



Sacred Heart,
Swifts Creek

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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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year A, April 9, 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.



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present, and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413

Easter Blessing

Fr. Michael, Fr Mark and Parish staff wish everyone a blessed, peace filled and joyous Easter. May you enjoy time with family and friends, travel safely and be mindful of others.

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

Bishop Greg's Easter Message has been placed on the St Mary's website.



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

2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, Year A, April 15-16, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	J De Boer	J Peachey	S Gibson	P Elliott	
9.30am Sunday	S Dean	J Coverdale	N Nash	R David	M Grimsted, T Kosmer & P Pruscino

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: April 15 - B Mahony 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 via the Parish Centre: 5152 2942.

Alternatively contact Bairnsdale Police: 5150 2600 or Towards Healing: 1800 816 030.

You are warmly invited to attend the

The Blessing and Dedication

of



St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Clyde North

on

Sunday April 23, 2023

We will be honoured by the presence of

His Excellency Charles Balvo, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia

and Most Rev Gregory Bennet, Bishop of Sale who will preside at the Concelebrated Ritual Mass of

Dedication of the Church and Altar

beginning at St Peter's College Clyde North Campus

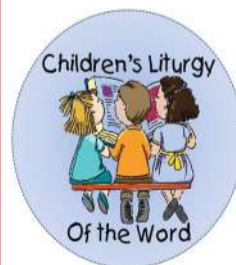
(55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North) **at 1.00pm**

and walking in procession to enter the new Church

(5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East) **at 2:00pm**

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS— APRIL **For a culture of peace and non violence**

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens



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 do you have that is new?**
- **How do you feel when you have something new?**
- **Today, Easter Sunday, is exciting because we celebrate Jesus' rising and living among us.**
- **How can we show that Jesus lives within us in a new way?**

Readings:

2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 15-16, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 2: 42-47
Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Collections:

April 1-2, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 1455.00
DD & Cards	\$ 2275.00
1 st Collection	\$ 822.50
2 nd Collection	\$ 832.50
Pay Wave	\$ 200.00
Church Tours	\$ 311.80

Sacramental Program 2023

St Mary's Parish is preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion to be celebrated in June 2023. Children in Grade 4 and above, who have already received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, are invited to enrol in the program **now**.



Enrolments close April 21, 2023.

To discuss this further, please contact Michelle Grimsted at the Parish Centre on 5152 2942 or via email stm.michelleg@gmail.com

Blessings always, Michelle - Sacramental Coordinator

Congratulations to our RCIA Candidates, Troy Bittner, Brianna Jolley and David Ball who through the process of discernment, prayer, education and sharing with others on the journey of faith over the last 12 months will become Catholics this weekend. The entire St Mary's Parish community rejoices with you.

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



Come and See

A call to the priesthood

A stirring in your heart for God?
what this might mean for you?

Could Jesus be inviting you to share in his ministry as a Priest?

Date: Sunday, April 30th 2023

Venue: Chapter House,
St Mary's Cathedral, Sale

Time: 2:30-4:00 pm



An Opportunity

Meet our priests to discuss their Ministry
Prayer and contemplation

Scripture notes:

Reflect, today, upon the Resurrection of the Saviour of the World. As you do, reflect also upon His invitation to share in this new life. Though much of our understanding of the Resurrection of Jesus, as well as our hope of sharing in this resurrected state, will only be understood when we share in it, it is important to place these ideas in our minds so that we have something to anticipate. At the very least, we must know and understand that our sharing in the resurrected state of Jesus is glorious beyond what we can imagine. This is what we celebrate today. And this celebration must fill us with hopeful anticipation of our participation in this glorious new life to come.

Catholic Life

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Liz Dwyer, Irene Dennison, Peter Dean, 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: Stephen "Michael" Dwyer, Arthur Gilchrist, Joan Merritt, Mary Sova, Carmel Brown, Edna Cottrell, William Field, Sam Monk, John Saunders, Vera Saunders, Patricia Miles, Matt Coco, Angelo D'Amelio, Gaetano Calabro, 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: Sr Marie O'Kelly (sister of Bernard O'Kelly), Maria Sticca, Baby Ethan, Brian Hall, Robyn Finlay, Brendan Kosmer (son of Hans and Trudy), Larry Klobukowski, Darcy Sutton, John Birrell, Wade Matthews, John Saunders, Kathleen Robertson, Mary Johnson, John Atkins, Rick Harney, Fred Crea, Marie Ayres, John Spirason, Shirley Gilmore, Vin Ayres, Maree Elbourne, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Brian Rowe, Alan Casanelia.

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.

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Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

The Opening Prayer

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.
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 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:6-8

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:1-10.

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke, and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples. "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'