



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 of ORDINARY TIME, Year A – August 2<sup>nd</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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**Parish Business Manager:** Paul Heaton-Harris  
**Parish Sacramental Coordinator:** Michelle Grimsted  
**Pastoral Coordinator:** Pattie Pruscino  
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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**  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 9:10am Mass

**ST MARY'S BAIRNSDALE - WEEKENDS**

Sat: 8<sup>th</sup> August 6:00pm  
 Sun: 9<sup>th</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: 9<sup>th</sup> August - 8:00am  
**ST CANICE'S LINDENOW:** Sun: 9<sup>th</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 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</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>	M Saunders	C Marriot-Smith	J DeBoer	No Procession of Gospel/Gifts or Special Ministers required until further notice.
<b>9:30AM</b>	M Owen	H Van den Einden	P Brown Graham	<b>Please note, Pattie is using the 9:30am roster to 'staff' both Sunday morning Masses.</b>
<b>11.0AM</b>	P Pruscino	G Burton	B Marshall	

## **Please pray for**

### **OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Tess Gillies, Adam Gilhooley, Vivienne Windsor-Marshall (Terry Flannery's sister), Sr Cathy Dean RSJ, Grace Capraro, Richard Evans, Margaret Flynn (mother of Michael), Gerald Liccione (Maureen Newcomen's brother), Patrick James (grandfather to Bev Duffy), Marie McKenna (mother of Bish. Michael), Robert (Bob) Banks, Eileen Gregson.

### **ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:**

Antonio Lupo Di Palma, Henk Postma, John McKenna, Frank Nugent, Norma East, Hans Schwab, Katie Stenn, Josie Redenbach; 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, Pat Doe, Tahlia De Felice, Nicholas Browne, Carmel Kenyon, Matthew Brunt, Yvonne Roy, Fr Carl Schafer ofm, Guy Newman, Jane Rowlands, Peter Grimsted, Bernadette Wolters, Joan Wriggel, Paul Hamilton, Arthur Elbourne, Billy Sant, John Buck, Mark Kelly, Pauline Northway (nee Mason), 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.

*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.*

## **ST MARY NGÀY BAIRNSDALE - TUẦN**

Thứ bảy: 8 tháng Tam 8 6:00 tối Chủ nhật: 9 tháng Tam 9 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: 8 Agosto 6:00:00 Araw: ika-9 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 14 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*

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP (UP TO 20 PEOPLE)**

From 11.59pm on Sunday August 2, all Victorians will be required to wear a face covering when leaving their home unless a lawful exception applies. (Victorian Department of Health & Human Services)

The COVID-19 virus continues to spread in Melbourne and other parts of Victoria. Fortunately, we remain largely untouched in East Gippsland. However, to stay safe and healthy, we are all asked to wear a face mask when not at home. This includes being at church, for those who do come for Mass, or private prayer. Thankfully, we remain at "up to 20" for Mass, plus those assisting to provide the service.

The dispensation removing the Sunday obligation remains in place and anyone with a cough, 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 our newsletters and it is important that all visitors abide by what is requested upon entry.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of our parishioners in essential service roles throughout the community: the health care professionals; retail assistants; teachers, cleaners and admin workers in our schools; our Op Shop volunteers and Vinnies Conference members - all continuing to provide vital services in these uncertain and anxious times. May God bless and protect them. And, may we all reflect God's love by taking care of each other, especially the most vulnerable.

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.

## **RCIA**

Valerie 'Val' Bersey is to be formally received into the Catholic Church on 15<sup>th</sup> of August. Please keep her in your prayers as she prepares for this important step in her faith journey.

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

11. Visit the cemetery and pray for your departed family.
12. Have everyone in the family take turns praying for another family member for a whole week.

## **Collections for week ending 26th July 2020**

Envelopes	\$ 955.00
D/D & Cards	\$ 470.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 262.60
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 445.00

## **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.

### **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.

### ***"Envisioning the Church in Western Sydney for the New Millenium" Address, by Bishop Long Diocesan Forum July 13, 2019***

"This is an important exercise of listening, discerning and envisioning the roadmap for the future of the Church in Western Sydney. We need to change the status quo in the Church because we have reached a tipping point and a critical juncture. The impact of the Royal Commission and (various convictions) have conspired to deal a grievous blow to the morale of rank and file Catholics. Because of my background of being a refugee, I have a particular interest in the biblical experience of the exile. I believe that we should do well to draw on the great spiritual legacy of our ancestors in faith.

In exile, God's people experienced a profound loss. From being a great nation with all the status symbols of power, they were reduced to a stateless and dejected people. Yet, it was in that moment of utter vulnerability, they gained a new insight into what it meant to be God's people"

The start of an address last year giving one vision for the future of the Church in Paramatta. (link below for full text)

<https://www.catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincents-address-to-the-diocesan-forum-2019/>

Letters to God:

Dear God thank you for the baby brother but what I wanted was a puppy. Joyce

Dear God, is there a school in heaven- jack

Dear God please change the taste of asparagus its grass

Thanks Sarah

## **CALLED AND GIFTED**



### *The Charism of **MERCY***

*empowers a Christian to channel God's love through practical actions of compassion that relieve the distress of those who suffer and help them experience GFod's love .*

**Is this your gift?**

### **Examples of Mercy:**

Medical professionals, prison ministry, social work, Eucharistic minister to the sick, pastoral work, social justice activist, missionary, voluntary chore services, working with the poor or homeless.

### **In our Parish:**

Our Parish is blessed with many people who share their gifts/charisms within our Church and wider community. We give thanks to our Paul and his charism of **HELPS** – by taking Fr Francis to the High Country for Masses (with the highway closed); to a group of ladies and their gifts of **HOSPITALITY** – in helping a couple in need of support, organise their wedding. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us and our community and ultimately we thank GOD who has given them.

### **Catherine de Hueck Doherty 1896-1984**

Born into an upper-class family in Russia, Catherine survived revolution, starvation, war and a compulsively unfaithful first husband. After converting to Catholicism and emigrating to Canada, she lived with the poor and worked for racial and economic justice. Her first marriage was annulled. A famous American journalist, Eddie Doherty, gave up all his possessions to marry her. Forced out of organisations that she founded in Toronto and New York, she started over again in Ontario at the age of 51. She founded Madonna House and wrote spiritual works that combined the insights of Western and Eastern Christianity.

### **FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART**

Did you know Jesus once said, "One does not live on bread alone"? Do you think it means you need some vegemite or cheese to go on your bread? Well it would get boring to have just 2 slices of bread for lunch every day. Jesus meant more than that, you see Jesus had gone into the desert to pray and he hadn't had anything to eat...so he was hungry. The devil tried to tempt him by saying, "If you are the Son of God, turn this stone into bread." But Jesus told him that his followers were to live not on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Jesus meant that we need more than just food for our bodies, we need God's teaching and love to help us really be alive.

Maybe if you are saying some prayers and start thinking about something else, remember that even Jesus was tempted by the devil when He was praying.

### **CatholicCare APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND**

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.

### **NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK**

This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood, or a single life of service).

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

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 prophet Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who  
are thirsty; though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine  
and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your  
wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an  
everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to  
David.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-9,15-18

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all  
our needs**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,  
call on him from their hearts. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the  
Romans 8:35. 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ,  
even if we are troubled or worried, or being  
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being  
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials  
through which we triumph, by the power of him who  
loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no  
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to  
come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any  
created thing, can ever come between us and the love  
of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of  
God.

**Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 43: 13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's  
death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where  
they could be by themselves. But the people heard of  
this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot.  
So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and  
he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and  
said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped  
by; so send the people away, and they can go to the  
villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied,  
'There is no need for them to go: give them  
something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All  
we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring  
them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the  
people were to sit down on the grass; then he took  
the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to  
heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the  
loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave  
them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they  
wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining,  
twelve baskets full, Those who ate numbered about  
five thousand men, to say nothing of women and  
children.

The Gospel of the Lord

**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.

Readings for 9/08/2020

**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year A**

1st Reading: 1<sup>st</sup> Book of Kings 19:9.11-13

Psalm: Ps 84: 9-14

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33