



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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – August 4th, 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: 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
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
 2:30pm Requiem Mass for Mrs Phyllis Tanner
 Thurs: 9:10am Mass Solemnity St Mary MacKillop with Grade 6's
 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

There is a 'Cuppa' in the Parish Centre following 9:30am Mass THIS SUNDAY. Come on over have a coffee or tea, something to eat and have a chat with someone you know, haven't seen in a while or introduce yourself to a new parishioner.

NEXT WEEKEND 10th & 11th August 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm		TBA – Confirmation Mass		
9:30am	P Brown Graham	H Van den Einden	M Grimsted & family	M Owen, S Dean & M Elliott

CHURCH CLEANING: 1st – 15th August - Volunteers would be appreciated.

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Phyllis Tanner, Don Henry.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Norma East, Hans Schwab, Katie Stenn, Josie Redenbach, Craig Toomey, Fr Patrick O'Hanlon, Fr William Shinnick, Fr John McGirr, Fr Joseph Martin, John McKenna, Frank Nugent, Antonio Lupo Di Palma, Henk Postma, Fr Martin Hayes, Mgr. John O'Hea, Fr Red Wilson, Fr Michael Murphy.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Alan Cooke, Rob Short, Bernadette Wolters, Jacqueline Wolters, Tony Hutchins, Pat Doe, Paul Hamilton, Jane Rowlands, Holly Box, Nicholas Browne, Arthur Elbourne, Genevieve Bolleman, Billy Sant, Rivers Purtel, Joan Wriggel, Matthew Brunt, Cathy Tickle, Ray & Fran Adamson, Daphne Moore, Yvonne Roy, Trevor Steer, Amy Hood, Julie Frew, Coral Prendergast, Patricia Dean (Paula O'Neill's mum), Bill Cole, James Warren, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Sue Bayley, Daryl Evans, Jean Coleman, Brenda Lyons, John Buck, Shannon Helmers, Gerard Templer (brother of Trudy Kosmer), Ena Morris, Rick Jones, Di Dunlop, Elisha Weekes (g-daughter of Maree & Wayne Stagg), Joyce Harrington, Mark Kelly, Brian Rowe, 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, Amanda Matthews, Elizabeth Stehmann, 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.

CELEBRATE YOUTH EVENT!

AUGUST 25th, 2019 will be the 2nd "CELEBRATE" youth event that invites all people young and old across the Diocese to celebrate the gifts and talents our young people have. It is a free family event with performances from young people, a Youth Mass and a party with pizza's, slushies, popcorn, games and more. **Location:** Lavalla Catholic College, Kildare Campus – Kosciuszko St Traralgon. **Time** 4pm – 7pm. Please call Jen if you are interested in helping, performing, reading, sponsoring this celebration – 0437492349 or youth@smpt.org.au

CALLED AND GIFTED TO READ?

The next **Proclaimers' Enrichment sessions** are **Monday**, August 5 and August 19 at **1.30pm** in St Mary's Parish Centre. We meet for 90 minutes. All readers/proclaimers of the Word are welcome to attend.

CHILDRENS LITURGY is not happening at the moment due to works being done with the side chapel. We apologise for the inconvenience and we pray it will be back next school term. Worksheets are available in the foyer for children to enjoy at home.

CONFIRMATION

Just a reminder that with Confirmation being celebrated on Saturday 10th August at 6 pm with Bishop Patrick present, there will be 27 children and their families and friends present. This means that if you attend this Mass you will be required to sit towards the back of the church or upstairs. This information isn't meant to 'put you off', but rather, keep you informed. It is good for the children to see parishioners present supporting them in their faith journey.

SMILE

Why does a flamingo stand on one leg?

Because if it lifted up the other one it would fall down.

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.

These themes are available from the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.

You can pick up a hard copy of the 6 themes from the Parish Centre.

Soon, we will be entering into a LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT PHASE which will extend until April 2020. This will be a slower, deeper process than last year. **As a Diocese we will begin this next phase after the Diocesan Assembly is over.**

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Preparation for the Diocesan Assembly to be held on 13-14 September in Warragul is progressing well. You may contact Sue Eeles or Sophy Morley about any detail of the Diocesan Assembly on 03 5622 6677.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

The Ordination to the Diaconate for Jithin Anto, Confidence Masvosva and Paul Zaher will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 11.00 am on Saturday 31 August 2019.

This is a day of great rejoicing for our Diocese and we warmly invite the Diocesan community to participate in the Ordination. We encourage parishioners to attend to support and celebrate with our Candidates.

Sophy Morley is also seeking singers and musicians for the Diocesan Choir – would interested people please contact her at smorley@sale.catholic.org.au or text her on 0413 590 007 without delay.

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. **Last week to do something about it. Please drop in any suggestions ASAP.**

2019 ANNUAL SEMINARY RAFFLE

The Corpus Christi College Seminary Parents and Friends Auxiliary have organised the 2019 Annual Raffle. It is in support of Catholic priestly vocations. **Tickets can be purchased at the 'cuppa' after Mass this weekend. COST:** \$10 a ticket. **PRIZES:** 1st – \$15,000 Travel Award thanks to Ashmore & James Travel Associates; **prizes** for 2nd – 5th also. **DRAWN:** 30/08/2019

CatholicCare SUNDAY APPEAL

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community.

Collections for week ending 28th July 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,532.00
1 st Collection	\$ 869.15
2 nd Collection	\$ 698.25

Standard Three

Strategy

A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.

Actions

Develop your code of conduct in consultation with staff, volunteers and children.

ST MARY'S RESTORATION PROJECT

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 at this time. This will continue for several weeks and we apologise for any inconvenience.

CHURCH INTERIOR INFORMATION EVENING

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.



**AMBO
(Lectern)**

Theology – Christ is present in his word (SC 7, LM 4)

In the Liturgy God speaks to his people and Christ is still proclaiming his Gospel (SC 33)

[In] the Mass ... the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist[are] closely interconnected..... for in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ... (GIRM 28 also see SC 56)

Relationship – The sanctuary is the place where the Altar stands, the word of God is proclaimed, and the priest exercises his function of presiding at the chair.

The harmonious and close relationship of the lectern with the altar [is very important]

The amborepresents a liturgical ministry of Christ's presence from within the Body of Christ (congregation)

Church renovation should also refine the relationship of the ambo with the leadership of music.

Ritual Reform – the place of the Readings must truly help the people's listening and attention during the Liturgy of the Word (LM 32)

The ambo is... not [used] by a Commentator, leader of singing, or ... announcements.

Imagine if. . . .

- ... the ambo, altar and presider's chair were all of the same material and design
- ... provision for readers of different heights/in wheelchairs were also incorporated in the design
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(add your own 'imagine if')

To bring a vision into reality we value 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.

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
KNOWLEDGE*

empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's truth through diligent study and intellectual activity that enables us to better understand God, ourselves, and the universe.

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 Lorna and her charism of **KNOWLEDGE** - for her tenacity in desiring to know more and not letting age get in the way; to Helen and her gift of **SERVICE** – hearing of a need and doing something about it; and to Sarah and her gift of **HELPS** – giving practical support to the Youth Mass. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.



**YOUTH
MASS**

A Youth Mass is to be held **THIS Sunday 4th August at 5pm at St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale.** All are welcome. It is hoped that it will be a regular event on the 1st Sunday of each month. Pizza will follow in the Parish Centre afterwards.



Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australia saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 4th Aug: Cuppa following 9:30am Mass in Parish centre.
- 4th Aug: Youth Mass 5pm @ St Mary's.
- 5th Aug: Proclaimers Enrichment Group 1:30pm Parish Centre.
- 10th Aug: Sacrament of Confirmation.
- 10th/11th Aug: CatholicCare Appeal - 3rd collection.
- 19th Aug: Proclaimers Enrichment Group 1:30pm Parish Centre.
- 23rd/25th Aug: Marriage Encounter Weekend.
- 31st Aug: Ordination to the Diaconate, Sale Cathedral, 11am.
- 13th/14th Sept: 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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;

O Lord, make haste to help me!

You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2: 21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust/and say: 'Go back, sons of men./'To your eyes a thousand years/are like yesterday, come and gone,/no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,/like grass which springs up in the morning./In the morning it springs up and flowers:/by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life/that we may gain wisdom of heart./Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?/Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;/we shall exult and rejoice all our days./Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:/give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Luke 12: 13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 11/08/2019
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9
Psalm: Ps 32: 1, 12, 18-20
2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19
Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – DO NOT WORRY

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom, and all other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom, they will have all that they need.