



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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year C – September 8th, 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, Marilyn 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: Sun - 11:00am
at Omeo Hospital (rear entrance)
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 at OPAL/Harnham Aged Care
Thurs: 9:10am Mass
Fri: 9:10am Mass
9:30am Mass) Grandparent Masses at St Mary's Primary
11:30am Mass) School – in the Gym.

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

YOUTH & FAMILY MASS

This Sunday, 8th September at 5:30pm at St Mary's, followed by pizza in the Parish Centre. The youth will be providing music, proclaiming the word and giving thanks to the Lord through the celebration of Mass. **All are welcome.**

NEXT WEEKEND 14th & 15th September 2019

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	B Calabro	S Gibson	P Elliott	C Power, P Elliott & B Calabro
9:30am	P Brown-Graham	J Coverdale	1 st Communion candidates	S Dean, J Neeson & R David

CHURCH CLEANING: 15th – 30th September – Any volunteers, please.

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pina Ciaglia, Graham Kelly, Pat Summers (nee Dwyer), Jai Patton (son of Tammy Ewing).

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Fr Ted Cooper SDB, Mary Field, Owen Gibbons, Glenda Moulton, Rev Pro Bar, Fr Thomas Hurley, Fr John Howard, Bill Greenwood, Irma Cerini, Manfred Ratzman, Helen Gagalowicz, Chris McKenna, James Duggan, Mary Keady, Fr James Collier.

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

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.

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.

We all protect creation. It's powerfully good work that's urgently needed. The momentum continues long after the season ends through ongoing prayer, changes in lifestyle, and advocacy. Please go to <https://catholicclimatemovement.global/> for further information and join the action.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th September at 11am in St Mary's Parish Centre, to discuss parishioners' suggestions regarding the disbursement of funds accumulated in the Parish Welfare Account over the past 12 months. A list of suggested recipients will be compiled for Fr Michael's approval. **ALL WELCOME**

MERCY PILGRIMAGE WITH OBERAMMERGAU

Explore the iconic pilgrimage sites of Eastern Europe in this 16-day pilgrimage led by Fr. Patrick Jackson departing on 8th August 2020. This pilgrimage features Oberammergau, Warsaw, Krakow, Prague, and Munich. Witness the famous Passion Play 2020 which takes place once-a-decade for an all-inclusive price of \$7900 + Tips. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides + Entrances as per itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings email info@magiholidays.com.au or call 03 8839 6615.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Priests' Welfare Foundation. The amount given was \$ 961.60.

WHAT WILL THE ASSEMBLY DISCUSS?

Sharing our Story, Celebrating Our Faith, Shaping Our Future is the broad theme of our Diocesan Assembly. The major Assembly topics (based on *Listening and Dialogue* responses):

1. **Faith Formation & Spirituality (living out the joy of the Gospel)**
2. **Leadership & Governance (providing leadership and structures that promote evangelisation)**
3. **Families and Vocation (raising disciples in our families, so that they can go out into the world)**
4. **Liturgy and Prayer (nourishing our communities)**
5. **The Welcoming Community (a community on mission, not maintenance)**



On 13-14 September 2019, the Catholic Diocese of Sale is holding its Diocesan Assembly. Bishop Pat and the Diocesan Gaudium et Spes Plenary 2020 Team are aware that there is much that can be done in our Diocese right now. We want to hear from people across our Diocese about the vision they have for their diocese and parishes in living *the joy of the Gospel*.

The five themes, mentioned above, are not the themes to be discerned in the second phase for the Plenary Council 2020. Below is the list of parishioners who will be attending the Diocesan Assembly in Warragul next weekend. They will be listening and sharing our thoughts and desires for the Diocese and for our own Parish.

John Spirason	Chris Power
Jo DeBoer	Michael Flynn
Paula & Frank Brown Graham	Donrita Reefman
Pattie Pruscino	Helen Van den Einden
Paul Heaton Harris.	

Also, Michelle Grimsted, Fr Michael and Fr Avinash will be attending. **Soooooo** if you haven't shared your thoughts with anyone, you may like to approach one of the above-mentioned people and do so, this way we may truly be representative of ALL in our parish.

VOCATIONS DAY- WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Come and See, where God may be calling you to serve! You may be drawn to ministries available in your parish or a vocation of service as a catechist, missionary, priest or religious - to be held at St Agatha's Primary School Hall on Saturday 21st September, beginning with Mass at 9.30am. The day concludes at 4pm. For bookings go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BECJR> or contact [5996 1985](tel:59961985).

HI THERE

My name is Heather Wordsworth, 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. I am in my 50's, own a car and am animal free. Presently, I am on Centrelink payments but looking for work, so can afford \$110 per fortnight. I have a medium amount of personal gear and would prefer to live in Bairnsdale if possible. I do have my own bed and would enjoy 3 meals a week with your family. 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.

Collections for week ending 1st September 2019

Envelopes	\$ 1,319.00
D/D & Cards	\$ 2,925.00
1 st Collection	\$ 558.60
2 nd Collection	\$ 712.00

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS - WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Standard Six
Strategy Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
Actions Discuss and document what can go wrong in the activities or services you provide and take steps to reduce the risk.

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.



PLACE FOR THE ASSEMBLY

Theology – Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them. (Mt18:20) – Christ is present in his word, under the appearance of bread and wine, the priest and the whole community. (SC 7; CCC 1140)

Fully conscious and active participation is the right and duty of the people because of their baptism, and this aim is to be considered before all else. (see SC 14)

Relationship – the relationship between the place for the assembly and the sanctuary (altar, ambo, chair) expresses the unity of the gathered Church. (SC 14)

‘The assembly is not a body of spectators in an auditorium, gathered in front of a platform for a performance’ (FSU 968)

Ritual Reform – ‘The unity of space presumed by the liturgical theology of current rites suggests a ‘one-room’ church space, since ‘it is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates” ‘(CCC 1140)

Imagine if. . . .

- The place of the assembly was not designed for an audience but for participation (*And When Churches Are To Be Built.....*)
- When we all gather, we sit in a way that expresses becoming one Body of Christ.
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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.

(SC=*Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Vatican 11 Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*) (CCC= *Catechism of the Catholic Church 1994*)

(FSU= *Fit For Sacred Use Stewardship and renewal of places of worship*) (*National Liturgical Architecture and Art Board- ‘And When Churches Are To Be Built.....’ Preparation, planning and construction of places of worship.*)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 8th Sept: Youth Mass at St Mary’s **5:30pm** (Change of time).
- 12th Sept: PPC Meeting 5:30pm @ Parish Centre.
- 13th/14th Sept: Diocesan Assembly in Warragul.
- 16th Sept: Proclaimers Group 1:30pm Parish Centre.
- 17th Sept: Liturgy meeting @ Parish Centre 3:30pm.
- 13th Oct: Community Prayer Walk in Bairnsdale.

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
MERCY
empowers a Christian to be a channel of God’s love through practical deeds of compassion that relieve the distress of those who suffer and help them experience God’s love.
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 the St Mary’s Prep teachers and their charisms of **TEACHING** – encourage, encourage, encourage the students; to the Prep students and their gifts of **MUSIC** – singing with full voices and hearts full of love. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.



GET A LIFE... .. *Are you tired of sitting home alone on a Saturday with nothing to do?... Don’t enjoy going out by yourself?*

As a part of the Parish Pastoral Council (or PPC), we are looking to start a Social Group for YOUNG, SINGLE people over 60 who are interested in getting together on a regular basis with the aim of socialising. Activities may include ‘potluck’ suppers, games nights, movie nights and whatever else people may be interested in. Please leave expressions of interest and contact details with Pattie Pruscino at the Parish Centre. Once we have an indication of the level of interest, we will organise an initial meeting to look at the proposal in more detail.

EMERGENCY FLOOD RELIEF

Heavy monsoon rains in the past weeks have caused extensive damage in several countries across Asia. Br Michael Lynch, Director of Salesian Missions, said he has received requests for urgent assistance for emergency relief in Cambodia, Myanmar and India. Donated funds will be transferred to the Don Bosco Salesians in these areas to provide urgently needed items to minimise the spread of disease and assist those who have been affected.

Donations, which are tax deductible, may be sent to Salesian Missions Australia; POBox 264, Ascot Vale, Victoria, 3032, Tel – 03 9377 6014 or via www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au

Congratulations to
Lorraine O’Brien
on reaching 90 years of age. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe. Lorraine’s birthday is not until the 19th and the whole family is gathering this weekend to celebrate this wonderful and blessed milestone.



SMILE

How does an undertaker start a letter? Tomb it may concern...

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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

A reading from the book of Wisdom 9: 13-18

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous.

I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14: 25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 15/09/2019
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14
Psalm: Ps 50: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10

LIVING THE GOSPEL – GIVING UP MY POSSESSIONS

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction mobile phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?