



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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME, Year A – July 12th, 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

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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 – WEEKDAYS

Mon: 13th July 9:10am Mass
 Tues: 14th July 9:10am Mass
 Wed: 15th July 9:10am Mass
 Thurs: 16th July 9:10am Mass
 Fri: 17th July 9:10am Mass

ST MARY’S BAIRNSDALE - WEEKENDS

Sat: 18th July 6:00pm
 Sun: 19th July 9:30am & 11:00am

PLEASE NOTE: No extra Mass on the 4th 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: 19th July - 8:00am
ST CANICE’S LINDENOW: Sun: 19th July - 11:00am

4th 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 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

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 18th & 19th July

ROSTERS	Welcomer	Commentator	Proclaimer	Procession of Gospel/Gifts & Special Ministers
6:00PM	C Marriot-Smith	J DeBoer	D Reefman	No Procession of Gospel/Gifts or Special Ministers required until further notice.
9:30AM	S Dean	D Fallon	G Neeson	Please note, Pattie is using the 9:30am roster to ‘staff’ both Sunday morning Masses.
11:00AM	K Villa	T Kosmer	S Tilley	

Please pray for

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Postma, Jean Hannaford. Peter Hughan (brother of Margaret McMahon), Brian Confait.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time:

Maureen Coffey, Frank Traynor, Marie Petterson, Teresa Mitchell, Peg Townsend, David Murray, Fr John Allen, Fr Michael McAlroy, Fr Peter McCormack, Carmel Hall, Karrie Knott, Irene Flannery, Maria Anna Vanzin, Bob McKenzie, Fr Patrick Kavanagh, Fr John Heffernan, Fr Mat White, Fr William Hannify.

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

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Josie Anderson, Rosa Lanteri, Ebony Corr, Bob Banks, Luke Roberts, Monique Lewis, Joshua Kelly, Margaret Nugent, Eileen Gregson, Val Jamieson, Marcie Hayles, John Pruscino, Alan Cooke, 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 Wriggel, 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.

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: 18 tháng 7 6:00 tối Chủ nhật: 19 tháng 7 9:30 sáng & 11:00 sáng **CUỐN SÁCH ĐƯỢC YÊU CẦU CHO MASSE 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: 18 Hulyo 6:00:00 Araw: ika-19 ng Hulyo 9:30 ng umaga at 11:00 ng umaga ANG **MGA LIBRO AY KINAKAILANGAN 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 5th July 2020

Envelopes	\$ 1,459.00
D/D & Cards	\$ 2,795.00
1 st Collection	\$ 328.60
2 nd Collection	\$ 0.00

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 resume this week, 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 don'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

NATIONAL MEN'S GATHERING 2020

"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37

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 29th June

Event Program: Available on Saturday 15th August 2020

Go to: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

7 BENEFITS OF PRAYING THE ROSARY

1. It gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ.
2. It purifies our souls, washing away sin.
3. It gives us victory over all our enemies.
4. It makes it easy for us to practice virtue.
5. It sets us on fire with love of Our Lord.
6. It enriches us with graces and merits.
7. It supplies us with what is needed to pay all our debts to God and to our fellow men; and finally, it obtains all kinds of graces for us from Almighty God.

according to the holy rosary.org

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS want us to know that they are available to people who wish to speak with them at any time. If there is some problem you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to call Bruce (0412 938 772) or Jeanette (0409 662 925). They will be very glad to speak with you.

NOURISH YOUR FAITH AT HOME

The Diocese of Wollongong is offering a course 'Knowing & Following the Holy Spirit'. How can we as individuals and Parish communities truly know, listen, and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Join this 8-part series exploring the role and action of the Holy Spirit. **Dates & Times:** Wednesday's 22nd July – 9th September from 7:30pm – 8:45pm. To register for this online course go to www.dow.org.au/news-and-events before 20 July.

FOOD IN THE FREEZER

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

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 to arrange a time.

CATHOLICCARE ANNUAL APPEAL

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

HEARTFELT THANKS

The Van den Einden family give thanks to all who have kept them, and especially Lachlan, in their prayers over the past 6 months. Your prayers and support have been unbelievable and in God's mercy Lachlan is now back on his feet and well again. Thanks be to God.



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 **OR hard copies are available from the Parish Centre.**

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/?s=discernment+papers>

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.

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.

5. Say an Our Father whenever you start a long car trip. (whenever that will be).

6. Create a May altar in your home with a statue of Mary surrounded by flowers.

SMILE

Knock, knock. Who's there? **Stan.** Stan who?
Stan back, I am going to sneeze!

Readings for 19/07/2020
16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year A
1st Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19
Psalm: Ps 85: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16
2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

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
CELIBACY
empowers a Christian to be most fulfilled and spiritually fruitful by remaining unmarried and celibate for the sake of Christ.
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 George and his charism of **SERVICE** – takes communion to residents of an aged care facility on a weekly basis and takes time for a chat; to Krisma and her gift of **HELPS** – during this time of COVID-19 welcoming Mass goes as protocols are followed; and to Paul and his charism of **FAITH** – sharing his 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

With the easing of government restrictions and resumption of face to face teaching in our schools, I wish to advise that the Sacramental Program for 2020 will resume for St Mary's Parish and Primary school. We are planning workshops to support your family as you prepare your children to receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Confirmation and Eucharist. If you wish to enrol your child, please contact Michelle Grimsted via email stm.michelleg@gmail.com or phone 5152 2942. God Bless, Michelle

LIMINALITY – BUSHFIRE BENEFIT CONCERT AT SALE

"Light a candle and get ready for a beautiful night in! "

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.

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

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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55: 10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,/you fill it with riches./Your river in heaven brims over/to provide its grain. **R.** And thus you provide for the earth;/you drench its furrows,/you level it, soften it with showers,/you bless its growth. **R.** You crown the year with your goodness./Abundance flows in your steps,/in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,/the meadows covered with flocks,/the valleys are decked with wheat,/ They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13: 1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.