



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.

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C—October 30, 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

2nd and 4th Sunday: 11:00am

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

Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

All Souls Mass

Wednesday: 11.00am

Thursday: 9.10am

Other masses in Lakes Entrance and Orbost, see inside bulletin.

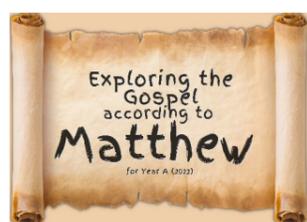
Reconciliation

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



A Big Thank You

St Mary's Social Justice Group and Neighbourhood House extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who contributed to the Special Food Collection last weekend.



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.



Roster for Masses – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time— November 5–6, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister	Offertory Procession
6:00pm Sat	B O'Kelly	J Peachey	M Schumann	C Marriott-Smith	
9:30am Sun	S Dean	H Sampson	B Marshall	J Delaney	H Sampson, P Pruscino, J Coverdale

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: November 12 — G Cannizzaro **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.

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

SVDP HONOUR FOR CATH

On Saturday October 22 Cath McMahon was honoured with a CALL TO SERVE award from the St Vincent De Paul Society. Cath received this award for her efforts as the former President of the Bairnsdale St Vincent De Paul Conference, in establishing the new Bairnsdale Assistance Centre. During Cath's time as President she had to deal with the challenges of drought, bushfires and Covid. Cath rallied her team during these difficult times to assist the many Companions and their diverse needs. 13 fellow Conference members travelled to St Clare's Box Hill to attend the Mass, lunch and presentation with Cath. Many of her family also attended. Well done Cath and **THANK YOU**.



Loss and Grief Group meeting:
5.00pm Thursday November 3
in the Parish Centre

Fr Michael is on annual leave to the Holy Land and will be away until November 12. Fr Herman Hengel will be here to replace Fr Michael for weekend Masses only.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AND VENUES:

Tuesday November 1: 9.30 St Brendan's Lakes Entrance
Wednesday November 2: 11.00 All Souls Mass St Mary's
Thursday November 3: 9.10 St Mary's Bairnsdale
Friday November 4: 9.30 St Brendan's Lakes Entrance

What is CLC (Christian Life Community) ?



- finding God in all things
- following the movement of the Spirit
- collaborating with Jesus
- ordering true relationships with Jesus and creation
- living in true freedom.

Take time to reflect and discover spiritual insights for your own life—join the CLC group in Bairnsdale. They meet 2pm each Tuesday at the Pastoral Office, Nicholson St, however the meeting time is flexible.

For further information please contact Chris Power 0418 148 657

Worksheets Available for Collection



Dear Parent/Carer,

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:

- ♦ What was the name of the tax collector in today's Gospel?
- ♦ What did he do when he couldn't see Jesus?
- ♦ Why do you think he wanted to see Jesus?
- ♦ What did Jesus do when he saw how much faith Zacchaeus had?
- ♦ Jesus welcomes all who show they believe in him. How can we show that we believe in Jesus this week?

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 to 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

November 5—6, 2022

Readings: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 16:5-6, 8, 15

2nd Reading:

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27, 34-38

Collections:

October 22—23, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1080.00
DD & Cards	\$ 430.00
1 st Collection	\$ 653.55
2 nd Collection	\$ 729.50
Pay Wave	\$ 220.00
Church Tours	\$ 225.50



Morning Tea after 9.30am
Mass SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6
at St Mary's &
after 8am Mass at Paynesville
Come and join us

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

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)

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Have you heard the Good News?

CDF is supporting parishes to accept offerings in a safe way.

Anyone physically attending your church, or visiting your website/online services, should be able to give an offering in a way that is easy, secure and safe.

Just view our QR Code with your phone's camera to locate our 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

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is conducting an emergency appeal to support the Church in Ukraine.

Funds are being sent to clergy and religious orders who are on the ground assisting the Ukrainian people.

To donate, please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine or phone: 1800 101 201.

Prayer Cards and Donation Slips are available in the Church foyer.

Our statement on the war on Ukraine, by flying the Ukrainian flag, 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!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Rosa Calabro (Benny Calabro's SIL), Rosa Lanteri, 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: Noel 'Sam' Currie, Concetta Pruscino, Elisabetta De Lutis, Keith McNairn, Margaret Nugent, Pauline Hamilton, 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 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: John Atkins, Rick Harney, 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.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C October 29—30, 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God, be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

The Opening Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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 Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:11-12:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers and sisters, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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Scripture reflection:

The first thing we must note is that Zacchaeus was a wealthy and well-respected man. In the eyes of the world, he was successful. But despite his wealth, it appears there was something missing. He heard about Jesus and desired to know Him. This passage is fascinating because it must have been an unusual sight to see a wealthy and successful man climbing a tree in the presence of a large crowd. In fact, it was so unusual that Jesus immediately noticed it. Reflect, today, upon a simple question: How far am I willing to go to see Jesus? Are you willing to do anything you have to, so as to see Him, hear Him and be with Him? It may take an act of humility and you may have to act in a radical way. Doing so will call out to the heart of our Lord and He will respond to you with much generosity just as He did to Zacchaeus.