



St Mary's Bairnsdale

THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

East Region – Diocese of Sale
BAIRNSDALE, PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW,
OMEO, SWIFTS CREEK & 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.

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C—August 14, 2022

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

2nd & 4th Sunday monthly: 11am

Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra

August and October

Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

4th Saturday: 6:30pm

Immaculate Conception, Omeo

4th Sunday: 11:00am

at the Omeo Hospital

St Francis, Benambra

4th Sunday: 9:00am

Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

Monday-Assumption of Mary

Monday to Friday

9.10am

Paynesville

Wednesday Rosary 10am

Reconciliation is available each
Friday: after 9:10am Mass
Saturday: 9:30am to 10:00am and
5:30pm to 5:50pm

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal



CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our Parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Annual Appeal.

Because of the generosity of our Parish community,

CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full.

Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit:

www.catholiccarevic.org.au



St Mary's Social Justice Group meets quarterly on the 3rd Thursday of the months of Feb, May, August and Nov at 2pm 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 August 18, at 2pm in the Parish Centre.**

For further information phone Chris 0418 148 657

Welcome Columban Priest Fr Rob McCulloch, who will celebrate Masses at Bairnsdale and Lindenow this weekend.

Fr Michael will celebrate Masses at Lakes Entrance and Orbost as Fr Hiep is on leave.

Roster for Masses – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 20-21, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	P Reefman	M Saunders	B O'Kelly	K Flannery
9:30am Sun	R David	D Fallon	F Brown-Graham	J Coverdale

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: August 20 — C Marriot-Smith **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;

or Police 5150 2600; or Towards Healing 1800 816 030.



**Pope Francis'
Prayer Intentions —
AUGUST**

Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
MARY MACKILLOP**

St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage.

October 18-29, 2022.

If you are interested in taking part in the Pilgrimage, look up the details on St Mary's Facebook page or the Website: www.stmarysbairnsdale.net

THE MASS SERIES

Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the Archdiocese of Brisbane

The series can be found on YouTube>Archdiocese of Brisbane/playlist>The Mass Series

Liturgy of the Eucharist-Eucharistic Prayer Part 1

Once we begin the Eucharistic Prayer, we have the invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine, placed on the altar. This is important as we are calling down the Spirit of God on these gifts and we ask God to breathe in to these gifts to make them more than bread and wine, taking us way back to the beginning of the biblical story. God, we are told, picks up a lump of earth – good, rich soil – and then breathes His breath, His Spirit, into the soil, creating the human being. We're asking God, to do what you have done before. Breathe upon these gifts to make them more than bread and wine. Transform these gifts by the power of your Spirit into the body and blood of Jesus Christ crucified and risen. Then we tell the story the Last Supper. 'Take this all of you and eat of it, for this is My Body'. We believe, that the word of Jesus has power enough to take bread and wine and transform them into the Body and Blood of Jesus crucified and risen. Just as the breath of God transformed a lump of soil to become the human being, just as the breath of God became the power that transformed the early Church from a cringing crowd into a powerful missionary community. The promise is made of the transformation of everything. Of us, our lives, all that we've brought with the bread and wine, even the cosmos itself will be transfigured.



DIOCESE OF BROOME

**Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service
NEEDED URGENTLY -
VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist in working with the local Church, in various Aboriginal communities. There are a variety of important voluntary tasks in **administration, building and vehicle maintenance, gardening, hospitality, general cleaning etc.** **Placements** are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and a small weekly allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM BEGINS SOON

Continuing the 3 yearly cycle for Stewardship Programs in the Parishes of our Diocese, the Finance Committee will be overseeing the 2022 Program, beginning in late August. The program provides the opportunity for us to take stock of our progress since 2019 and set goals for the next three years.

We begin, as usual, by updating our Parish database using the census cards provided. Please fill one out for your household, even if there has been no change for you since 2019. If you use email, be sure to include that address. When completed, please place your card on a collection plate at the usual times. Or, drop it in at the Parish centre during office hours. Thank-you!

**Readings: August 21-22,
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116

2nd Reading:

Hebrews: 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Collections: August 7, 2022

Envelopes \$ 1213.00

DD & Cards \$ 1040.00

1st Collection \$ 572.90

2nd Collection \$ 706.25

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

At Baptism we begin our journey of faith. We are welcomed into the Church and receive from Christ the gift of His everlasting love.

Last weekend 33 Candidates committed to this journey by preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

As they continue their faith journey please keep these candidates, their families and their educators in your prayers.

God bless them.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Amanda Vowell (Chair), Wilma Collier, Marylin Elliott, Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons, Peter McMahan, Jacinta Da Costa

Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, Principals and Michael F.

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

CATECHIST FORMATION DAY

'Women in the New Testament':
Rev Francis Otobo

'The Art of Christmas' -

Icons and Images: Dr Sr Rose Duffy

Venue: St Jarlath's Hall Yarragon

Date: Tuesday September 6, 2022

Time: 9.00am-3.30pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person

RSVP to BarbaraD@sale.catholic.org.au



Thank you very much Uncle Frank with all St. Mary's community groups. I'm very grateful and appreciate with all your supporting, helping and looking after me as a family it is very-very great. When I was in a troubled with the situation it was

very painful. Very appreciated 🙏 all this things that you have done well for me. Everyone spent much time with me sometimes everyone loose some of your activities because of my problem. on behalf of my family I'm very sorry. Now I will

look after my self to get better and better... ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ |

have nothing to say only my prayers 🙏 always be with you.

God bless you All 🙏 ❤️ ❤️ . Thank you very much

for 🎁 Gift Certificates I have received it yesterday from St. Mary's community groups. I'm Very-very appreciated it very

much ❤️ , *Ambrosio Asqueli*

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.**

Anglican Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell



EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is conducting an emergency appeal to support the Church in Ukraine. Funds are being sent to clergy and religious orders who are on the ground assisting the Ukrainian people.

To donate, please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine
or phone: 1800 101 201.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Did you know that there have been more than 48 apparitions of the blessed Mother since 1900 deemed likely to be authentic. With the feast of the Assumption of Mary fast approaching and the world feeling like it's spinning more and more out of control, there couldn't be a better time to rediscover what our Lady has been telling us for the last 100 years.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Dianne Holden, 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: Katie Stenn, Josie Redenbach, Craig Toomey, Ronnie Bruce, Antonio Lupo Di Palma, Henk Postma, John McKenna, Frank Nugent, Norma East, Hans Schwab, Max O'Connell, Katie Sten 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: Jim Duggan, Philip Cerini, Ray Adamson, Denise Roberts, Marie Ayres (S-I-L of Pat Coloe), Kath Gillies, Michael Counsel, John Spirason, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Mark & Elizabeth Rashleigh, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Craig Counsel, Margaret O'Reilly, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur & Denise Roberts, Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic Smythe.

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

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

The Opening Prayer

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire 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 book of Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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Scripture Reflection:

The Gospel contains two sayings about the nature of Jesus' mission, using images of fire, baptism and division (the sword). The image of Fire has a long history in the bible and is one of purification, not destruction. Baptism is what Jesus was required to do as part of God's redemptive plan. Division is not the intention of Christ's presence on earth, more that people must choose to be for or against the light. In early times conversion to Christianity sometimes tore families apart and the convert was rejected by their family. It was a hard choice. In our times this is rarely the case, but what is an issue is the question of loyalty to one's clan, tribe or country. For most people this is a core value. The essence in Christianity is that loyalty to Christ takes precedence over all other loyalties and can be costly. If Jesus said only 'nice' things to people he would have made himself popular. However, his words shocked some and infuriated others by challenging the status quo. We betray the gospel if we reduce it to a bland message to all, which ignores the difference between rich and poor. Jesus' sense of justice brought him into conflict with those who exploited the weak and the poor. His integrity brought him into conflict with the dishonest. His tolerance brought him into conflict with the narrow-minded and bigoted. The Gospel message is a fire that purifies: it is the leaven of society and the worlds. A fire not only needs to be kindled but also tended. We are the tenders of that fire.

Flor McCarthy SDB 'New Sunday & Holy Day Homilies