



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

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 10th 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



By the time you read this the **Plenary Council's First Assembly** will be 'closing down', much has been said and prayerfully considered. During the Plenary morning sessions, each small group has shared some of the diverse fruits of their discussion and discernment.

More ideas are being expressed and there are certainly signs of hope and expectation, with a great deal of passion and commitment. What has been very heartening has been the collective presence of both Latin Rite and Eastern Rite Catholics. Not something that we often experience and it adds the rich and diverse experiences of lived faith, influenced by people's varied cultural and religious backgrounds. Keep up with the latest Plenary news

- on our Sale Diocesan website or Facebook page
- via the Plenary Council Facebook, website or YouTube channel.
- Watch daily Mass and follow the livestream of the Plenary session from <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> or the Plenary Council YouTube channel
- Listen to daily podcasts from Plenary Council members at <https://anchor.fm/plenarypodcast>

As always, please continue to accompany in prayer our Plenary Council Members: Bishop Greg, Fr Peter Slater, Fr Denis O'Bryan, Katherine Jelavic, Lize Privitera and Sr Mary Olofu. Let us keep the whole of the Australian Church, each one of us in prayer to the Holy Spirit. We are all part of this historic Plenary Council as the People of God in Australia, listening to what God is asking of us. *Sophy Morley*

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES: The next set of envelopes are now available. They will be at the church over the weekend, so please collect yours. During the week we will hold them at the Parish Centre if you need to pick them up from there. Thankyou for your support in this matter.

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 16-17th October 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	B Calabro	J De Boer	D Reefman	Not required
9:30am Sun	M Owen	D Atkins	P Brown-Graham	at the moment.
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 16 th October:	Grace Cannizzaro		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.



20 MAY 2021 – 31 JULY 2022



The Bairnsdale CLC (Christian Life Community) would like to share the Ignatian Year.....

The **Ignatian Year** marks the 500th anniversary of St Ignatius.

The Ignatian story began when he was wounded in Pamplona that fateful day when Ignatius the soldier, struck by a cannonball, began his transformation into Ignatius the pilgrim.

The experience of Ignatius in Pamplona speaks to us of breaks and disruption, of forced changes in plans, of confinements.

Recognising ourselves in the midst of this experience, (particularly during COVID lockdowns) can also be a moment that opens us to conversion, to rediscover God, and to renew our hopes, dreams, and desires for new life.

It is a time to turn this "storm" into an opportunity for growth and deepening in God.

It is not about going back to the old, but about building something new.

Take time to reflect on — the ‘cannonball’ moment — and discover spiritual insights for your own life.

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

EMMAUS SPIRITUALITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Resource: Field Hospital Exercises (First Spiritual Exercises, Michael HansenSJ)

Facilitator: Geraldine Naismith, Emmaus Team member.

COST: Free

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

BOOKING 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



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.



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

A reminder of our banking details.

BSB: 083-879 ACCOUNT: 48919 4022

ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Parish Bairnsdale/Omeo

Ref: Your Name and Envelope Number or

Marked 1st or 2nd Collection Thank you for your continued financial support of our Parish.

We are in real need of a few more helpers to keep our church clean, so that volunteers only need to be on duty once a year. It is an easy job now we don't have to vacuum. Please ring the Parish centre if you can spare a couple of hours once a year.



ST. MARY'S OPPORTUNITY SHOP

An opportunity to meet and make a difference.

We are looking for more volunteers to help in the shop.

Our opening hours are Mon. to Fri. 10am - 3pm, Sat 10 - 12.

If you can spare a day or a few hours we would really appreciate your contribution. There are a variety of different jobs to be done, and a very friendly and supportive team.

Please ring **5152 2088** during our opening hours and speak to the Day Manager.

ROSARY IN OCTOBER Don't forget Rosary is being offered at 7pm each night during the month of October via Zoom. To receive the link please email: stm.michelleg@gmail.com or phone 5152 2942. Along with many personal intentions that we may pray for, we are also praying for this Pandemic that we are in the midst of. So join us any evening at 7pm, we would love to have your presence and prayers.

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.



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



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.

Readings:17/10/21

29th Sunday in O T, Year B,

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Collections for Week ending 3/10/21

Envelopes \$ 1,222.00

DD & Cards \$ 3,680.00

1st Collection \$ 392.10

2nd Collection \$ 20.00

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



Palms Australia

All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.

Get Ready to Fly!



Since 1961 [Palms Australia](http://palms.org.au) has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor. Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul. To be prepared for a 2022 placement [CLICK AND ENQUIRE HERE](#) by **Friday October 29.**
 Visit palms.org.au Email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine on 02 9560 5333



Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission this year, and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries around the world with your parishioners. This year, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies, and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. **Freecall: 1800 257 296** catholicmission.org.au

This collection will take place the weekend 23/24 October.

The Parish has put aside 2.5% of Planned Giving receipts for local, national, and international needs. **Thank you** to those who made submissions regarding the disbursement of accumulated funds.

The Social Justice Group will meet, 4pm on Thursday 21st October at the Parish Centre to draw up a list of recipients who will receive financial assistance from St Mary's Parish, pending Fr Michael's approval.



Dear St Mary's Parish Community...

This week our Parish began the 'Come & See' journey with 7 people stirred by God's love. They have responded to His invitation to a personal encounter through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process within our community.

We need your support, also, in their journey!

Your prayers are essential to awaken their hearts for our Father's love and truth and continue this walk in faith. May you be inspired through the power of the Holy Spirit to lift up these men and women to help them discover our Lord in their lives.

Thankyou for being wonderful witnesses to the Body of Christ.

God Bless, the RCIA Team



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.

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...

John Shanahan, Helen Bons, Ria Reefman, Thomas Keyte, Joseph Raudino, Nerine Schiwy, David Minchin, Jeanne Jones, Nicholas Dooley, Laurie Hodgkisson, Daphne Moore, Daphne Mckersie, Valentina Baleisa, 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.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 10th October 2021

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

A reading from the book of Wisdom (7:7-11)

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**

3. Show forth your works to your servants; let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews (4:12-13)

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (10:17-27)

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

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Scripture Notes

The first reading's link with the Gospel is that Wisdom teaches us how to use the things of the world in a way that will help us achieve eternal life.

In the Gospel it shows that love of material things is a stumbling block to the kingdom. It is not the renunciation of wealth, but the life of discipleship that leads to eternal life.

The young man was in essence saying that he had kept the commandments and 'done no harm'. However, for Jesus this is the minimum requirement and wanted to encourage the young man to a new vision of goodness, not merely in avoiding evil but in doing good.

Jesus respected his freedom and let him go. There is no point in forcing people to make sacrifices. Love of material possessions and comforts is one of the chief obstacles in the way of true discipleship. When Jesus says, "Sell what you have..." he does not mean that a disciple should be destitute, this is not put forward as an ideal for Christian life in Mark's Gospel. Equally, neither is the accumulation of wealth and possessions. Jesus' kingdom is one of love. It's not what we receive that makes us great, it is what we give away. It is in giving of ourselves that we grow.

People are essentially good, but this goodness has to be awakened and called forward if they are to enter the kingdom of love.

Flor McCarthy SDB New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies