



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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Pentecost Sunday Year A, May 28, 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



*God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit
transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit
lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit
be our goal and our strength,
now and always. Amen.*

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday: 9.10am
Requiem Mass-Mary Johnson:
1.00pm
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

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

The Most Holy Trinity, Year A, June 3 - 4 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	G Dooley	M Schumann	C Shanahan	P Elliott	
9.30am Sunday	L Urban	H Sampson	B Marshall	J Delany	H Sampson, P Pruscino, J Coverdale

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: June 10th - H Sampson 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.

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

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

PARISH NEEDS

COVID has interrupted our lives as we know, and at this point in time we wish to reach out to a number of people who have generously served in our Parish Community over past years, and who now may appreciate our support. There are a few Parishioners already receiving communion in their homes.

If you know of a Parishioner who is elderly/house bound, please contact

Pattie: 0427 232 682

or Mary: 0427 525 962

so they can contact them and ask if they would like to receive a visit/communion on a regular basis.

We are also inviting Parishioners, male and female, who would like the privilege of taking communion out, to please respond to this need.

An Information/Training time will be advertised in future bulletins.

Thanking you in anticipation.



The Loss and Grief Group is meeting in the Parish Centre Thursday June 1 at 5.00pm.

If you are dealing with a recent loss or are still grieving please consider joining us.

The group is confidential, supportive and also a safe place to share.

For more information contact Michael on 5152 2942.

THANK YOU!

A big "Thank You" to all for your prayers for our son Brendan as he underwent major heart surgery. Your prayers, your support and genuine concern during the past few weeks is very much appreciated and certainly helped us through this anxious time. Brendan is now at home and doing well on his road to recovery. We thank God for his blessings. Trudy and Hans Kosmer

**Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass at St Mary's Bairnsdale
and after 8.00am Mass at**

St Patrick's Paynesville

Sunday June 4

**Come and join us for a cuppa
and a natter**



TRINITY FAMILIES APPEAL

Trinity Families is the charitable arm of the Catholic Diocese of Sale and provides funding through grants to other charities working to provide services and programs for families within the boundaries of the Diocese.

Please visit the website to learn more about Trinity Families: <http://trinityfamilies.org.au/>

Annual collection this weekend May 27-28

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

June 3 - 4, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56

2nd Reading: Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

COLLECTIONS:

May 20 - 21, 2023

Envelopes \$ 781.00

DD & Cards \$ 825.00

1st Collection \$ 578.50

2nd Collection \$ 839.60

Pay Wave \$ 50.00

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:

- **Today we celebrate the coming of the Spirit.**
- **Who do you know who is a Spirit-filled person?**
- **What sort of things show that a person is Spirit-filled?**
- **Let us ask the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts so that we may be Spirit-filled.**



**50th MASS AND PROCESSION
IN HONOUR OF ST ANTHONY**

**SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2023,
11.00am**

ST MARY'S CHURCH BAIRNSDALE

Mass and celebration of St Anthony of Padua concelebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet, Frs F Bertagnolli SDB, Michael Willemsen and other priests at St Mary's.

A procession will take place after Mass, followed by

Benediction, blessing and distribution of bread and Holy Pictures. All are welcome to attend a social gathering in St Mary's Parish Centre following the event. Please bring a plate to share.

**50ª MESSA E PROCESSIONE IN ONORE DI S. ANTONIO
DOMENICA 11 GIUGNO 2023 ORE 11.00am**

CHIESA DI S. MARIA BAIRNSDALE

Messa e celebrazione di S. Antonio da Padova concelebtrate dai Vescovo Greg Bennet, dai Padri F Bertagnolli, Michael Willemsen e altri sacerdoti. Dopo la Messa si svolgerà una processione, seguita dalla benedizione, benedizione e distribuzione del pane e delle immagini. Tutti sono invitati a partecipare a un incontro sociale nel centro parrocchiale di St Mary dopo l'evento. Si prega di portare un piatto da condividere.

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

National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week

May 26 marks National Sorry Day, remembering and acknowledging the hurt and trauma of the Stolen Generation, those forcibly removed from their families and communities. We observe National Sorry Day on the anniversary of the 1997 Bringing Them Home report, which exposed the racist history of government policy that enabled children to be removed from their families.

Since the inaugural National Sorry Day some progress has been made, notably then-prime minister Kevin Rudd delivering a National Apology, however Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children still remain 10.6 times more likely than non-indigenous children to be removed from their family.

Following National Sorry Day, we observe National Reconciliation Week, from May 27 – June 3; an opportunity for Australians to take part in the process of reconciliation.

"In true reconciliation, through the remembering, the grieving and the healing we can come to terms with our conscience and become as one in the dreaming of this land."

Dr Evelyn Scott, Chairperson. Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation 1997.



National Reconciliation Week

May 27 - June 3 #NRW2023

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The theme, **Be a Voice for Generations**, encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise.

For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, let's choose to create a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Johnson, Frances Mastrocola, 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 Leahy, Andrew Carty, April Herrick, Domenico Capobianco, Leo Cahill, Lindsay Pepper, Nicodemo Tedeschi, June Bennett 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: Jan Baxter, 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, 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.

Pentecost May 27-28, 2023

Entrance Antiphon

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

The Opening Prayer

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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 2: 1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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Scripture notes:

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church; the coming of the Holy Spirit, in wind (a symbol of power) and fire (a symbol of love... God's love), that launched the Church. Prior to the coming of the Holy Spirit the apostles were hiding in a room. With the arrival of the Holy Spirit, they left and courageously to set out to preach the Gospel. It was a humble beginning to the Church, born in frailty and weakness. Its only resource was people. The Church should never forget its humble origins. Though they were small in number, they were strong in spirit and united in prayers and charity. The Church is sustained by the quality of its members, not by organisational structures and membership statistics. When an organisation becomes big there can be a loss of closeness and the individual can get lost. We need to belong to a specific community, providing a sense of closeness, interdependence and mutual service. Our faith is nourished in this local community. The Holy Spirit binds us together in love and gives us the courage to witness Christ in the world.

Flor Mc Carthy SDB New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies