



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.**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME, Year A – July 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**PARISH CONTACTS**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Willemsen  
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**St Mary's Primary:** Phone 5152 3706  
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 Principal: Neville Powles  
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**St Mary's Op Shop:** Phone 5152 2088  
**Parish Pastoral Council:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 – WEEKDAYS**

Mon: 20<sup>th</sup> July 9:10am Mass  
 Tues: 21<sup>st</sup> July 9:10am Mass  
 Wed: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 9:10am Mass  
 Thurs: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 9:10am Mass  
 Fri: 24<sup>th</sup> July 9:10am Mass

**ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE - WEEKENDS**

Sat: 25<sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm  
 Sun: 26<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**PLEASE NOTE: No extra Mass on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday due to Masses being held in the High Country.**

**BOOKINGS ARE REQUIRED FOR WEEKEND MASSES AT ST MARY'S (Limit 20)**

**Please book Tuesday to Friday 10am – 3pm: 5152 2942**  
**Please help us to adhere to the health guidelines. For example, signing in with first name and contact number.**

**ST PATRICK'S PAYNESVILLE: Sun: 26<sup>th</sup> July - 8:00am**  
**ST CANICE'S LINDENOW: Sun: 26<sup>th</sup> July - 11:00am**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month – MASS:**

**SACRED HEART, SWIFTS CREEK: Sat - 6:30pm**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO: Sun - 9:00am**  
**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, BENAMBRA: Sun - 11:00am**

**RECONCILIATION – NOW AVAILABLE**

**ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE: Saturday: 9:30am – 10:00am**  
 With the chapel open, a priest is now available for the Sacrament of Penance on Saturday mornings, at the usual time. Confessions will be heard on the sanctuary and the door to the chapel left open to show when the priest is available.

**OTHER CHURCHES:** Before Mass

**DEVOTIONS**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** after 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass  
**Anointing of the Sick:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**The Chapel** is open 9am-5pm each day for private prayer. Be sure to follow the guidelines found at the front door of the Chapel.

**NEXT WEEKEND 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July**

<b>ROSTERS</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Proclaimer</b>	<b>Procession of Gospel/Gifts &amp; Special Ministers</b>
<b>6:00PM</b>	K Flannery	J Peachey	P Reefman	No Procession of Gospel/Gifts or Special Ministers required until further notice.
<b>9:30AM</b>	M Owen	J Neeson	N Nash	<b>Please note, Pattie is using the 9:30am roster to 'staff' both Sunday morning Masses.</b>

## Please pray for

### OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marie McKenna (mother of Bish. Michael), Robert (Bob) Banks, Eileen Gregson, Margaret Postma, Jean Hannaford, Peter Hughan (brother of Margaret McMahan).

### ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Leonard 'Mick' Michalowski, Peter Van Nuttrim, Alma 'Bid' Egan, Frank Power, Marie Wade, Fr Denis O'Callaghan, Fr Martin Hayes, Fr Maurice McKenna, Maureen Coffey, Frank Traynor, Marie Petterson, Teresa Mitchell, Peg Townsend, David Murray, Fr John Allen, Fr Michael McAlroy, Fr Peter McCormack.

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

### PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Andre Buxton, Josie Anderson, Rosa Lanteri, Margaret Nugent, Ebony Corr, Luke Roberts, Monique Lewis, Joshua Kelly, Alan Cooke, Val Jamieson, Marcie Hayles, John Pruscino, Rick Jones, John Graves, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Jacek Dutkiewicz, Julie Frew, Mary Johnson, Adam Gilhooley, Tahlia De Felice, Nicholas Browne, Carmel Kenyon, Matthew Brunt, Yvonne Roy, Fr Carl Schafer ofm, Gerard Templer, Cathy Tickle, Guy Newman, Jane Rowlands, Bernadette Wolters, Joan Wriggell, Paul Hamilton, Peter Grimsted, Billy Sant, John Buck, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), Pat Doe, Arthur Elbourne, Holly Box, James Warren, Ena Morris, Mark Kelly, Michael Counsel, Amy Hood, Trish Henderson, Paul McFarlane, Coral Prendergast, Brian Rowe, Joyce Harrington, Shannon Helmers, Tammy Ewing, Rose Gallagher, Elizabeth Knight, Gerry McDonald, Margaret Flynn, Tracey Moffatt, Tyson Chapman, Anne Armstrong, Ray & Fran Adamson, Julie Ann Milnes-James, Elizabeth Stehmann.

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

## ST MARY NGÀ BAIIRNSDALE - TUẦN

Thứ bảy: 25 tháng 7 6:00 tối Chủ nhật: 26 tháng 7 9:30 sáng

**CUỐN SÁCH ĐƯỢC YÊU CẦU CHO MASSES TUẦN TẠI ST MARY mệnh (Giới hạn 20)**

Vui lòng đặt thứ ba đến thứ sáu 10 giờ sáng - 3 giờ chiều: 5152 2942

Hãy giúp chúng tôi tuân thủ các nguyên tắc sức khỏe. Ví dụ: đăng nhập bằng tên và số liên lạc.

## BAIRNSDALE ng ST MARY – WEEKENDS

Sat: 25 Hulyo 6:00:00 Araw: ika-26 ng Hulyo 9:30 ng umaga

**KINAKAILANGANY MAG-BOOK PARA SA**

**MGA LINGGO NG WEEKEND SA ST MARY'S (Limitado 20)**

Mangyaring mag-book Martes hanggang Biyernes 10:00 - 3pm: 5152

2942 Mangyaring tulungan kaming sumunod sa mga alituntunin sa kalusugan. Halimbawa, pag-sign in gamit ang unang pangalan at numero ng contact.

## MASS AT HOME IN LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH

Liturgy Brisbane is now offering Masses in other languages other than English. Go to the website below and you will find among many languages on offer Filipino, Vietnamese and Timor Leste. Visit <http://multiculturalcare.org.au/diversity/faith-online/>

## CatholicCare PHONE COUNSELLING SERVICE AVAILABLE

Therese Kearney from CatholicCare is available by phone on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for anyone who might need someone to talk to. Please take advantage of this offer, for anyone in need. Telephone Therese on 0400 783 342 any Tuesday or Wednesday.

### Collections for week ending 12th July 2020

Envelopes	\$ 1,644.00
D/D & Cards	\$ 875.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 287.60
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 185.00

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP (UP TO 20 PEOPLE)

With the significant numbers of community transmission of the COVID-19 virus in Melbourne, there is a delay to increasing the number of people allowed at Mass. For now, we stay at "up to 20" plus those assisting to provide the service. Of course, we are grateful that we can still have a congregation attend.

Schools in regional Victoria have resumed, picking up where they left off at the end of term 2. We hope and pray this will continue, providing a stable environment for the children's learning. And, relief for many parents.

The dispensation removing the Sunday obligation remains in place and anyone with respiratory, cold, or flu symptoms ought to stay at home. For potential contact tracing, we are required to continue recording first names and phone numbers of people attending each ceremony. Knowing who will be attending in advance is helpful in this regard. Therefore, we will continue asking for bookings by phone, according to the instructions given on the front page.

St Mary's and St Brendan's will continue to be open for private prayer according to protocols determined by the State government. Times are advertised in the Parish newsletters and it is important that all visitors abide by what is requested upon entry.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who are being so faithful with financial contributions to our Parish. Here at the Parish Centre, we are heartened by the fact that many people continue to honour their commitment in this period of economic recession. These are volatile times. Although, our income in June meant we didn't meet the criteria for 'Jobkeeper' payments, this could change again for July. And, until further notice, the Federal government will end these payments in September. We continue to be focused on what we CAN do. And, clearly, many parishioners are committed to our shared mission here in East Gippsland. Thank-you for such generosity.

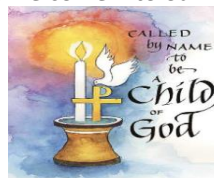
Sincerely, Fr Michael



**PLENARY 2020 –  
How is God calling us to be  
a  
Christ-centred Church?**

"The papers (reports of the 6 themes) are the fruits of communal discernment. The aim of the discernment process was to draw upon the lived faith and experiences of more than 220,000 Australians, the living tradition of the Church, sacred Scripture, papal teachings and additional insights from outside the Church," said Archbishop Costelloe, the Plenary Council president. "They both invite and challenge us to continue to 'listen to what the Spirit is saying' and 'I hope that people will read and reflect on the paper with open minds and open hearts and will be stirred by the Holy Spirit to be agents of mission and evangelisation.'" Below is the electronic link to the discernment papers if you want to access them <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/?s=discernment+papers> OR hard copies are available from the Parish Centre. We continue to pray for the success of the Plenary Council 2020. The First Assembly has now been set for October 2021 in Adelaide and the Second Assembly April 2022 in Sydney.

**We welcome into our Parish family this weekend**



**Jude Christopher  
son of  
Kate & Jamie Willox**

## CATHOLICARE ANNUAL APPEAL

**SAVE THE DATE** for the SUNDAY APPEAL 8-9 August 2020

## FOOD IN THE FREEZER

A reminder meals are available for those who may be struggling at this time. If you know of someone who may require and appreciate a meal, you are welcome to come in and take one to them.

### DIOCESE OF SALE - EMMAUS TEAM

#### FREE Introduction to Spiritual Direction

The Emmaus Team is offering a free 45-minute Zoom session to anyone who wishes to know more about Spiritual Direction and the Emmaus programs. This is an opportunity to meet with a team member and gain a greater understanding of what Spiritual Direction is about. Email: [salespirituality1@gmail.com](mailto:salespirituality1@gmail.com) to arrange a time.

#### Emmaus Walking Retreat 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH - 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021

Cost: \$1,500.00 Registration by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

10% Early Bird Discount by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Guided by: Emmaus Ministry Team, Maximum number 10 Walkers

Enquiries and Registration: Email: [salespirituality1@gmail.com](mailto:salespirituality1@gmail.com)

#### Emmaus Spiritual Direction via Zoom video conferencing

Phone: 0477 474 848 Or Email: [salespirituality1@gmail.com](mailto:salespirituality1@gmail.com)

#### What is Spiritual Direction?

In Spiritual Direction you reflect deeply on the daily experiences of your life. Gradually, as you reflect, you begin to recognize God's presence and grace. You come to realize how God's spirit is truly with you every day and everywhere, as close as you are to yourself. Spiritual Direction is not really about being 'directed'. Rather, it is very much about being 'invited' to draw closer to God. You are warmly invited into this relationship as God seeks you where you are.

#### Who Are Spiritual Directors?

Spiritual Directors have completed extensive training and formation in the art of Spiritual Direction. Directors continue enhancing their knowledge and skills by engaging in ongoing education, supervision and also meeting regularly with their own Spiritual Director.

Emmaus activities are for all, as well as providing some financial assistance for those who may not be able to fully afford costs associated with Spiritual Direction.

No one is excluded – one pays what one can afford.

#### FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

Do you like riddles? Well, how about this one: What is old AND new...two but one...before and after? You have got it! It is the Bible! There is an old part and a new part- the Old Testament and the New Testament. So there are really 2 books but they are often put together to make 1 book. The Old Testament tells all about things that happened BEFORE Jesus was born. And the New Testament tells about things AFTER Jesus came to earth.

Now that we have got THAT settled, how about the old and new-before and after-parts of YOUR story? Does your grandma or somebody in your family sometimes tell you stories about what life was like BEFORE you were born? It can be fun to hear what things were like on earth before YOU got here! Ask one of the OLDER members of your family to tell you what life was like in the past-even waaaay back before TV was invented! Then say a little prayer to tell God thanks for all the new AND all the old things that make life on earth exciting!

#### COMMUNION AT HOME

Have you been unable to receive communion this past 12 weeks? If you are still unable to attend Mass due to being a 'high risk' or your health is compromised, and you would welcome the opportunity to receive communion at home, please contact the Parish Centre and it can be arranged for you.

#### 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. If you wish to speak with someone phone: Kath 5152 2942; Police 5150 2600; or Towards Healing 1800 816 030

## 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.**

Every baptised Christian has a vocation. There is therefore no shortage of vocations in this sense, but there is a need for discernment of one's vocation. God has a plan for our life, and in calling us to a particular vocation God provides the gifts to help us fulfil that call.



#### The Charism of VOLUNTARY POVERTY

*empowers a Christian to be a channel of God's loving presence by living a life of cheerful, voluntary simplicity or poverty in order to identify with Jesus and the poor.*

**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 our parishioners and their charism of **GIVING** – during this pandemic faithfully giving financially to support the parish; to Joanna and her gift of **HOSPITALITY** – of hearing of a friend in need, put out a hand in support; and to Margaret and her charism of **FAITH** – sharing her prayer thoughts on YouTube as a way of connecting with Parish. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

#### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

#### LIMINALITY – BUSHFIRE BENEFIT CONCERT AT SALE

Liminality are performing a Bushfire Benefit Concert on Saturday 1st August 7.30pm at St Pauls Cathedral Sale. This is an on-line free concert, whilst encouraging anyone who feels inclined, to purchase a \$20 ticket. 100% of these donations going to the Anglican Bushfire Relief Fund. Tickets available at <http://www.trybooking.com> please share the details with your friends. When you go to the site, you have a choice of either purchasing your ticket for \$20 or using the code 'Liminality' which will allow you to attend for free.

#### NATIONAL MEN'S GATHERING 2020

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is being offered as an online event for registered participants.

**Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service, and mission in the family, parish, diocese, and the world. **Cost:** FREE

**Registration:** Available from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

**Event Program:** Available on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Go to:** [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

#### 40 WAYS TO FOSTER PRAYER IN YOUR HOME

Each week a couple of suggestions will be offered that have been compiled by Tom McGrath from Loyola Press - a Jesuit ministry.

7. Buy or make a beautifully scripted prayer or Bible verse and hang it on a wall in your home.
8. Commemorate the anniversary of a loved one's death by praying for him or her.



**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.***

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***16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A***

**Entrance Antiphon**

See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**A reading from the prophet Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19**

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**R.** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, /full of love to all who call. /Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer/ and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you/and glorify your name, O Lord:/for you are great and do marvellous deeds, /you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, /slow to anger, O Lord, /abounding in love and truth, /turn and take pity on me. **R.**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:26-27**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13: 24-43**

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Readings for 26/07/2020</i>  <b>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year A</b>  1st Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12  Psalm: Ps 118: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-130  2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28-30  Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52</p>
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