



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.

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Website: [www.stmarysbairnsdale.net](http://www.stmarysbairnsdale.net)  
Facebook: [St Mary's Church Bairnsdale](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchBairnsdale)

#### 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C—November 6, 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**

November

##### **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

**Come and join us for Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass TODAY in the Parish Centre or after 8.00am Mass at Paynesville.**

**Remembrance Mass-Tuesday November 12 at 6.00pm  
Refreshments available in the Parish Centre after Mass**



#### A Day With The Spirit

Saturday November 12 10.00am-4.00pm at St Michael's Hall, Traralgon.

Includes talk and Mass with Fr Francis— a wonderful day of worship, teaching

and fellowship. All welcome. For more information please contact: Michael at the Parish Centre 5152 2942.



#### ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES - MAKE A DIFFERENCE OVERSEAS

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia, or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about these roles via: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or by calling 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.

#### Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

**Wednesday: 9.10am**

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

#### Paynesville

**Wednesday Rosary: 10.00am**

#### Reconciliation

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

#### Roster for Masses – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time— November 12-13, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister	Offertory Procession
6:00pm Sat	P Reefman	J De Boer	M Saunders	P Elliot	
9:30am Sun	A Vowell	H Van Den Einden	M Elliot	T Kosmer	B & A Capobianco, Chris Tilley

**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 NOVEMBER**



**'For children who suffer'**

We pray for the children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education, and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**St Mary's Op Shop**

**\*\*Garage Sale\*\***

Huge variety of household and variety items, as well as Christmas decorations, gifts, kids' books and toys, knick-knacks etc at cheap prices.

**When:** Saturday November 12, 8.00am - 12 noon

**Where:** 22 Lawless Street, Bairnsdale, last shed on the right.



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 8: 9.30 St Brendan's Lakes Entrance
- Wednesday November 9: 9.10 St Mary's Bairnsdale
- Thursday November 10: 9.30 St Colman's Orbost
- Friday November 11: 9.30 St Brendan's Lakes Entrance

**'Cuppa with Mary'**

The Mary MacKillop Museum tells the story of Mary and the SOSJ's. Entry is free. While in Melbourne, walk the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and see Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Cuppa with Mary'.



Group bookings which include a presentation, tour of Museum and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$15 per person.

**Contact Kate on 9926 9300**

**'Open Day' - Saturday November 26, 2022 (10.00am - 4.00pm)**

Fr Julian Tenison Woods co-founded the SOSJ with Mary MacKillop. The exhibition will explore Tenison Wood's work as a missionary priest, his advocacy of Catholic education for the poor, as well as his scientific endeavours and his eco-spirituality. His life was lived to the full, intertwined with faith and science. Julian is a role model for us today in prayer and sustainability. Join us for:

- Guided tours of the Museum
- A Mary MacKillop Walking Tour @ 11am
- Mass @ 1pm in the Chapel where Mary prayed
- Refreshment options available for purchase

Book online on the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Website

**Mary MacKillop Gift Shop**

Consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop or a **2022 Josephite Calendar**. The shop stocks communion &

confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items

**Accommodation@MMHC -**

When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate on

9926 9300.



**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.



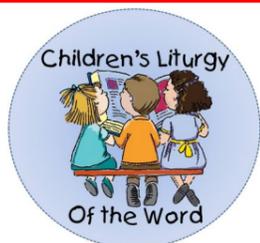
Take time to reflect and discover spiritual insights for your own life—join the CLC group in Bairnsdale.

The group meets at 2.00pm each Tuesday at the Pastoral Office, Nicholson Street, 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.



**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 nourishes us today. It is 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 12-13, 2022**

**Readings: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 97:5-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

**Collections:**

**October 29—30, 2022**

Envelopes \$ 1086.00

DD & Cards \$ 2955.00

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 719.85

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 759.20

Pay Wave \$ 230.00

Church Tours \$ 286.40



**NEW SEASONAL**

**WORKERS**

We have a large number of new seasonal workers arriving from Timor Leste this weekend. Please make them feel welcome.



### 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 10.00am – 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](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)

### 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](mailto: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.

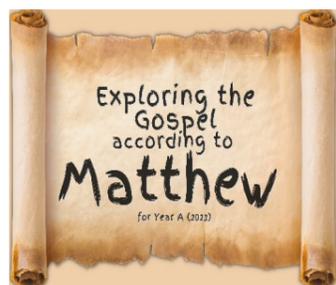
**St Vincent de Paul Conference/Assistance Centre:** 5152 6687

**St Mary's Op Shop:** 5152 2088

### 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

**Time:** 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](mailto:smorley@sale.catholic.org.au))

if you have any queries.

### CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

#### (CDF) CDF Pay



Anyone physically attending our church, or visiting our 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.

### EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE



To donate, please visit:

[www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine](http://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:** Giovanni 'John' Scionti, 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:** John McCormack, Bridget Ross, Silvana La Porta, Kathleen Marshall, Peter O'Donohue, Noel 'Sam' Currie, Concetta Pruscino, Elisabetta De Lutis, Keith McNairn, Margaret Nugent, Pauline Hamilton, 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:** Cherie Morgan, 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.**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C November 5-6, 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**The Opening Prayer**

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 second book of Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14**

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.**

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. **R.**

I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.

Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R.**

Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory **R.**

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 20:27, 34-38**

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him. Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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**Scripture Reflection:**

As we journey through life, we become more aware of how fleeting and precarious our time on earth is, and are often forced to think about death. This can be a positive thing as it can result in a true love of life, accepting each day as a gift. Our Christian faith is the one thing that helps us to confront the inescapable reality of death. Belief in an afterlife is one of the most important beliefs we have as Christians. Without it, life would be a journey to nowhere. With it, life becomes a journey to the promised land. To have faith does not mean that we have all the answers. Faith is trust, not certainty, and involves absolute trust in God. We know nothing of the mystery of the beyond, but we do know that life after death is not just a continuation of this life. It utterly transcends the life we know now, as Jesus tells us in the Gospel, and should enable us to live out joyfully the mystery of our fragile human condition.