



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.**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME, Year A – July 26<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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**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**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 9:10am Mass

**ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE - WEEKENDS**

Sat: 1<sup>st</sup> August 6:00pm  
 Sun: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 9:30am and 11:00am

**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: 2<sup>nd</sup> August - 8:00am  
**ST CANICE'S LINDENOW:** Sun: 2<sup>nd</sup> August - 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**

**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.

**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/>

**NEXT WEEKEND 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

<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>	C Baldissera	C Power	C Kenyon	No Procession of Gospel/Gifts or Special Ministers required until further notice.
<b>9:30AM</b>	M Owen	H Van den Eiden	M Grimsted	<b>Please note, Pattie is using the 9:30am roster to 'staff' both Sunday morning Masses.</b>
<b>11.0AM</b>	V Bersey	J Coverdale	A Vowell	

## Please pray for

### OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr Cathy Dean rsj, Grace Capraro, Richard Evans, Margaret Flynn (mother of Michael), Gerald Liccione (brother of Maureen Newcomen), Patrick James (grandfather to Bev Duffy), Marie McKenna (mother of Bish. Michael), Robert (Bob) Banks, Eileen Gregson, Margaret Postma.

### ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Bill Macnamara, Annunziata & Giuseppe Di Palma, Nicolina Tedeschi, Leonard 'Mick' Michalowski, Peter Van Nuttrim, Alma 'Bid' Egan, Frank Power, Marie Wade, and the priests who have worked in the Diocese.

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

## ST MARY NGÀY BAIRNSDALE - TUẦN

Thứ bảy: 1 tháng Tam 8 6:00 tối Chủ nhật: 2 tháng Tam 8 9:30 sáng & 11:00 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: 1 Agosto 6:00:00 Araw: Ika-2 ng Agosto 9:30 ng umaga 11:00ng Umaga ANG **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.

## 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.

## 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.

9. Keep a prayer jar for special prayer intentions or requests.
10. Start your day with a time of quiet prayer or meditation: encourage your children to join in.

### Collections for week ending 19th July 2020

Envelopes	\$ 1,202.00
D/D & Cards	\$ 1,770.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 311.90
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 30.00

## 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. 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.

## THANK YOU

'A big thank you to you all for your thoughts, your enquiries and above all your prayers for Trudy's brother, Gerard Templer, during his long battle with cancer. We are so happy to give you the good news. Gerry has been cured of the Lymphoma and is cancer free. Our prayers have been answered. We thank God for His blessings. Thank you once again for keeping Gerry in your prayers.' Trudy & Hans Kosmer

## 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

## 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.

### LONG-DISTANCE ACTIVITIES FOR GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN

Try some of these activities below with your grandchildren or share them with others to use! **Provided by CatholicCare**

1. Each keep a gratitude journal and share excerpts from time to time.
2. Plan an imaginary trip together, using online resources such as travel documentaries, photos, maps. This can be adapted to the age of the child, getting more detail from transport and accommodation booking sites as appropriate.
3. Pray together, using symbols such as candles, water, seeds, and the cross. The **Family Week 2020 Home Prayer Service** could be shared via your video chat app.
4. Watch a TV show together and comment on it.
5. Send coded messages through the mail for your grandchildren to decode. This will make you the best long-distance grandparents of any fourth grader in their school!
6. Record a story to be played for the children at their bedtime. Or read one over video chat (consider Bible stories and authentic stories of broadly-defined "saints").
7. Send your grandkids "open when" letters. Mark some milestones during the coming weeks or months and write a letter to your grandchild for each of those times. Send them all at once and have a specific open date (and/or time). You can call them after they open each letter and tell them how much you love them.
8. Organise a home-based scavenger hunt – the findings can be revealed over video chat.
9. Swap jokes – see who can get the most laughs!
10. Imagination quiz – "Would you rather...?"

### 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.

## 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 Opp shop workers and their charism of **GIVING** – during this pandemic faithfully giving of their time to be of service to others; to Gerry and his gift of **HELPS** – in finding himself take on a job that he didn't think was for him and, in fact, realising it was okay; and to the local Vinnies conference and their charism of **FAITH** – in these times of trouble, working through situations, always with the welfare of their clients foremost in their minds. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

### PRAYER FOR 2020 WORLD DAY

#### AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS – JULY 30

Pope Francis has stated that human trafficking is "without any doubt, a crime against humanity". "Trafficking seriously damages humanity as a whole, tearing apart the human family and the Body of Christ." (St Peter's Square, 10/4/2019) *Let us pray for all who have been robbed of their God-given dignity: Loving God, may our prayers and actions cast light on this crime and help bring it to an end. May those who suffer know the blessings of true justice and peace. Amen*

#### THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION

The ILO estimates that there are more than 40 million people in our world today who are victims of human trafficking. • Some are women and men trafficked into forced labour in factories, agricultural fields, hospitality and domestic servitude; • Some are children trafficked to pick our coffee or to work in dangerous mines for minerals to make our mobile phones, other electronic goods and cosmetics; • Some are young girls, boys and women trafficked into sexual exploitation in brothels, dance bars and the pornography industry. • The current Covid-19 crisis is impacting on people most vulnerable to trafficking because they often live in poverty and lack suitable housing and healthcare. Forced labour and human trafficking happens in every country including Australia. It is a billion-dollar industry. Yet behind all the statistics is a human person and their story. See link below for more details. <https://acrath.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Prayer-for-World-Day-Against-Trafficking-in-Persons-2020-1.pdf>

#### 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 will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community. Please donate to CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. You can donate online at [www.ccam.org.au/SundayAppeal](http://www.ccam.org.au/SundayAppeal) or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

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

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the  
lonely, he gives power and strength to his people

A reading from the book of Kings 1:3-5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask  
what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied,  
'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in  
succession to David my father. But I am a very young  
man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself  
in the midst of this people of yours that you have  
chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be  
counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to  
understand how to discern between good and evil, for  
who could govern this people of yours that is so great?'  
It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for  
this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and  
not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives  
of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning  
judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask.  
I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you  
has had and none will have after you

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

**R. Lord, I love your commands.**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me than  
silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise  
to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall  
live for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands more than finest  
gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. **R.** Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives  
light and teaches the simple. **R.**

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

We know now that by turning everything to their good  
God co-operates with all those who love him, with all  
those that he has called according to his purpose.  
They are the ones he chose specially long ago and  
intended to become true images of his Son, so that  
his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He  
called those he intended for this; those he called he  
justified, and with those he justified he shared his  
glory.

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: 44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is  
like treasure hidden in a field which someone has  
found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells  
everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant  
looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great  
value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys  
it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast  
into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it  
is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting  
down, they collect the good ones in a basket and  
throw away those that are no use. This is how it will  
be at the end of time: the angels will appear and  
separate the wicked from the just to throw them into  
the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and  
grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And  
he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who  
becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a  
householder who brings out from his storeroom  
things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Readings for 2/08/2020*  
**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year A**  
1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3  
Psalm: Ps 144: 8-9, 15-18  
2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39.  
Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

**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.