



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.

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#### 6th Sunday of Easter Year A, May 14, 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

#### FR HIEP-AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP

**Congratulations to Fr Hiep who became an Australian Citizen on Thursday May 11.**

**Hiep, Hiep, hooray!!!**

## NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023 VOLUNTEER THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you.

'We are the Change Makers' is celebrating the powerful impact volunteers make supporting individuals, communities and the nation.



"To all our Parish volunteers without whom, the Parish wouldn't be the vital community it is, for all to be welcomed and supported. And essentially, for the worship of our Triune God, who so loved the world that he volunteered to lay down his life for us." Fr Michael.

Just a few of these groups include: St Mary's Op Shop and Shed, St Vincent de Paul Conference, Church Tour Guides, Parish Council, Finance Committee, Music Ministry, Liturgical Ministry, and many more. Don't forget these groups are always looking for new people to 'answer the call'.

#### The Ascension of the Lord, Year A, May 20-21, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	G Dooley	M Saunders	P Reefman	B O'Kelly	
9.30am Sunday	A Chila	T Kosmer	P Brown-Graham	M Owen	H Van den Einden, S Dean & C Tilley
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: May 13 - K Cassidy <u>Please</u> 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.**

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,  
Bairnsdale

2.00 - 4.30pm

**17 JUNE**

St Patrick's Parish,  
Pakenham

**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.



## Presenters

**RSVP: May 31**

Sophy Morley  
Sr Rose Duffy (Pakenham)

Please register using QR code  
or  
Contact your Parish Office



*Yours is a share in the work of the Lord's spirit  
who opens our hearts to God's holy word.  
Fr Austin Fleming*

For more information contact Siji Dominic at 03 5614 5163 / email [SijiDesale.catholic.org.au](mailto:SijiDesale.catholic.org.au)

**St Mary's Social Justice Group** meets quarterly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the months of February, May, August and November at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre.

All parishioners with an interest in Social Justice, Human Rights, the Environment, Reconciliation, the Homeless, Refugees etc are very welcome to come along next

**Thursday May 18 at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre.**

For further information phone Chris 0418 148657



## SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparations have begun for 28 Parish children to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in June.

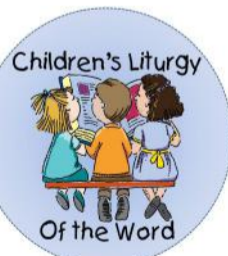
Please keep them, their families and educators in your thoughts and prayers.



## 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.



## 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. A beginning point for discussion of

this week's Gospel with children:

- ♦ Who are the people who love you?
- ♦ What do they ask of you in return for their love?
- ♦ Jesus loves us and asks us to keep his commandments.
- ♦ What are some of his commandments?
- ♦ Jesus says the Holy Spirit will help us.
- ♦ Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to help us love others.

### Readings:

**The Ascension of the Lord  
May 20-21, 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm:  
Psalm 46: 2-3, 6-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

### Collections:

**April 29-30, 2023**

Envelopes	\$ 638.00
DD & Cards	\$ 1460.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 530.60
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 671.50
Pay Wave	\$ 160.00
Church Tours	\$ 76.00



Happy Mother's Day

# Happy Mother's Day

To all the mothers and mother figures in our Parish, we love you, we cherish you and we thank you for all you have done for us.

**NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
**FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS**

Prayers for the Great Novena before Pentecost can be found on the website below. The Novena commences on Friday May 19.

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>

**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](mailto: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

"The Catholic Diocese of Sale cordially invites you to the 2023 Diocesan May Devotion"



**MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE**  
 (Lk 1:39)

Date: Saturday 20th May 2023  
 Venue: St Mary's Cathedral Sale

Please contact the Parish Centre if you are interested in attending and we can look at 'carpooling'.

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.  
 5152 2942



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lou Beltrame, Jack Dwyer, Charlie Hodge, Giuseppina (Josy) Favorito, Wade Matthews, Nicky Moffat, Doug Brill, Fr Damien Gilhooley, Robert Canly, 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:** Bernard Coloe, David Bull, Gerard Coloe, Lance Bills, Patricia Fisher, Caterina Calabro, Brendan Deery, Rick Lightowler, Noreen Godridge, Rick Marshall, Michael McMahan, Rita and Phillip Luby, Paul Garro, Sean Dooley 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:** Josephine Box, Deidree Tickner, Kathleen Robertson, Stuart Murray (nephew of Frank Brown-Graham), Maria Sticca, Baby Ethan, Brian Hall, Robyn Finlay, Brendan Kosmer, 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.

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

**Entrance Antiphon**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**The Opening Prayer**

Grant, almighty God,

that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.

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 8:5-8, 14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,/ O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise./ Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;/ shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,/ tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,/ they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;/ he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God./ I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer/ nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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**Scripture notes:**

Looking at the Gospels provides us with the 'commandments that Jesus left us, not those of Moses.

**Do not:** 'Do not return evil for evil'; 'Do not judge or condemn your neighbour and you will not be judged or condemned';

'Do not worry about food drink and clothes and store up treasures here on earth'; 'Do not let your heart be troubled.

Trust in God and in me'.

**Do:** 'Let your light shine before people'-live in a way that we become an example to others; 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you'; 'Give generously'-be generous to others and God will be generous with you; 'Forgive those who sin against you and God will forgive your sins'; 'Clean the inside of the cup and dish and the outside will become clean too'; 'Take this bread and eat it. Take this cup and drink it'; 'Love one another as I have loved you, then all will know that you are disciple of mine'.

Jesus is offering us a gift. If we live by his commandments, we will have a deeper, richer and happier life here on earth and eternal life in the hereafter.

*Flor Mc Carthy SDB New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies*