



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.

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C—October 23, 2022

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

NO MASS THIS SUNDAY

Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra

August and September

Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

4th Saturday: 6:30pm

Immaculate Conception, Omeo

4th Sunday: 11:00am

at the Omeo Hospital

St Francis, Benambra

4th Sunday: 9:00am



THIS WEEKEND

St Mary's Social Justice Group is organising a Special Food Collection for Neighbourhood House.

(Margarine/Butter or Long Life Milk)

Neighbourhood House is totally reliant on food donations.

They do not receive any Government funding for the services they provide to the disadvantaged in our community. including: delicious Lunches Tuesday & Thursday, 12pm Dinner Friday 5-6pm in the Community Café. An Opportunity Shop, Toy Library, Community Garden Tuesday mornings 11am-1pm and the Food Room distributing healthy food to those experiencing hardship. Inspired by the Gospel -



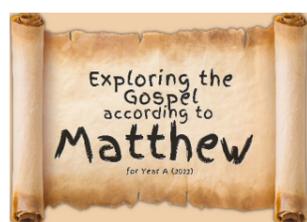
WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

EXPLORING THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

We begin a new Liturgical Year on the 1st Sunday of Advent and will be hearing excerpts of Matthew's Gospel at Mass.

You are invited to this

free Zoom presentation hosted by the Diocese of Sale.



Date: Monday, November 7, 2022, 7.30 – 9.00pm

Speaker: Fr Chris Monaghan CP

Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSYD>

Your Zoom link will be sent to you on booking.

Teachers may apply for RE accreditation. Please contact Sophy Morley

(smorley@sale.catholic.org.au) if you have any questions.



Reconciliation

In Fr Michael's absence please contact St Brendan's Lakes Entrance 5155 5232

Roster for Masses – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time— October 29-30, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister	Offertory Procession
6:00pm Sat	J De Boer	B O'Kelly	M Saunders	P Elliott	
9:30am Sun	R David	G Neeson	J Coverdale	D Fallon	N Nash, B Payne, N Rooney

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: October 29th — S Gibson **Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.**

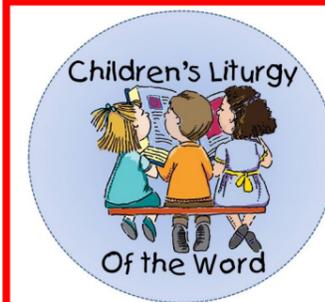
Our Parish of The Immaculate Conception (also known as St Mary's) is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk.

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.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for OCTOBER
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.



Worksheets Available for Collection

Dear Parent/Carer
Before Mass please collect a worksheet for your child to help them deepen their understanding of the Word during celebration of the Mass.

A beginning point for discussion for this week's Gospel could be:
In today's gospel, who were the two people in Jesus' story?

- ◆ What did the Pharisee pray?
- ◆ What did the tax collector pray?
- ◆ What is the difference between the Pharisee and the tax collector?
- ◆ Who was pleasing to God?
- ◆ How can we be humble like the tax collector?

'Inverting the Ecclesial Pyramid 60 Years after Vatican II: Evolution of a Synodal Church in Australia under Pope Francis'
On Tuesday October 25 at 6.30pm,
via Zoom, you are invited to the
Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture 2022
UCA (Pallottine Family)
The Orator, **Bishop of Parramatta Diocese**



Vincent Nguyen Van Long OFM Conv.

Bishop Vincent, who came to Australia as a refugee, is Chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. He is much respected and renowned as an inspiring speaker. As the Church goes forward after the Australian Plenary Council, it will be worthwhile listening to his perspective. Please contact Mary Saunders 0427 525 962
For Zoom login details

Fr Michael is on annual leave to the Holy Land and will be away for the next 4 weeks. Fr Herman Hengel will be here to replace Fr Michael for weekend Masses only.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AND VENUES:

- 9.30am Tuesday October 25 @ St Brendan's - Lakes Entrance**
- 9.30am Wednesday October 26 @ St Colman's - Orbest**
- 9.10am Thursday October 27 @ St Mary's - Bairnsdale**
- 9.30am Friday October 28 @ St Brendan's - Lakes Entrance**

THE MASS SERIES – by Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the Archdiocese of Brisbane
Every 2 weeks we will, together with Archbishop Mark, share with you each part of the Mass. The series can be found on YouTube>Archdiocese of Brisbane/playlist>The Mass Series.

Liturgy of the Eucharist: The Fraction
After the sign of Peace, the priest 'breaks the bread' which has become the Body of Christ, and he breaks it, remembering that the body of Jesus was broken for us. The bread must be broken so that it can be shared by everyone, just as the body of Jesus had to be broken on the cross for the whole world share the life of God. The breaking of the bread remembers the death of Christ, that brought life to the world and that still nourishes us today. It's looking back, but also looking to what we are called to be and do now and, in the future, as part of the Body of Christ. When the priest says: "Behold the Lamb of God, the Lamb of Sacrifice", it takes us back to the book of Exodus, when the slaves are liberated from Egypt where they ate the lamb of the Passover. Jesus is the Lamb and He now is the feast, we are about to share. "Blessed are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb", language of the New Testament, the Book of Revelation, looking to the end of time when God will be all in all, and there will only be the joy of the feast

October 29-30, 2022
Readings: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
1st Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2
Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
2nd Reading:
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

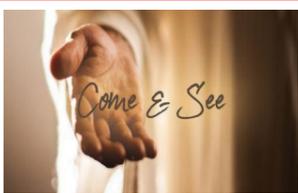
Collections:
October 15-16, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 3039.00
DD & Cards	\$ 1060.00
1 st Collection	\$ 667.65
2 nd Collection	\$ 674.70
Pay Wave	\$ 140.00
Church Tours	\$ 123.10

VICTORIA WELSH CHOIR
When: This Sunday October 23 at 2.30pm
Where: St Mary's Church.
Tickets: \$25.00-available at
Visitor Information Centres in Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance



Are you searching for a relationship with God?
Do you want to learn more about the Catholic way of life?
Are you interested in becoming a Catholic Christian?
If so, you're invited to **Come and See in our Parish.** For more information please contact: Michelle Grimsted 5152 2942 or email stm.michelleg@gmail.com



THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO
Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January, 2023 to work with disadvantaged young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia.
Applications close October 31, 2022. Send us an inquiry: www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN IN PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The East Gippsland Parish Community invites you to this Rosary prayer event, via Zoom, during October, 7.00pm – 7.30pm,
If you would like to join us, email Michelle: stm.michelleg@gmail.com or ring St Mary's Parish Centre on 5152 2942 to leave your contact details.



Ecumenical Advent Conversation



The Conversation will be led by Biblical Scholars from the University of Divinity, Melbourne: **Professor Mary Coloe** PBVM (Yarra Theological Union), and **The Reverend Dr Fergus King** (Maynard Lecturer in Ministry Education, Trinity College Theological School). There will be opportunity for those present to participate in the question time and dialogue following each address.

Friday November 18, 2022 10am – 3.30pm

Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation – a seasonal study of Matthew for Year A of the Lectionary Cycle alongside some of the great Advent themes.

Morning tea and a light lunch will be served

Catering charge \$20 per person

1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island 3880

RSVP November 11, 2022.

Booking essential for catering purposes

Phone: The Abbey on (03) 5156 6580

Email: info@theabbey.org.au

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St Mary's Parish site to see how it works.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Amanda Vowell (Chair), Wilma Collier, Marylin Elliott, Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons, Peter McMahan, Jacinta Da Costa

Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, Principals and Michael F.

Parish Directory: available at the Pastoral Centre.

St Mary's Primary School: 5152 3706

Nagle College: 5152 6122

Sacraments: To request information and registration forms email stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com

Baptisms: Call the Sacramental Coordinator to set a date. Baptisms are celebrated during or after Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays 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: 0427 232 682

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

St Vincent de Paul Conference/Assistance Centre: 5152 6687

St Mary's Op Shop: 5152 2088



Our statement on the war on Ukraine is being recognised on an international level.

We were cc'd in on email sent to, among others, Volodymyr Zelensky, the Ukrainian President, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Radio Free Europe, Ukraine Business News, Australian Ukrainian Embassy, US Ukraine Foundation.

A real achievement for a rural Catholic Church in Australia!

In the month of October, we celebrate World Mission Month.

Today is World Mission Sunday where we pray for missionary men and women engaged in work with the most vulnerable communities around the world. We pray for communities in Ethiopia, to whom Catholic Mission's fundraising effort is directed this year. Your generous donation will assist people on the ground to support a range of mission development programs in Ethiopia addressing the scourge of malnutrition, the lack of access to education for young children, and the vulnerable position of women in society. Please make a donation at <https://tinyurl.com/Catholic-Mission>



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Fitzgerald, Philip Cerini, Sr Maureen Philp RSJ, victims of natural disasters, mental health, COVID-19, terrorist attacks, war, conflict, asylum seekers, family violence and poverty.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: David Minchin, Jeanne Jones (Confait), Danny Cook, Mary Douglas, Barbara Eldridge, Molly Smullen, Marie Traynor, Clifford Brammall, Martin E White, Pauline Cocco, Valda Reinhardt, MaryAnne Scott, William Hilder, Antonio Cavone, Pasquale D'Aloia, Luigi Ciaglia, Valentina Baleisa, Joan Shanahan, Helen Bons, Ria Reefman, Lucy Mann, Joseph Raudino, Nerine Schiwiy, Thomas Keyte, and 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 REMEMBER THE SICK: Flo McMahan, Jim Duggan, George Burton, Fred Crea, Marie Ayres (S-I-L of Pat Coloe), John Spirason, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Maree Elbourne, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Brian Rowe.

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.

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice, turn to the Lord and his strength, constantly seek his face.

The Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages.

He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.

He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.

The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.

And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.

The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted, those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself, and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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Scripture reflection:

In prayer and in our church, we are conscious of coming before God; becoming acutely aware of God's greatness and our 'littleness'. In the house of God and our prayer, entitlements and privilege are irrelevant. In God's presence we are all exalted. We are all the children of God, we are all equal. Meaningful prayer only happens when our hearts are in the right place: being humble, open and receptive. We are all sinners. Successful people may be tempted to regard their success as a sort of blessing or reward from God. This may lead to judgements being made of those who are less successful, which are uncharitable and untrue. We may have been brought up to believe that we had to be dressed up, both outwardly and inwardly, before facing God. But we have to come before God as we are. "I am what I am before God. Nothing else. Nothing more. Nothing less. (St Francis of Assisi.)

New Sunday Holy Day Liturgies Flor McCarthy SDB