

St Mary's Bairnsdale

# THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

## Eastern 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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#### 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B, 17th January 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.

#### RECONCILIATION:

**Friday:** after 9:10am Mass  
**Saturday:** 9:30am—10:00am  
5:30pm— 5:50pm

#### MASS TIMES:

**St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale**  
Monday: 9:10am  
Tuesday: 9:10am  
Wednesday: 9:10am  
Thursday: 9:10am  
Friday: 9:10am  
**Saturday:** 6:00pm  
**Sunday:** 9:30am

**St Patrick's, Paynesville**  
**Sunday:** 8:00am

**St Canice's, Lindenow**

**Sunday:** 11:00am

#### Prayer for the Plenary Council: 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.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Jan Cosse, Robert Coleman, Sr Isla Kealy PBVM (also known as Sr Gregory), Bill Warner, Val Jamieson, victims of mental health issues; victims of Covid-19; victims of terrorist attacks, war and conflict and asylum seekers; and victims of family violence and poverty.

**ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time...** Keith Murray, Syd Clarke, Frank Melrose, Kerrie Sroczynski, Faye Pruscino, Joe Garro, Lena Neligan, Paul Rowe, John (Jack) Deery, Lawrence Liccione, Beryl Seib, Benny Lamanna, Annie Rijs, Joyce Boland, Oreste Capobianco, John Websdale, Bill Cole, Peter Scott, Vonnie Sroczynski, Susan Collier, 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:** Damian Greaves, Mary Kirsner, Jim Quigley, Paul McFarlane, Craig Counsel, Linton Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, John Butler, Arthur Elbourne, Sr Barbara Brown-Graham FCJ, Roma Greig, Andre Buxton, Marcie Hayles, Rick Jones, Vic & Thelma Smythe, Alan Wilson, Trish & Karl Henderson, Brian Rowe, Lorraine O'Brien, John Graves, Julie Frew, John Pruscino, John Buck.

*Please remember all parishioners who are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery.*

If you would like to keep someone on the sick list for a period of time, please keep in contact the Parish Centre.

#### Roster for Masses 23rd/24th January

6:00pm Saturday	<b>Welcomer:</b> B O'Kelly	<b>Commentator:</b> J Peachey	<b>Reader:</b> P Reefman
9:30am Sunday	<b>Welcomer:</b> M Owen	<b>Commentator:</b> T Kosmer	<b>Reader:</b> G Neeson

**Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.**

#### **GLUTEN FREE?**

Anyone needing a GF host is asked to speak to the priest before Mass to organise.

#### **WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH**

Central to the mission of the Immaculate Conception Parish (known as St Mary's Parish) is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and adults at risk and providing them with a safe, supportive, and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally, and socially.

If you wish to speak with someone phone: Kath 5152 2942; Police 5150 2600; or Towards Healing 1800 816 030.

## **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### **A reading from the first book of Samuel** (3: 3-10, 19)

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said. 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **Responsorial Psalm**

#### **R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

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

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

### **A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians** (6: 13-15, 17-20)

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. **Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John** (1:35-42)

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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**Gospel Reflection:** Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See' it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

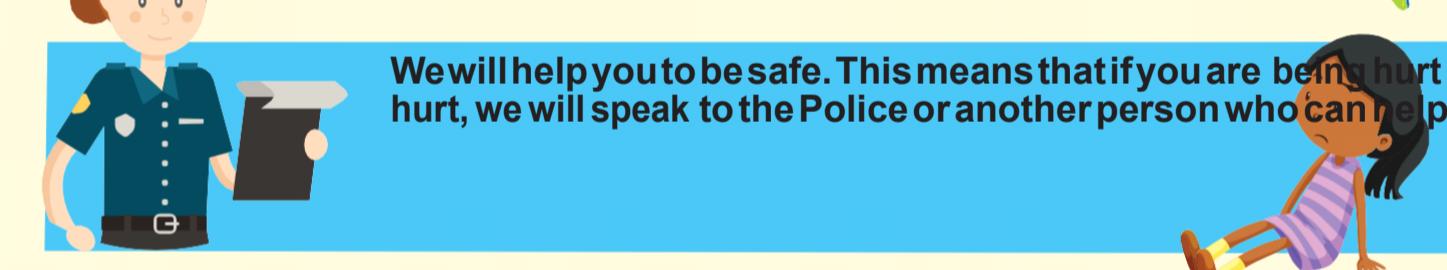
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Jesus, you say to me, 'You would not be looking for me unless you had already found me'. Help me to find you ever more deeply in my times of prayer. Amen

Sacred Space The Prayerbook 2021

# OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We commit to making our Church a safe place for children and young people and protecting them from harm.



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