



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

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<b>Presbytery:</b>	23 Pyke Street Bairnsdale Phone 5152 3106	

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 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 @ St Mary's

**Monday:** 9:10am

**Tuesday:** 9:10am

**Wednesday:** 9:10am

**Thursday:** 6:00pm

**Mass of Remembrance for recently deceased.**

**Friday:** 9:10am

### Paynesville

**Wednesday:** 10am Rosary

### RECONCILIATION

is available on

**Friday** after 9:10am Mass  
and

**Saturday** 9:30am - 10:00am and  
5:30pm to 5:50pm

### 4 SQUARE METRE RULE AND DOUBLE VACCINATED

Everyone has been keenly anticipating our economy opening up and provision for visiting loved ones again. However, with that comes some anxiety now that we are moving towards 'living with COVID'.

Our churches are open according to the State government requirements of the 4 square metre rule and double vaccination. Our smaller churches where **no more than 30 people** gather, does not require vaccination status to be known. This includes regular weekday Masses.

If there are parishioners who are not provided for under the current conditions, please contact the Parish office, or email Fr Michael ([stmichaelw@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelw@gmail.com)). All related correspondence will be treated confidentially. *Fr Michael*  
*In essential things, unity. In non-essential things, liberty. In all things, charity. (St Augustine)*

### NEW YEAR APPOINTMENTS

As well as appointing Fr Bernard Buckley as Parish Priest from Nov 3 this year, Bishop Greg has made the following appointments, effective **January 12<sup>th</sup>** next year:

- Administrator of St Mary's Cathedral: Fr Francis Otobo (currently PP at Traralgon)
- Parish Priest of Traralgon: Fr Aju Varghese (currently PP at Leongatha)
- Parish Priest of Leongatha & Korumburra: Fr Solomon Okeh (currently AP at Morwell)
- Administrator of Koo Wee Rup & Iona/Maryknoll: **Fr Avinash George**
- Assistant Priest at Narre Warren: Fr Ajin Albarnas (currently AP at Traralgon)

Please pray for our priests, especially at Morwell, Traralgon and Bairnsdale where the priests leaving those Parishes are unable to receive replacements. And, please continue to pray for vocations to priestly ministry. As Jesus said:

*The harvest is rich but the labourers are few. Pray, therefore . . . . (Mt 9:37)*

### Roster for Masses 20th–21st November 2021

	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Minister</b>
6:00pm Sat	G Dooley	B O'Kelly	D Reefman	P Elliott
9:30am Sun	G & K Cassidy	D Fallon	J Coverdale	A Chila

**Cleaning:** Fortnight ending: 27th November: K Cassidy **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.*



## ADVENT GROUPS

With Advent just around the corner and Christmas only 5 weeks away, life can easily get away from us. Would you like to take some time to sit quietly and ponder where and how God is working through you? Our prayer groups are here to help!

We have two sessions available commencing 23rd November:

**Tuesday afternoons 2.00pm at the Parish Centre**  
**Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm via Zoom**

If these days and times don't suit please contact Pattie. Alternate sessions can be organised (and probably held in the Parish Centre) on a morning or afternoon that is suitable.

Join us as we spend time in wonder and awe, preparing ourselves to celebrate Christ's birth. Booklets are available with daily reflections which can be used singly or in a group environment. These can be obtained at the Parish Centre during office hours. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Lord Christ, you have no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which your compassion must look out on the world.

Ours are the feet by which you may still go about doing good.

Ours are the hands with which you bless people now.

Bless our minds and bodies, that we may be a blessing to others.

*St Teresa of Avila (Carmelite).*



## WE NEED YOUR HELP



Do you have the charism/gift of HELPS, HOSPITALITY, SERVICE - making scones, sandwiches and a cup of tea, serving others? We are, once again, being asked to cater for funerals. If you are able to help in any way we would love to hear from you. Please phone the Parish Centre: 5152 2942 and leave your name & phone number.

## Invitation: Ecumenical Advent Conversation



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 Luke, titled 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Ecumenical Reflections on the Advent readings in Year C'.

The Conversation will be led by The Rev'd Dr Robert Derrenbacher & The Rev'd Francis Otopo (parish priest of St Michael's Traralgon). **WHERE:** The Abbey, 1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island **WHEN:** Friday 26 November, 2021 **TIME:** 10:30am to 3:30pm A light lunch will be served. Catering charge \$20 per person. **RSVP:** 19<sup>th</sup> November, booking essential for catering purposes. **RSVP:** Phone:- The Abbey (03) 5156 6580 or Email:- info@theabbey.org.au

## ST MARY'S OPPORTUNITY SHOP

**An opportunity to meet, help and make a difference.**

We are looking for more volunteers to help in the shop. Opening hours are Mon. to Fri. 10am - 3pm, Sat. 10 - 12noon. If you can spare a day or a few hours we would really appreciate your contribution. There are a variety of jobs and a very friendly and supportive team. Please ring 5152 2088 during opening hours and speak to the Day Manager.



## NOVEMBER - Month of Remembrance -

is the month when we take special time to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. There is a large cross beside the Altar, where you can pin up the names of those you have loved. Pens, pins and the 'purple crosses' can be found nearby.

## POPE FRANCIS' Universal intention - November

**People who suffer from depression.**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



## Readings: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 7:13-14  
Psalm 92:1-2,5  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 1:5-8  
Gospel: John 18:33-37

## Collections for Week ending 7/11/21

Envelopes \$ 2,091.00  
DD & Cards \$ 1,260.00  
1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 464.90  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 815.60

## Thánh Lễ cuối tuần và ngày thường tại Giáo xứ St Mary's Bairnsdale

Các nhà thờ đã được mở cửa nhưng phải theo yêu cầu của chính phủ tiểu áp dụng luật giãn cách **4 mét vuông và chứng minh đã tiêm đủ hai liều Vaccin.** Nhà thờ St Mary có sức chứa không gian cho 110 người tham dự trong 1 thánh lễ. Các nhà nhỏ trong vùng chúng ta thường có dưới 30 người tham dự một trong thánh lễ, sẽ không yêu cầu trình xuất chứng nhận vaccin. Điều này cũng áp dụng cho các thánh lễ ngày thường từ thứ 2 đến thứ 6.

Theo luật yêu cầu, chúng tôi sẽ kiểm tra giấy chứng nhận vaccin của bạn trước khi vào nhà thờ.

Cho đến khi luật thay đổi, giáo xứ sẽ sắp xếp một thánh lễ cho những người chưa nhận đủ hai liều vaccin hoặc từ chối xuất trình chứng nhận COVID vaccin tại vùng East Gippsland căn cứ vào số lượng người đề nghị.

Mọi đề nghị của bạn xin vui lòng gửi qua email cho tôi: [stm.michaelw@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michaelw@gmail.com)

Hoặc điện thoại tới Trung Tâm Mục Vụ Giáo Xứ (51522942). Tất cả những đề nghị của bạn sẽ được bảo mật.

## BAIRNSDALE ng ST MARY - WEEKENDS

Ang ating mga simbahan ay bukas nang naaayon sa alituntunin na ipinapatupad ng Estado bilang apat na kwadrang metro (4sqm) at katibayan nang dobleng bakuna.

Ang Parokya ng Santa Maria ay limitado sa isang daan at sampung (110) katao. Sa mas maliliit na simbahan (halimabawa: Paynesville o Lindenow) kung saan hindi lalampas ng tatlumpu (30) ang nagtitipon ay hindi kinakailangang magpakita ng pruwera ng bakuna. Kabilang na dito ang mga misa tuwing araw ng Lunes hanggang Biyernes.

Hanggang ang naturang alituntunin ay hindi na ipinatutupad, maaring magorganisa ng misa para sa mga parokyano ng East Gippsland na hindi pa nakakatanggap ng dobleng bakuna o hindi nagnanais na magpakita ng estado ng kanilang bakuna sa COVID, makipag ugnayan lamang sa parokya.

Kung nagnanais na makipag ugnayan ay maaring mag-email sa [stm.michael@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michael@gmail.com) o tumawag sa opisina ng parokya (5152 2942). Lahat ng pakikipag ugnayan ay mananatiling kompidensyal.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

**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.***

**NEW MEMBERSHIP FOR PPC**

As our **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** prepares for a renewal of membership, the most important part of this process is PRAYER. We ask everyone to pray that this process results in a membership that continues to foster the spiritual growth of parishioners and lead us all to respond actively.

**1.** The current PPC are seeking Recommendations for New Council Members. Forms can be found in the church or at the Parish Office.

- You don't need to ask the person whom you recommend, to accept. IT IS NOT A NOMINATION.

**2. Recommendations close on 16<sup>th</sup> November.** Forms can be returned by:

- Placing on the collection plate
- Or handing in at the Parish Office.

**3.** All recommended persons will be invited to attend an **Information Meeting on Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> November** to:

- Outline the Pastoral Council's Role and Function.
- Include details of expectations and responsibilities of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) members.
- Ask participants whether they accept or decline nomination.

**4.** If there are more nominations than vacant positions, the PPC will prayerfully discern all nominations. The aim is to have a council with members who together provide a wide range of charisms and be broadly representative of our baptised community.

**The Fifth Annual World Day of the Poor 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

**"The Poor will Always Be With You."**

Pope Francis says,

*A different approach to poverty is required. This is a challenge that governments and world institutions need to take up with a farsighted social model capable of countering the new forms of poverty that are now sweeping the world and will decisively affect coming decades. If the poor are marginalised, as if they were to blame for their condition, then the very concept of democracy is jeopardised and every social policy will prove bankrupt.*

*With great humility, we should confess that we are often incompetent when it comes to the poor. We talk about them in the abstract; we stop at statistics and we think we can move people's hearts by filming a documentary. Poverty, on the contrary, should motivate us to creative planning, aimed at increasing the freedom needed to live a life of fulfilment according to the abilities of each person.*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Sue Stewart, Edna Hebbard (mother of Kaye White), Anthony Titulaer (son of Bill & Joan), Margo Kerby (Lakes Entrance), 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...**

Domenico Rettino, Helen McBride, Graham Rowe, Jim Dwyer, Alex Bain, Robert 'Bob' Bills, Huynh Van Tuan, Ellen Delany, Michael Dudley, John Clark, Pietro Carioli, Matt Verde, Antonio Pruscino, Pasquale Pruscino, Pat Pruscino, 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:**

Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Terry Flannery, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Michael Flynn, Mark Rashleigh, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Arthur Roberts, Paul Hawker, Margaret O'Reilly, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Damian Greaves, Victoria Shaw, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Jim Quigley, Craig Counsel, 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.**

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 14th November 2021

### **Entrance Antiphon**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.  
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### **A reading from the prophet Daniel** (12:1-3)

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

### **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews** (10:11-14)

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

**Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark** (13:24-32)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. 'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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### **Scripture Notes**

The first reading is part of a vision of the prophet Daniel about the end of time. It has great theological significance as it contains the earliest statement of belief in the resurrection of the dead, and of everlasting life.

Words are a unique part of our humanity. Many we quickly forget. Some remain for a while and others can be stamped into our memory and stay with us forever.

Words can harm as well as heal; can wound as well as heal.

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away."

There are many instances of Jesus' words making a deep impression on people and his words are still with us today in the Gospels, written down under the guidance of the Spirit sometime between 66-99AD.

They comfort and guide us, challenging us, turning our values upside down and once heard can never be forgotten. However, they are of little benefit unless we act on them.

We should also be mindful that our words, (especially written words), remain and can continue to help or harm, heal or wound for many years. Our challenge then is to speak words that unite rather than divide, that heal rather than wound, however this doesn't mean that we should be silent. Our speaking out as a voice for those oppressed should be done respectfully but persistently.