



Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

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.
Empower our community to activate their gifts to build a better world.
To strengthen and grow our faith.

Parish Priest:	Fr Michael Willemsen
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 19th September, 2021

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

Weekday Masses for 13th — 17th September

Monday: 9:10am - St Mary's

Tuesday: 9:10am - St Mary's

Wednesday: 9:10am - St Mary's

Thursday: 9:10am - St Mary's

Friday: 9:10am - St Mary's

Paynesville: Rosary 10am Wednesday

RECONCILIATION is available on
Friday after 9:10am Mass
and
Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am and
5:30pm to 5:50pm

PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

**East Gippsland Parish Community
invites you to this Rosary prayer
event via zoom.**

**To receive the zoom link please
email: stm.michelleg@gmail.com or
call 5152 2942**

**We will be praying the Rosary
reflections by Sr.Carmel Drew RSJ**

**Starting on 1st October to
31st October at 7PM**

**Bookings are essential for weekend Masses as we are only allowed 20 people per venue
with the current restrictions. To book, please phone the Parish Centre 5152 2942.**

Roster for Masses 25th - 26th September 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	G Dooley	M Saunders	P Reefman	Special Ministers
9:30am Sun	J Fallon	H Van Den Einden	M Grimsted	not required at the moment.

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 2nd October S Gibson

Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

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.



Prayer for Plenary Council 2020

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
 Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
 O God, bless and unite all your people
 in Australia and guide us on the
 pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.
 Give us the grace to see your face in one another
 and to recognise Jesus,
 our companion on the road.
 Give us the courage to tell our stories
 and to speak boldly of your truth.
 Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
 and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
 Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
 that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

FAN THE FLAME

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021



'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me;' *Mark 9:30-37*

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church's life. (*Instrumentum Laboris #133*)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/

Plenary Council Agenda: The agenda is made up of 16 questions covering the six topics that came out of the listening and discernment process. The fourth topic is **STRUCTURES**

- How might parishes better become local centres for the formation and animation of missionary disciples?
- How might the Church in Australia be better structured for mission, considering the parish, the diocese, religious orders, the PJPs and new communities?

In just over two weeks the long awaited Plenary Council of Australia will commence. Due to the ongoing pandemic, instead of meeting physically, the 278 Members will be meeting virtually from across Australia. Members are drawn from dioceses, eparchies, ordinariates, personal prelature, leaders of religious congregations and representatives of church ministries, seminary rectors and heads of theological institutions. In addition, there are additional people who will serve the Plenary Council in the key roles of *periti* (expert advisors), canonical experts, and those involved in the drafting and recording of proceedings. For a full list of Members and Key Council Roles, visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/members/> It has been an enormous challenge trying to adapt to rapidly changing situations around Australia.

Please continue to keep all those involved in the Plenary Council in your prayers. Your issues, concerns, reflections or questions about the Plenary or the agenda items are important, and you are welcome to contact Sale members:

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The Laudato Si Action Plan SOME MORE SUGGESTIONS.....



Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyle calls us to sobriety in our use of resource and energy, living with just enough, so we can ensure a good-life for all.



Ecological Spirituality recovers a faith-based vision of creation, encouraging connection with nature in a spirit of wonder, praise, joy, happiness and gratitude.



Ecological of Education calls us to re-think curricular and undertake intuitional reform in the spirit of integral ecology to foster ecological awareness and action.



Community Engagement and Participatory Action calls us for inclusive and synodal decision making to care for creation at local, regional, national and international levels.

We are all called to prayer and action.

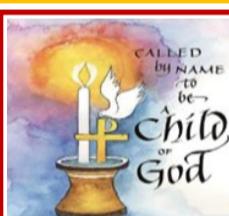
3YR & 4YR KINDER 2022

Limited places available! Government funded.

Bairnsdale Christian Community School (BCCS) is supporting children to develop a strong sense of who they are, & setting them up for success in learning. Let us partner with you to encourage confidence, celebrate uniqueness in your child, & develop exceptional school readiness skills. Give them the best start to their learning journey & enrol today!

Phone: (03) 5153 0079 Email: admin@bccs.vic.edu.au

Belonging together; Becoming confident; Being heard.



We welcome into our Parish family this weekend

Chester James Sheean
son of Mikee & Josh

PARISH PASTORAL CARE WORKER

St Marys Parish Bairnsdale is seeking a person who is passionate about caring for others (50 hrs per fortnight) is motivated by service to the community, is committed to working as part of a team and living the Christian message.

- The person must possess proficient computer skills, a "can do" attitude with a good understanding of pastoral needs.
- They must have excellent interpersonal skills and able to communicate positively with a wide range of people from different cultural and social backgrounds.
- They must be strategic, adaptable, perceptive of needs and able to action plans in a timely fashion.

Phone **5152 2942** for Selection Criteria, or visit our website:
stmarysbairnsdale.net

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 17th September 2021

Call in and have a chat to Pattie, if you would like.

Readings:

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year B, 26/9/21**

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29
 Psalm 18: 8, 10, 12-14
 2nd Reading: James 5: 1-6
 Gospel:
 Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Collections for

Week ending 12/9/21

Envelopes	\$	1,177.00
DD & Cards	\$	460.00
1 st Collection	\$	520.00
2 nd Collection	\$	446.10

Parish Pastoral Council: meets 2nd Thursday of the month. Please submit items to the Parish Centre by 10.00am Tuesday the week before. **Members:** Michael Flynn and Angela McKail (Co-Chairpersons) Angelo D'Amore, Rita Bowers, Marylin Elliott and Wilma Collier. Ex-officio members: priests, principals and Pattie. **A Parish Directory:** is available at the Pastoral Centre.

Sacraments: Information & registration forms available at stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com

Baptisms: Call the Sacramental Coordinator to set a date. Baptisms are celebrated during or after Mass on the 1st or 3rd Sunday's 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 5152 2942 or 0427 232 682

Special Wedding Anniversaries: 6 months' notice is needed to organise a Papal Blessing for parishioners.

St Mary's Primary School: 5152 3706 **Nagle College:** 5152 6122

St Vincent de Paul Conference/Assistance Centre: 5152 6687

St Mary's Op Shop: 5152 2088

POPE FRANCIS - Universal intention - September



An environmentally sustainable lifestyle.

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



***The earth cries out,
groaning for us to attend to its needs.***

When Pope Francis wrote *Laudato si'* he invited us to hear this cry alongside 'the cry of the poor'. With renewed vision, we see all creation with the mystical gaze of the Trinity looking on the earth with love.

But we have neglected God's gift, and our earth has been hurt by neglect. We have turned away from its care, and a beautiful world risks ruin. So as the climate changes, as our planet warms, we wonder: to whom do we turn to? What cause is there for hope in such a challenging earth situation?

Pope Francis encourages us all to join our Christian sisters and brothers in participating in the ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home.



Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. By putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

Written by Greg Sunter, Liturgy Help

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

As you may be aware, the Sacrament of Confirmation for 38 candidates was to have happened last weekend. All was in place but, with restrictions changing so quickly and only 20 allowed at a Mass, it was postponed until later in the year. So, please keep the children, their families and educators in your prayers.

We look forward to Bishop Greg being able to return later in the year for the children when they finally receive the third and final Sacrament of Initiation.

CARE PACKAGES FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS

In this time of Covid - the restrictions that we have had to deal with, not being able to visit friends & relatives, students unable to attend school, teachers unable to teach face to face, it has caused a lot of pain for all concerned. Nagle College staff have prepared 'Care Package's' for each Year 12 student. On hearing this, Parish staff, on behalf of the Parish, have written to each student, a letter of congratulations and encouragement, to let them know they are loved, and to give them hope for the future. As students prepare for exams and what is to come, we wish them well, and pray they will remember that no matter what, God is walking with them in the good and the not so good.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen Sheehan, Dorothy (Dot) Neal (previously from Paynesville) victims of: mental health issues; Covid-19; terrorist attacks, war and conflict; asylum seekers; family violence and poverty.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time...

Vince Capobianco, Vito Antonio Fiscarelli, Agnes Neligan, Kathleen Currie, Fortunato Desio, Jose Hickling, Pasquale Morelli, Dick Pepper, Mary Field, Owen Gibbons, Jack Spirason, Glenda Molton, Evan Dungey, Luciano Brovedani and the 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 ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Michael Flynn, Pat Walsh, Tony Hutchins, Mark Rashleigh, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Arthur Roberts, Margaret O'Reilly, Maree Elbourne, Paul Hawker, Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Ella Ford (NZ), Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Victoria Shaw, Jim Quigley, Craig Counsel, Roma Greig, Linton Smith, Andre Buxton, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic Smythe, John Pruscino.

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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 19th September

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

A reading from book of Wisdom (2:12, 17-20)

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. **R.**
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St James (3:16 – 4:3)

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (9:30-37)

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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Scripture Notes

This passage predicts the Passion, with Jesus telling his disciples that he will suffer bitter humiliation and death. However, the disciples don't understand.

In the second reading James contrasts the 'wisdom' of the ungodly giving rise to rivalry, disharmony and fighting as opposed to the wisdom of God leading to gentleness, compassion, and peace.

Strife is caused by unruly passions and uncontrolled desires. This is because humans are basically selfish. We tend to pigeonhole people according to the work that they do, putting the job or position ahead of the person. It is not what I do but what I am that is important.

One's self-worth should not depend on the work one does. If we want to feel proud of ourselves, we must do things that we are proud of. Feelings follow actions. The best prize life has to offer is the chance to work at something that is worth doing, and that transcends oneself and one's own interests.

Jesus tells us what the deeds of love and service are, and sets us an example.

Christ was victorious not by avoiding evil, but by confronting and overcoming it. He gives courage and hope to all who sacrifice themselves for others in the cause of right.

God never abandons the upright, but their reward is in the life to come.