



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.

5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year A – February 9th, 2020

Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale/Omeo acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

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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, 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

4th Sunday of the Month – MASS: October - May

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: No Mass – 8:45am Morning Office; Rosary – 9:00am
Tues: 9:10am Mass
Wed: 9:10am Mass
10:30am Mass at OPAL/Harnham Aged Care
Thurs: 10:00am Mass with St Mary's Primary School
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

NEXT WEEKEND 15th & 16th February 2020

ROSTERS	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts	Special Ministers
6:00pm	B Calabro	M Saunders	P Elliott	B Calabro, P Elliott & C M-Smith
9:30am	T Kosmer	G Neeson	Children's Lit; G & K Cassidy	G Neeson, G & K Cassidy
CHURCH CLEANING: 1 st – 29 th February – Volunteers needed.				

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jacqueline Wolters (niece of Kitty & Jan Cosse), Margaret Wigg, Tom Crozier (Traralgon), Kathleen Reinhardt.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Filomena Maglione, Noel O'Keefe, Tony Capobianco, Peg Hester, Imelda Matley, Bis. Arthur Fox, Fr Manny Spiteri, Fr Les Lisik CSsR, Noel Bills, Norm Bowers, Joseph Zagami, John Flannery, Alan Bills, Catherine Cullen, Pat Farquhar, Genoveffa Calvi, Giosue Calvi, Fr David Quinn, Fr E Curran, Fr E Halihan, Fr Patrick McDonnell.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Alex Rachmaniw (b-i-l Mark Owen), Marcie Hayles, Bernard O'Kelly, John Pruscino, Lachlan Van Den Einden, Kitty Cosse, Joan Marshall, Irene Beatson, Loran Tilley-Withers, Jacek Dutkiewicz, Alan Cross, Adam Gilhooley, Tahlia De Felice, Mary Johnson, Nicholas Browne, Carmel Kenyon, Fr Carl Schafer ofm, John Graves, Alan Cooke, Rick Jones, Julie Frew, Yvonne Roy, Cathy Tickle, Matthew Brunt, Bernadette Wolters, Paul Hamilton, Joan Wriggel, Jane Rowlands, Peter Grimsted, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Billy Sant, Pat Doe, John Buck, Arthur Elbourne, Guy Newman, Genevieve Bolleman, Ena Morris, Mark Kelly, Ray & Fran Adamson, Amy Hood, Holly Box, Gerard Templer, James Warren, Coral Prendergast, Brian Rowe, Joyce Harrington, Paul McFarlane, Shannon Helmers, Brenda Lyons, Rose Gallagher, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Elizabeth Knight, Margaret Flynn, Tammy Ewing, Anne Armstrong, Tracey Moffatt, Trish Henderson, Gerry McDonald, Tyson Chapman, Michael Counsel, Elizabeth Stehmann.

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.

PARISH LIBRARY

Over the past 9 months Marsha & Marie have worked to put our books into some sort of order. Come on into the Parish Centre and see what is available. We invite you to use this most valuable resource.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE NATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF (Australia)

Wanting to join a group that is 'hands on' in helping those affected by the bushfires? Looking for a practical way to help those in need at this time? The Samaritan's Purse is looking for local helpers who can offer a day a week, or as many as you can give. At this stage they plan to be here till the end of February and then move to the Bateman's Bay area to assist their other team there. So, while they are still here, extra pairs of hands are always needed. If you would like to assist in this worthy cause, please call 0456 557 107 for more information. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please note: this is different to the request in providing meals on a regular basis.

ST MARY'S OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Our Op Shop is going very well thanks to the support and patronage of the parish and community. We are looking for people (male or female) to help out for an hour, a half day, or a day – once a week, a month. Or whatever time you can spare to do such jobs as – sort books, toys, shoes, bric a brac, etc. Your help would be much appreciated. If you are able to join our great people please ring Bev, Shirley or Judith between 10.00am and 3.00pm weekdays on 5152 2088.



PLENARY 2020

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church?

In this phase, we are continuing to listen to what the Spirit is saying as we move from listening and dialogue, into listening and discernment. This process of discernment is communal rather than individual. As such, we are called to work together as a group. The process is built upon the practise of Spiritual Conversations drawn primarily from the St Ignatian tradition. It is a way for us to listen to the voice of the Spirit.

The 'gatherings' will be held at the Parish Centre.

THEME 4. Prayerful & Eucharistic

2nd half: Wednesday 12th February 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Pick up a copy of the 'Snapshot' from the foyer.

THEME 5. Humble, Healing & Merciful

1st half: Wednesday 19th February 5:30pm – 6:30pm

2nd half: Wednesday 26th February 5:30pm – 6:30pm

THEME 6. Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal

1st half: Wednesday 4th March 5:30pm – 6:30pm

2nd half: Wednesday 11th March 5:30pm – 6:30pm

A GENTLE REMINDER: If you know you are unable to attend the 1st half of a theme, it is best you do not attend the 2nd half. These gatherings are of 'communal discernment', so if you have not been involved with the 1st half you have been unable to hear other people's thoughts, so it makes it difficult to be part of a 'communal decision'.

We look forward to seeing you there for Theme 4.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

EAST GIPPSLAND FARMERS

We're here to help. We will visit you, or, come and see us at Vinnie's Assistance Centre, Bairnsdale Riviera Plaza, Shop 15
PH: 03) 5152 6687

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Welcome to 2020 and our Children's Liturgy with Michelle and Amanda leading. All children up to grade 6 are welcome to participate. Remember it is the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month during school term. We hope to see you there. If your child is a bit unsure, a parent or carer is welcome to come along. A great way for our young children to learn about God's love for all.

6PM MASS ROSTER

The roster for the next 3 months is now available. Please pick up your copy from the foyer (or Narthex) of the church. Your gifts of reading, welcoming, giving of communion are a blessing for our parish community. Thank you.

FAMILY YOUTH MASS

With such a difficult start to 2020 it has been determined that the 1st monthly Family Youth Mass for 2020 will be 8th March at 5pm, followed by pizza in the Parish Centre. So put this date in your diaries.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Central to the mission of the Immaculate Conception Parish (known as St Mary's Parish) is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and vulnerable persons and providing them with a safe, supportive and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially.

ANGLICAN & CATHOLIC GATHERING

You might recall attending an 'Advent Conversation' in 2018 called together by our respective Bishops. This proved to be a significant event for both our churches, and it was subsequently resolved by the Bishops that a Joint Task Force be established to build on that momentum and explore further opportunities for us to work and witness together.

The first initiative in this regard is a further Bible Study designed as a preparation for Lent and we invite you to this 'Lenten Conversation' to be held on 21 February 2020. We have two outstanding scholars from the University of Divinity to lead the Bible Study, Dr Frances Baker of the Catholic Theological College and Revd. Professor Mark Lindsay of Trinity College Theological School, together with both of our Bishops.

This 'Lenten Conversation' will be held at The Abbey on Raymond Island, commencing at 10am and to finish around 3.30pm. For catering purposes booking is essential with a catering charge of \$20pp. If you require any further information at this stage please contact The Abbey on 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au.

ST JOSEPH'S, TRAFALGAR

You are invited to help celebrate 90 years of Catholic Education on Sunday 22nd March beginning with a Thanksgiving Mass at 10am. This will be followed by Open School, Social Gathering and a BBQ lunch provided. Please bring any memorabilia to share. RSVP by Friday 13th March to office@trafalgar.catholic.edu.au or 5633 1151 or loconnell@trafalgar.catholic.edu.au

EAST GIPPSLAND CHILD SAFE TRAINING SESSION

Saturday, March 21st, 2020

St Marys Parish Centre

10.00am – 12.30pm

All Parish volunteers are expected to attend.

ECUMENICAL PASTORAL CARE GROUP

St John's Anglican Parish is holding the first of the 3 gatherings for this group for 2020. All are invited to a shared lunch on 19th March 2020 at St John's Hall starting at 12noon. Please bring a plate to share. A relaxed and friendly way of meeting new people and sharing our stories. ALL ARE WELCOME.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year we are gathering at the **Salvation Army Church on Friday 6th March at 1:30pm** joining with people in over 150 countries around the world, in 88 different languages! We will pray to God for Zimbabwe using the prayers and thoughts that they have sent to us. 'World Day of Prayer' has a motto: *Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action*. Let's be informed, pray and act today and in the days ahead on behalf of Zimbabwe and Australia.

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

ALL are welcome to come along, join in and bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.

SMILE

What tricks do eggs play on each other?
Practical yolks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

12th Feb: 2nd half of 4th theme-Plenary Council 5:30pm Parish Centre

13th Feb: Rev. Dr Elio Capra SDB – Understanding the Sacraments.

21st Feb: 'Lenten Conversation' @ The Abbey.

21st Feb: Friendship Group 10am @ Parish Centre.

26th Feb: Ash Wednesday.

6th Mar: World Day of Prayer: Salvation Army Church 1:30pm

19th Mar: Ecumenical Pastoral Care Group 12noon St John's Hall

21st Mar: All Parish Volunteers Meeting 10am Parish Centre.

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 can 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

PASTORING

empowers a Christian to be an effective channel of God's love and build Christian community by nurturing the relationships and long-term growth of a group.

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 Maureen & "team" and their charism of **HELPS** – going the extra mile to feed some volunteers; to Frank and his gift of **GIVING** – working in the field to help others; and to John and his charism of **HELPS** – supporting the local areas affected by fires. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

SACRAMENTS – The Fabric of our Catholic Lives

Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB, a Salesian priest, will be holding evening sessions at **St Brendan's Lakes Entrance on Wednesday 12th February** and at **St Mary's Parish Centre Bairnsdale on Thursday 13th February. TIME: 7pm to 8:30pm This coming Wednesday.**

Fr Elio is a very personable and knowledgeable speaker. He has a sense of fun and is very engaging and interesting to listen to.

There is an expectation for at least one of the parents/caregivers whose child is participating in this year's 2020 Sacrament Program to attend. If you have any queries please contact Michelle Grimsted at St Mary's Parish Centre on 5152 2942 or via email stm.michelleg@gmail.com

These sessions are also open to parishioners who might like to deepen their understanding of how God is in our daily surroundings and encounters.

A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

With Ash Wednesday falling on 26th February, our time of Lent will be upon us. Once again, we are offering prayer groups where you will reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings during Lent. 'Together through these days of Lent we allow the Scripture to unveil for us "what eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him"'. (1 Corinthians 2: 9)

The program has been prepared by the Archdiocese of Brisbane, which we have used over the last few years and is highly recommended. It comes with a book which sets out the way each session is run, books will cost \$6. If you would like to join a prayer group for the 7-week program, each session will go for approximately 1 ½ hours, please let Michelle or Pattie, at the Parish Centre, know.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES - are now ready to be picked up from the foyer of the church. Thank you for helping us in this matter.

Collections for week ending 2nd February 2020

Envelopes	\$ 1,410.30
D/D & Cards	\$ 1,880.00
1 st Collection	\$ 489.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 1,171.10

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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 58: 7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.** The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.** With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2: 1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5: 13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Readings for 16/02/2020
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1st Reading: Sirach 15: 15-20
Psalm: Ps 118: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT – FOLLOWING BLESSINGS

Today's gospel passage is one that is quite commonly quoted and relatively well known. When it is taken in isolation, it's very easy to forget that these words immediately follow the Beatitudes. The imperative for justice in the images of salt and light of the world becomes even clearer when we remember that these words follow the blessings on those who are poor; who mourn; who are merciful and fight for justice. Jesus had blessed all these who are least in the world and then charges the disciples to be salt and light for them.