



St Canice's Lindenow

# THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

East Region – Diocese of Sale

BAIRNSDALE, PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW,

OMEO, SWIFTS CREEK AND BENAMBRA

## OUR VISION

We are a welcoming community where the word of God, through the message of Jesus Christ, is made known and lived.

## OUR MISSION

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. To strengthen and grow our faith.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Joseph Abutu  
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### Third Sunday of Easter Year B, April 14, 2024

We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai 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. We pay respect to elders past, present and emerging, and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



## Good Shepherd Sunday Special Collection

A Special Collection will be taken up at Masses on the weekend of April 20 - 21 to support the Seminarian Bursary Fund.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

*John 10:11-18*

### WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday: 9.10am  
Tuesday: 9.10am  
Wednesday: 9.10am  
Thursday: 9.10am  
Friday: 9.10am

**St Patrick's Paynesville**  
Wednesday: Rosary 10.00am

### RECONCILIATION

Friday: After 9.10am Mass  
Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

### ROSARY VIA ZOOM

Monday: 7.00pm  
Contact the Parish Centre for a link

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**St Mary's, Bairnsdale:** Saturday: 6.00pm  
Sunday: 9.30am  
**St Patrick's, Paynesville:** Sunday: 8.00am  
**St Canice's, Lindenow:** Sunday: 11.00am

### Swifts Creek, Omeo and Benambra

Masses held on the 4th weekend of each month.  
**Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek:** 4th Saturday: 6.30pm  
**Immaculate Conception, Omeo:** 4th Sunday: 9.00am  
**St Francis', Benambra:** 4th Sunday: 11.00am

### 4th Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, Year B, April 20-21, 2024

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	C Shanahan	M Saunders	D Ball	P Elliot	
9.30am Sunday	A Veldhuizen	H Van Den Einden	M Grimsted	T Kosmer	B and A Capobianco, J Delany

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: April 27 - B and A Cattapan  
Please find a replacement if you are unable to fill your spot.

*Our Parish of The Immaculate Conception (also known as St Mary's) is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people, with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. Our Safeguarding Officer is Helen Van Den Einden who can be contacted through the Parish Centre: 5152 2942. Alternatively contact Bairnsdale Police: 5150 2600 or Towards Healing: 1800 816 030.*



A very special thank you to everyone who helped make our Easter Services so holy and memorable.

Many people gave of their time and energy in preparing the various Easter Masses and bringing them to us. Your contribution is greatly valued. St Mary's is blessed to have so many people willing to help enrich our spiritual lives.

Your gift is a joy to behold.

God Bless you all.



**CENTENARY HOUSE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST**

**DATE:** Wednesday April 24, 2024  
**TIME:** 7.00am to 10.30am  
**LOCATION:** St Mary's Parish Centre, Bairnsdale  
**COST:** \$20.00 per head – Includes Home Cooked or Continental breakfast and multiple competition entries.

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House is a community-based not-for-profit accommodation facility, for patients and their families who are attending the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre at Latrobe Regional Hospital. The philosophy is to provide affordable, comfortable, supportive, and secure accommodation so that the stress of travelling and treatment is minimised.

**Vale Bev Broome**

Bev was a stalwart of St Mary's Parish and very generously gave of her time whenever the occasion required. She will be sadly missed but lovingly remembered. Dearest Bev, Rest In Peace with your God.

**Sacramental Program 2024**



St Mary's Parish Sacramental Program for 2024 begins soon.

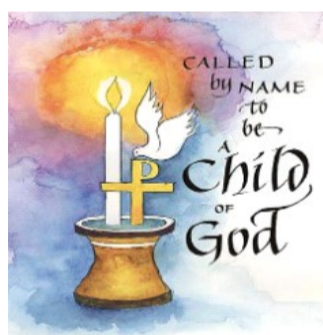
If you would like your child to participate in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, enrolment in the program closes on Friday April 19, 2024.

To discuss this further, please contact me at the Parish Centre on 5152 2942 or via email:

[stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com)

Blessings always, Michelle Grimsted.

Parish Sacramental Coordinator



We welcome into our Parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism

**Jessica Susanne and Annabelle Rose**

daughters of Suzannah and Adam Dalley



**50th Wedding Anniversaries!**

Congratulations to Leo and Maureen Saunders Monday April 15  
Geoff and Kath Cassidy Friday April 19.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS: APRIL**

**For the role of women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination they experience in different parts of the world.

**Prayer for Peace**  
As the fever of the day calms towards twilight may all that is strained in us come to ease. We pray for all who have suffered violence today, may an unexpected serenity surprise them. For those who risk their lives each day for peace, may their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history. That those who make riches from violence and war might hear in their dreams the cry of the lost. That we might see through the fear of each other a new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression. That those who enjoy the privilege of peace might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters. That the wolf might lie down with the lamb, that our swords be beaten into ploughshares and no hurt or harm be done anywhere on the holy mountain. *'Benedictus' A book of Blessings by John O'Donohue*

**READINGS: 4th Sunday of Easter April 20-21, 2024**


1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4:8-12  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3:1-2  
Gospel: John 10:11-18

**COLLECTIONS: April 6-7, 2024**

Envelopes	\$ 1294.00
DD and Cards	\$ 370.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 586.65
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 961.95
Pay Wave	\$ 410.00

**MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN**  
**1st NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Saturday April 27.**  
 Come and experience 'Mothers who Pray for their Children' at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. Join us for insightful talks from keynote speakers such as Archbishop Peter Comensoli, Fr Rob Galea and our Foundress Angela Abdo who will be coming straight from Brazil. There will also be live music, stalls, and the opportunity to experience prayer and Adoration with mothers from the movement. This is a fully catered, full day event. Tickets available at:  
[www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1148763](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1148763)  
 Anyone with a mother's heart is welcome to attend this awesome event. Any enquiries please contact Mary on 0417 391 298 or visit our website:  
<http://motherswhoprayerfortheirchildren.com/>

**Childrens Worksheets Available for Collection**



Dear Parent/Carer,  
 Please collect a worksheet for your child to help them deepen their understanding of the Word during celebration of the Mass. Beginning points for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:


- In today's gospel, what did Jesus first say when he appeared among his disciples?
- How did the disciples react when they first saw Jesus?
- What did Jesus do to help them believe that he was really with them?
- What would you say to Jesus if he was beside you?
- We meet Jesus in each other and in people around us. How should we react to these people?
- We pray that we will always recognise Jesus among us.



**Heartstrings**  
 St John's Anglican Church, Bairnsdale presents Hayden Wiseman, an internationally renowned violinist, who will perform in St John's Church at 2.00pm on Sunday April 21. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online: [www.haydenwiseman.com](http://www.haydenwiseman.com)

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
 Geoff Neeson (Chair), Madelaine Schumann,  
 Leonie Urban  
 Ex-officio members: Fr Joseph, Fr Mark,  
 School Principals and Michael Flynn

**Parish Directory:** available at the Pastoral Centre.  
**St Mary's Primary School:** 5152 3706  
**Nagle College:** 5152 6122  
**Sacraments:** To request information and registration forms email [stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com](mailto:stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com)  
**Baptisms:** Call the Sacramental Coordinator to set a date. Baptisms are celebrated during or after Mass on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of each month.  
**Weddings:** 6 months notice required, schedule dates with Priest.  
**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish Centre.  
**Funerals:** Please contact your preferred Funeral Director for arrangements.  
**Communion to the Housebound /Aged Care:**  
 Call Pattie Pruscino: 0427 232 682  
**Special Wedding Anniversaries:** 3 months notice is needed to organise a Papal Blessing for Parishioners.  
**St Vincent de Paul Conference/Assistance Centre:** 5152 6687  
**St Mary's Op Shop:** 5152 2088



**Thank You to St Mary's Parish** for the generous donation of \$500.00. This money helps support asylum seekers both in the community and in detention.




The Management Committee, Staff and Residents would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to St Mary's Parish for the donation to the Isabel Beardmore Home for the Aged in South Africa. The money will be used to procure food items for those who make the Home their home.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Shane Hayles, victims of natural disasters, COVID-19, terrorism, war, conflict, poverty, Family Violence, Asylum Seekers and all others who have passed away.

**ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Ray Cook, Peter Duggan, John McMahon, Veronica Saunders, Lucy de Moel, Michael Humphries, Chris Sroczyński, Stephen 'Michael' Dwyer, Arthur Gilchrist, and Priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers 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 REMEMBER THE SICK:** Anita De Jesus, Russell Wilson, Benny Garro, Gabrielle Carrasco (great-niece of Chris and Sandie Tilley), Terry Smyth, Pat Coloe, Bill Tilley, Dennis Collins, Bob Marshall, Kathleen Robertson, Margaret O'Reilly, and Arthur Elbourne.

Please remember all Parishioners who are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery. Those on the "sick list" will remain on it for one month. Please contact the Parish Centre to extend this time.

## Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

### Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

### A reading from the First Letter of St John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

**Alleluia!**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

*Jerusalem Bible ©Liturgy Brisbane*

### Scripture Reflection

Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord's disciples, and we must preach with the same zeal, courage, and conviction with which they preached. First, we must become as certain as they were about Jesus' triumph over sin and death. We must turn from all sin and believe that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus. But then we must commit ourselves to the proclamation of this faith with every fibre of our being. Reflect upon your own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of His Resurrection in your life. Has God spoken to you within the depths of your soul? Have you perceived this inward knowledge and had your mind opened? Listen attentively to our Lord-not just with your ears but primarily with your spirit. It is there, within you, that you, like the first disciples, will come to know and believe in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ so that you can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others.

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