



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

**Assistant Priests:** Fr Avinash George  
Fr Hiep Van Nguyen

**Presbytery:**  
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Facebook: [St Mary's Church Bairnsdale](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchBairnsdale)

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 26th 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

**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

## GATHER AND CONNECT IN SHARED PRAYER

**Free Online  
Sessions**  
**MONDAYS**  
**7.30pm**

11 October 7.30pm  
25 October 7.30pm  
8 November 7.30pm  
22 November 7.30pm  
6th December 7.30pm

### EMMAUS SPIRITUALITY OUTREACH MINISTRY



Resource: Field Hospital Exercises  
(First Spiritual Exercises, Michael Hansen SJ)  
within the Ignatian Tradition  
Facilitator: Geraldine Naismith,  
Emmaus Team member

**Our aim: To strengthen and create relationships between participants and facilitate a deepening walk with God.**

## BOOKINGS REGISTRATIONS:

[salespirituality@gmail.com](mailto:salespirituality@gmail.com) to register your email address  
to receive the Zoom link.

Emmaus Spirituality Ministry is a work of the Diocese of Sale and Jesuit and  
Ignatian Spirituality Australia Limited ABN 91 637 748 906,  
1300 EXAMEN (1300-392-636), [info@jisa.org.au](mailto:info@jisa.org.au)

**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 2-3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	C Marriot-Smith	B O'Kelly	S Gibson	Not required
9:30am Sun	A Chila	T Kosmer	S Tilley	at the moment.
<b>Cleaning:</b> Fortnight ending: 2 <sup>nd</sup> October:	S Gibson		<b>Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.</b>	

### 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.**



**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.



**FAN THE FLAME**

**'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'**  
*Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*

The healing hands and support offered by a humble and merciful community are at the heart of a response to trauma and woundedness. Many need and yearn for full integration into the life of a loving community, where one is known and belongs.

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/)  
*((Humble, Healing and Merciful – Discernment Paper pp. 12 and 18))*

**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 5<sup>th</sup> topic is **GOVERNANCE**

- How might the People of God, lay and ordained, women and men, approach governance in the spirit of synodality and co-responsibility for more effective proclamation of the Gospel?
- How might we recast governance at every level of the Church in Australia in a more missionary key?

Prayers for the success of the Plenary Council are deeply appreciated. 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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Explore the Plenary Council Agenda and other resources at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.



**Towards an Ever Wider "We"**

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021.

Go to [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco\\_20210503\\_world-migrants-day-2021.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20210503_world-migrants-day-2021.html) to read Pope Francis' message.

*"Our 'we' ", says Pope Francis, "both in the wider world and within the Church, is crumbling and cracking due to myopic and aggressive forms of nationalism and radical individualism," and, "the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as others: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries."*

**Prayer: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor**

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:  
the bush grown more silent, the birdsong less vibrant,  
the stream's sluggish ripple.  
Have mercy and open our ears.  
Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:  
the soil depleted, the sky smudged,  
the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.  
Have mercy and help us to see.  
Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:  
the workers who struggle to get by,  
the women subjected to violence,  
the people who are excluded.  
Have mercy and help us to see.  
Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:  
the sound of hungry children,  
the distress of the mentally ill,  
the silent pain of homeless women and men.  
Have mercy and open our ears.  
Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight,  
to restore our hearing,  
and to reclaim your reign of justice for all people  
and peace for creation. AMEN



**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.

**Readings:**

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 3/10/21**  
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm :127  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11  
Gospel: Mark 10:2-12

**Collections for**

<b>Week ending 19/9/21</b>	
Envelopes	\$ 1,373.00
DD & Cards	\$ 835.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 20.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 50.00

**Parish Pastoral Council:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Marilyn 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 [stmarysbairnsdale@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysbairnsdale@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

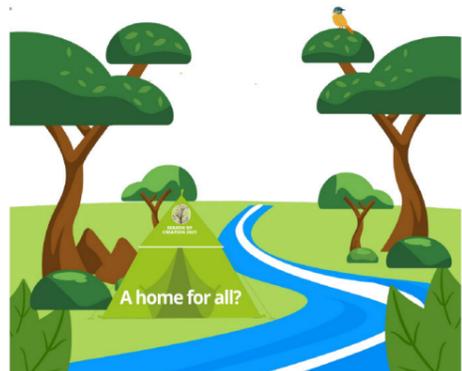
**Special Wedding Anniversaries:** 6 months' notice is needed to organise a Papal Blessing for parishioners.

**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



2021 Season of Creation  
Celebration Guide  
**A Home for All?**  
Renewing the *Oikos* of God



As Christians we find hope in Jesus' life, message and presence. We call upon his name as we discern the movement of the Spirit in our time. We seek his encouragement as we work alongside all those who labour for a renewed care for our common home.

Jesus is the Word made Flesh and as such God's very being is entwined in one act of solidarity with all creation.

In becoming human, in taking skin, God showed his ultimate, definitive, final commitment to all that exists. This great act of fidelity to us and all creation can inspire within us a new spirit of care for all that is and will be. Our actions now will impact on all the generations to come.

**We are all encouraged to join our Christian sisters and brothers in participating in the ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home.**

*Lord,  
save us from  
ever being a  
stumbling  
block to  
others.  
Help us to be a  
stepping stone  
instead, and in your  
goodness bring us all  
to the safety of your  
kingdom. Amen*



**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](mailto: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**

**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](http://stmarysbairnsdale.net)

**You are welcome to pop in and have a word with Pattie or Paul.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

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...**

Betty Merlo, Margaret Kelsey, Salvatore Di Palma, Vince Capobianco, Vito Antonio Fiscarelli, Agnes Neligan, Kathleen Currie, Fortunato Desio, Jose Hickling, Pasquale Morelli, Dick Pepper, 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:**

Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, 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.

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 26th September

### **Entrance Antiphon**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

### **A reading from the Book of Numbers** (11:25-29)

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**
3. So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **R**

### **A reading from the letter of St James** (5:1-6)

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. **Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark** (9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. "If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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### **Scripture Notes**

The main point of the first reading is that God's choice is not a personal privilege to be guarded jealously, but a call to serve His people. The second reading contains a strong warning to the wealthy – the comfort that wealth affords is only transitory; and, that wealth is often obtained through exploitation of the weak.

In the Gospel the casting out of demons done in the name of Jesus, shows that the exorcist recognises Jesus' power, and he is not against Jesus and his disciples even if he hasn't joined them. It shows the openness and tolerance of Jesus and that we should welcome those gifts when they appear, not becoming a closed or exclusive club.

'A cup of cold water', is a symbol of a small kind deed. Few of us are given the chance to perform great deeds, but during the course of a day we get many opportunities to do small things that can be of help or comfort. They just have to be of a certain quality....and that is the quality of warmth or love. Jesus also talked about hell and compared it to Gehenna. This was a ravine to the south of Jerusalem where infants were once sacrificed to Moloch. As a site of ill omen, it came to symbolise the place of future punishment.

*Flor McCarthy SDB New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies*