others and by directing the overall effortsof a group as they work together to make the vision a reality .
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 Tracey, Angus and Maggie and their gifts of **EVANGELISM** – comfortable to share a faith story with students and their families; and to Anne, Frances and Alyce and their charisms of **TEACHING** – for sharing their passion, love and compassion with their Year 1 students. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

CALLED AND GIFTED TO READ?

Do you consider yourself gifted with proclaiming God’s Word? (Are you an evangelist?) Are you passionate about spending time hearing, reading, meditating on God’s Word? Perhaps you’re *called and gifted* to be a Proclaimer of the Word during our liturgical celebrations.

The **Proclaimers’ Enrichment sessions** recommence on **Monday, March 18 at 1.30pm** in the St Mary’s Pastoral Centre.

We meet on **alternate 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) – we need to keep coming back 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” LUKE 6: 43

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don’t have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

Collections for week ending 24th February 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,560.00
Direct Debits & Cards	\$ 310.00
1 st Collection	\$ 573.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 720.75
Church Tours	\$ 533.60

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.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the
quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Readings for 10/03/2019
1st Sunday of Lent, Year C
1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
Psalm: Ps 90: 1-2, 10-15
2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8-13
Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Luke 6: 39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – Three texts; one lesson.

Today's gospel is made up of three separate teachings of Jesus that have been put together by the gospel writer to convey a particular message. When taken together, the three teachings all shed light on the way believers influence one another in community. It is a call to witness to one another through actions as well as words. Before we seek to teach another we must ensure we have adequately learned the lesson ourselves. We must be self-appraising before we critique another. Finally, our actions towards one another are a reflection of our intentions; good actions come from goodness of the heart.