



St Patrick's Paynesville

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.

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5th Sunday of Easter Year A, May 7, 2023

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.

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
Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek: 4th Saturday: 6.30pm
Immaculate Conception, Omeo: 4th Sunday: 9.00am
St Francis', Benambra: 4th Sunday: 11.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday: 9.10am
Tuesday: 9.10am
Wednesday: 9.10am
Thursday: 9.10am
Friday: 9.10am
Paynesville
Wednesday: Rosary 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

Friday:
After 9.10am Mass
Saturday:
9.30am to 10.00am
5.30pm to 5.50pm



Happy Birthday Fr Mark, who celebrated his 50th birthday on Tuesday. Congratulations! Fr Mark will be celebrating Masses in Sale this weekend Sale and Drouin next weekend.

UNLEASHING THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
SAT 13 MAY
HOSTED BY THE CCR - SALE DIOCESE
GUEST SPEAKER: LENYCE WILLASON
HOLY MASS CELEBRATED BY FR MARK HUGHES
ST ITA'S PARISH DROUIN
50 VICTORIA ST, DROUIN VIC
11.00AM - 3.30PM
PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE (FINGER FOOD)
PLS CONTACT LINDSAY (0432 375 391) FOR ENQUIRIES

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A, May 13-14, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	M Schumann	J De Boer	J Peachey	C Shanahan	
9.30am Sunday	P Brown-Graham	M Grimsted	M Elliott	S Tilley	D Atkins, S Dean, J Fallon

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: May 13 - K Cassidy Please find a replacement if 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 Kath Cassidy who can be contacted through the Parish Centre: 5152 2942. Alternatively contact Bairnsdale Police: 5150 2600 or Towards Healing: 1800 816 030.

ARE YOU SAFE AT HOME?

Help and support is available, you do not have to face this alone.

SAFE+EQUAL

areyousafeathome.org.au

Wednesday May 10 is Are You Safe At Home? Day. An opportunity to ask someone in your life, 'are you safe at home?' - start a conversation to end Family Violence.

TODAY

Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass at St Mary's, Bairnsdale and after 8.00am Mass at St Patrick's, Paynesville
Come and join us!



PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are starting the preparations for 28 children from our Parish to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in June. They will be making their Commitment at Masses this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



We welcome into the St Mary's family through the Sacrament of Baptism
Kensie Fay Frisina
daughter of Sarah Frisina and Caitlin Frisina

We extend a warm welcome to Fr Robert McCulloch who is with us this weekend. Fr Robert will celebrate Mass at St Canice's, Lindenow on Sunday morning



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS - MAY

For Church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.



Readings:

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 13-14, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 65:1-7, 16-20

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Collections:

April 29-30, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 1020.00
DD & Cards	\$ 1310.00
1 st Collection	\$ 648.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 675.95
Pay Wave	\$ 802.65
Church Tours	\$ 73.05
Special Collection	\$ 965.10

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.

- ◆ What are some really precious things you have?
- ◆ What makes them precious?
- ◆ Jesus says that we are precious in his eyes.
- ◆ How are we precious in God's sight? (God lives in us)
- ◆ We can do good works because Jesus lives in us.
- ◆ What good works can we do this week?

Anyone can read the scriptures in public; only the believer can proclaim them.

THE ART OF PROCLAMATION

A workshop for readers in proclaiming the word of God

10.00 - 1.00pm
14 JUNE
St Mary's Parish, Barmahdale

2.00 - 4.30pm
17 JUNE
St Patrick's Parish, Potemkian

Are you a reader or would you like to be a reader at Mass?

You are welcome to attend one of our two formation workshops. Learn more about your ministry as a reader and share some practical tips about proclaiming the word.




May is Mary's month.

This month we honour Blessed Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother.

Why not pray the Rosary with our online Rosary Group?

Contact Michelle at the Parish Centre for a link to the Group.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons, Jacinta Da Costa,
Geoff Neeson, Leonie Urban**
Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, 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

Baptisms: Call the Sacramental Coordinator to set a date. Baptisms are celebrated during or after Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays 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: 6 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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Wade Matthews, Nicky Moffat, Doug Brill, Fr Damien Gilhooley, Robert Canly, Paola (Pauline) Calabro, all victims of natural disasters, mental health, COVID-19, terrorist attacks, war, conflict, Asylum Seekers, Family Violence and poverty.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Rick Marshall, Michael McMahon, Rita and Phillip Luby, Paul Garro, Sean Dooley, Kerry Terranova, Monica Ainsworth, Cliff Betts, Lena Betts, Glen Dungey, Des Shanahan, Felicia Bagnato, Fortunato Desio, Francesca Desio, Teresa Saulle, Baby John Robert Brooks, Norman Dore, Joe Gwizdek, Maria Capobianco, Pam Hammond and 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 REMEMBER THE SICK: Stuart Murray (nephew of Frank Brown-Graham), Maria Sticca, Baby Ethan, Brian Hall, Robyn Finlay, Brendan Kosmer (son of Hans and Trudy), Darcy Sutton, Mary Johnson, John Atkins, Rick Harney, Fred Crea, John Spirason, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Brian Rowe.

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.

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A, May 6-7, 2023

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

The Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going. 'Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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Scripture notes:

When we are lost, we can be given instructions on how to get from A-B, if we find someone who knows the way. However, if the route is a bit complicated a guide, someone who is prepared to walk with and show us the way, is what we need. When Jesus said, "I am the way. No-one can come to the Father, except through me," he was saying, "Follow me and I'll take you to the Father" offering himself as a guide. He invites us to follow him and become a compass that will not lie to us. What does following Jesus involve? It means following Jesus' example of a way of life and how to behave. Jesus spoke of death as going to the Father, not the end of life. In times of crisis our faith (our trust in God), can seem to fail us. There are people who think that if God was with them, and if he really loved them, then no 'storm' would ever hit them, life would be plain sailing. So, when a storm hits them, they experience a crisis of faith/trust, thinking that God has abandoned them. At a time of crisis, we should remember Jesus' words, "Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me." These words have a power to console and uphold us that no other words have.