



St Francis of Assisi,
Benambra

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.

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 3rd October, 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 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

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 9-10th October 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	B O'Kelly	C Power	J Peachey	Not required
9:30am Sun	R David	D Fallon	F Brown-Graham	at the moment.
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 2 nd 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 OF PETITION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

A prayer used before every session of the Second Vatican Council.
This is to be prayed at the beginning of the Plenary Council.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.



Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants, Amen.

We welcome into our parish family this weekend



*Elijah Matthew Argentino
son of Katherine & Matthew Argentino*

*Lewis Colin Alexander
son of Amanda Little & Kaine Alexander*

AN INVITATION

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, know that we are thinking about you. We are glad you are here and invite you to be an active part of us again. If you would like more information on our parish program Catholics Returning Home, please contact Patricia Walsh on **5152 4720** or Sandra Tilley sfo on smtilleyofs@bigpond.com

**POPE FRANCIS' Universal intention - October
Intention for evangelisation - Missionary disciples.**



We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS want us to know that they are available to people who wish to speak with them at any time. If there is some problem you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to call Bruce (0412 938 772) or Jeanette (0409 662 925). They will be very glad to speak with you.



**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.

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 6th and final topic is **INSTITUTIONS**

- How might we better see the future of Catholic education (primary, secondary and tertiary) through a missionary lens?
- How might we better see the future of Catholic social services, agencies and health and aged care ministries as key missionary and evangelising agencies?

Celebrate the Opening of the Plenary Council with us!

SALE DIOCESE OPENING MASS

9.30 am Sunday 3rd October

Visit St Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel and watch Bishop Greg celebrate the Opening Mass of the Plenary Council from St Mary's Cathedral Sale.

<https://tinyurl.com/Sale-Cathedral-YouTube>

NATIONAL OPENING MASS

2.00 pm Sunday 3rd October

Watch the livestream of the official Opening Mass of the Plenary Council which will be broadcast from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth via the Plenary Council website

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

For the past two years, thousands of the faithful have been engaged in many of the processes in preparation for the Plenary Council. Now, close to three hundred delegates will begin the difficult discernment process of the way forward for the Church in Australia, a heavy responsibility. It is the moment all of the People of God across Australia have played a part in bringing to fruition. Thank you to every person who has participated in listening and dialogue sessions, set up rooms and invited people to come and be part of something, has emailed, or called or prayed as part of this journey of discernment. It is indeed a very special moment for the Church. We pray for the Plenary Council Members who have prepared for the First Assembly which begins today, that they will be attentive to the heartfelt hopes voiced in the initial consultations and they be guided by the Spirit of Wisdom and Truth.



Prayers for the success of the Plenary Council are deeply appreciated.

Readings:

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year B, 10/10/21**

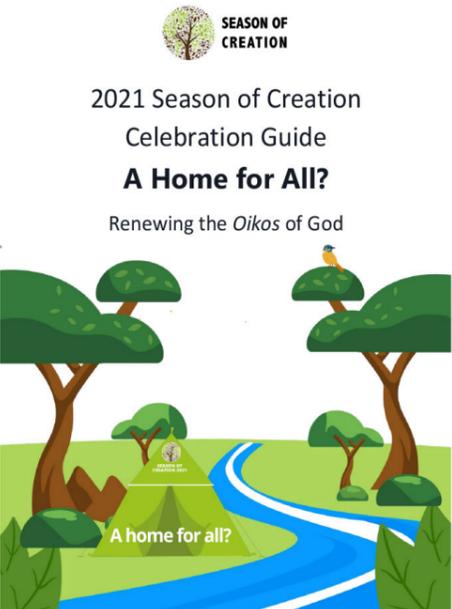
- 1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalm :89:12-17
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Collections for

Week ending 26/09/21

Envelopes	\$	555.00
DD & Cards	\$	270.00
1 st Collection	\$	271.85
2 nd Collection	\$	120.00

Parish Pastoral Council: meets 2nd Thursday of the month. Please submit items for the Agenda to the Parish Centre by 10.00am Tuesday the week before. **Members:** Michael Flynn and Angela McKail (Co- Chairpersons) Angelo D'Amore, Marilyn Elliott, Rita Bowers, & 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



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.

POSTAGE STAMPS:

Please remember to collect used stamps for the Salesian Missions. *(They can be left at the Parish Centre, Nicholson St.)* The funds raised is dispersed for education and relief purposes in Samoa, Guatemala and Timor Leste.



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



PARISH PASTORAL CARE WORKER

St Mary's 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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Sr Margaret Daly RSJ, Carlos Martinis (father of Lucy, a Timor Leste worker), Dianne Coventry, 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...
 Nicholas Dooley, Laurie Hodgkisson, Daphne Moore, Daphne Mckersie, Valentina Baleisa, Betty Merlo, Margaret Kelsey, Salvatore Di Palma, 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:
 Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Michael Flynn, 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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 3rd October 2021

Please note:

We are using the readings for the Opening of the 5th Plenary Council Gathering of Australia.

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (30:10-14)

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

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 precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, a binding forever. The decrees of the Lord are truth, and all of them are just. **R.**
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold, and sweet are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (2:1-4)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth and bring to your mind all I have told you.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (14:23-29)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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Scripture Notes

"On the night of Jesus' resurrection, his first message to the frightened disciples would be: *Peace be with you*. Jesus would be consistent. The *peace* given by Jesus would not arise from the events and circumstances of people's lives in the world. It would be sheer gift, arising from their own depths where Jesus dwelt, substantially unaffected by whatever was happening in their world. It would be a peace that was also empowerment - not just hoped for, but verified by their experience.

The peace that the *world gives* is a superficial, illusory and fragile peace. So often it is the illusory peace that results from having a common enemy, with little other foundation than shared fear and hatred. People experience genuine peace, *the peace that Jesus gives*, only when they allow themselves to be empowered by the love revealed in Jesus, and choose to relate to each other in mutual respect and love.

Though the disciples might feel fearful, they had no need to act from fear. Whatever their experience might be in the world, Jesus' *peace*, the fruit of his presence within them, would be irrepressible."

John (McKinnon) goes on to say "We need to hear Jesus' words addressed, not only to the original disciples, but to ourselves. Many earnest Christians allow themselves to be unduly troubled and defensive by what is happening in society at large as well as in the Church itself. Jesus' words are not meant simply as reassurance; they are call and challenge as well. He invites beyond optimism to hope; the kind of hope that empowers and motivates ongoing commitment to the work of unshakable, confident love in the face of opposition, betrayal, confusion and disappointment. To access such hope, disciples - that's us, need to treasure the words of Jesus as they continue to make their home in him."

extract from TOGETHER INTO LIFE A Pastoral Commentary on the Gospel according to John by John McKinnon