



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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B, 18th April, 2021

We welcome all who have joined us today as we celebrate Mass.

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

Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 9.30am

St Patrick's, Paynesville

Sunday: 8am

St Canice's, Lindenow

Sunday: 11am

Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

Monday: 9:10am

No Masses Tuesday to Friday
as our priests are on retreat.

Morning Prayers 8:45am

Rosary 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

is available on

FRIDAY

following 9:10am Mass.

SATURDAY

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



SALESIAN MISSIONS, AUSTRALIA – Appeal for Timor Leste Flood Victims

As you may have heard in the news recently, Timor Leste and Dili, in particular, has suffered devastating floods. Roads and bridges have been destroyed and deaths now exceed 100. Support is urgently needed as the schools are converted into evacuation centres. To make matters worse Dili is in lockdown to tackle the nations rising COVID transmission.

You are welcome to come to the Parish Centre during the week to donate to this very worthy cause. We will keep the 'collection' going for this week and then send off your donations so they can be received as soon as possible – there is an urgent need for food, clean water and

medicine. All monies collected will go to 'The Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund' who will then direct the monies to wherever needed. Donations are tax deductible. The parish is very grateful for your generosity. You can also send cheques to:

Salesian Missions Australia, PO Box 264 Ascot Vale, Vic, 3032

OR go to www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au OR phone 03 9377 6060

OR email salmiss@salesians.org.au

OR Give now: <https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissionstimorleste>



Roster for Masses 24th & 25th April 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	B O'Kelly	J Peachey	P Reefman	P Elliott
9:30am Sun	M Owen	D Fallon	J Coverdale	J Coverdale

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.

AN UPCOMING 'LIFE IN THE SPIRIT' SEMINAR

The Diocesan Service of Communion of the Charismatic Renewal is conducting a Diocese-wide Renewal Seminar for everyone in the Diocese of Sale. This follows the advice of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who encourages all Catholics (and all Christians) to embrace this spiritual renewal program. Bishop Greg has blessed this initiative. It will be an exciting moment with the Holy Spirit, please do not miss this opportunity. Looking forward with great excitement to catching up with you all (Fr Francis). Three seminars will be held in a central location in the Diocese as follows:

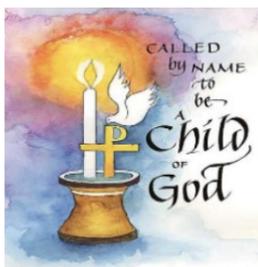
Venue: St Ita's, Drouin **Time:** 10.30 am each day.
Dates: Saturday, 17 April, God's promise of the Holy Spirit
 Saturday, 22 May, New Life in God's Spirit
 Saturday, 19 June, Community in the Lord;
 Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg

The other seminars will be organised on Prayer Group/ Parish levels. Details to follow.
 General enquiries please contact: John Duiker (Cranbourne, Diocesan Moderator); Anushka (Berwick, Diocesan Secretary), Julie Powell (Prayer Group leader, Warragul/Drouin), Fr Francis Otobo (Chaplain).
 "May our Diocesan Life in the Spirit Seminar be an opportunity for us to fan into a flame the gift of God anew (1 Tim 1:6) and renew the gift of our baptism which calls us forth in missionary service."

(Bishop Greg Bennet, Sale Diocese).

ST MARY'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

meet on Monday evenings in the Resource Room of the Parish Centre, entry via Nicholson Street. Doors open at 7:15pm. Everyone welcome. For more information contact: Maureen Saunders 0428 522 344.



We welcome into our Parish family this weekend
Samuel Kelly
 son of
 Jane Dent & Adrian Kelly

NEW 'PLANNED GIVING' ENVELOPES

Please pick up your new set of envelopes for the 'Stewardship Program' in the church foyer. Periodically the numbering system is updated, so many of you will have been assigned new numbers.
 Please discard any OLD envelopes, THANK YOU.

Stations of Glory We have prayed the Stations of the Cross during Lent and Holy Week. We now have an opportunity to reflect on the Paschal Mystery in the Easter Scriptures. 'CathFamily' has published the Stations of Glory for use in communal prayer and prayer at home. Copies of this can be found in the foyer of the church.



Collections for Week ending 11th April:

Envelopes \$ 1,456.00
 DD & Cards \$ 565.00
 1st Collection \$ 429.00
 2nd Collection \$ 766.90

Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4: 8-12
 Psalm: Ps 117: 1,8-9,21-23, 26,28-29
 2nd Reading: 1John 3: 1-2
 Gospel: John 10: 11-18

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM.

Enrolments for First Holy Communion are now being accepted. Catholics in grades 4 & 5 are prime candidates. Children who do not attend St Mary's please ensure we have your details. Preparation for this sacrament will begin once school returns on 19th April 2021. Please ring the Parish Centre 5152 2942 to enrol or for any queries.



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.**

Pope Francis Urbi et Orbi Message (Easter 2021)

Read Pope Francis message of hope given on Easter Sunday this year.

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/papa-francesco_20210404_urbi-et-orbi-pasqua.html

Hard copies can be found at the back of the church.

Becoming ecologically virtuous

Laudato si was written by Pope Francis in 2015 to outline the Catholic Church's position on the climate crisis. In 2016 Fr Joshtrum Kureethadam wrote an article that proposed seven ecological virtues that he said all people should aim to heal the environment and to live a life that has minimal impact on the planet. We need to care for God's creation because it is on loan to us, until we pass it to future generations.



Justice

To ensure justice for the earth, for the poor, and for future generations. 'Every ecological approach needs to incorporate a social perspective which takes into account the fundamental rights of the poor and underprivileged. (LS 93) **Consider the impact of our consumer choices on workers Buy 'fair trade' Purchase items from local farmers. These economical actions send a message to producers, not to waste resources.**

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REFLECTION

The wounds of Jesus show us how costly love can be. Those who care about others pick up a lot of wounds. There may be no great wounds, Only a multiplicity of little ones. But there can also be a lot of invisible wounds: The furrows left on the heart and mind By hardship, worry and anxiety. These wounds are more like badges of honour. They are proof of our love.

Flor McCarthy

Parish Pastoral Council: meets 2nd Thursday of the month. Please submit items to the Parish Centre by 10.00am Tuesday the week before. **Members:** Michael Flynn and Angela McKail (Co- Chairpersons) Angelo D'Amore, Rita Bowers, Marilyn Elliott and 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
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/Centre:** 5152 6687

OCEANIA WEBINAR: PARISHES AND SCHOOLS: ONE COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

You are invited to participate in this upcoming webinar on Tuesday 20th April from 11.00 am – 12.15 pm. Join with others at this online gathering, where we will be sharing best practice, challenges and initiatives in how parishes and schools collaborate in living out the mission of Jesus Christ.

- What is the identity and role of the parish?
- What is the identity and role of the Catholic primary school, secondary, Pre to Post, State School with SRE?
- What is the interrelationship between school and parish?
- What is best practice for how school and parish come to a shared vision, shared engagement, and shared goals – inclusive of students, families, staff, and parish community?

Keynote Presenters -Colin MacLeod - Colin is Director of the National Centre for Religious Studies, which is part of Te Kupenga – Catholic Leadership Institute in New Zealand. He lives in Dunedin and taught at Kavanagh College there serving in various capacities as Director of Religious Studies and Assistant Principal.

Ms Nichii Mardon - Director Catholic Education, Diocese of Port Pirie. Prior to her appointment as Director Catholic Education Diocese of Port Pirie in 2018, Nichii Mardon exercised leadership in Reception to Year 12 Catholic schools for almost 30 years. **Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinarapril20>**



Australian Catholic Bishops Conference – Office of Social Justice 28 April 2021

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) began to celebrate this day in 2003 however the trade union movement internationally has marked this day as the *International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers since 1996. This celebration is an integral part of the [Global Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health](#) of the ILO.*

The COVID-19 pandemic has led governments, employers, workers and the general population to face unprecedented challenges in relation to the virus and the many effects it has had on the world of work. The World Day for Safety and Health at Work will focus on strategies to strengthen national occupational safety and health (OSH) systems to build resilience, in order to face crises now and in the future, drawing on lessons learned and experiences from the world of work. The ILO is raising awareness and stimulating dialogue on the importance of creating and investing in resilient OSH systems, drawing on both regional and country examples in mitigating and preventing the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer)

is an international movement. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer.

April - Universal intention - Fundamental rights.

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tarcisio Vanzin (brother of Mario), Tom Calabro, Rick Jones (Tess Gillies s-in-law), victims of mental health issues; of Covid-19; terrorist attacks, war and conflict, asylum seekers, of family violence and poverty.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time... Peter Ross, Domenico Schiafone, Pat Bills, Vicki Hall, Don Ward, Kerry Terranova, Monica Ainsworth, Cliff Betts, Lena Betts, Glen Dungey, Des Shanahan, Ray Cook, Peter Duggan, John McMahan, Veronica Saunders, Lucy de Moel, Guise Duong Van Ho, Barry Brindle, Bob Carrick, 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: Maree Elbourne, Mateusz Iwanowicz, Paul Hawker, Mark Kelly, Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Ella Ford (NZ), Luke Withers (grandson of Sandie & Chris Tilley), Andrew Kenworthy, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Angie McKail, Victoria Shaw, Mary Kirsner, Elizabeth Stehmann, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Damian Greaves, Jim Quigley, Craig Counsel, Roma Greig, Linton Smith, John Butler, Arthur Elbourne, Andre Buxton, Marcie Hayles, John Buck, Alan Wilson, Brian Rowe, Vic & Thelma Smythe, Trish & Karl Henderson, John Pruscino, Julie Frew.

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.

3rd Sunday of Easter 18th April 2021, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (3:13-15, 17-19)

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your face shine on us

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St John (2:1-5)

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (24:35-48)

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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Scripture Notes

Luke's Gospel of Jesus' appearance to Thomas is unique for its emphasis on the scriptures. It was only by combining passages from the prophets that the early Christians came to accept the idea that a suffering messiah was part of God's plan of salvation.

Jesus went to the apostles who had fearfully barricaded themselves into a room. His approach was gentle, not blaming or scolding, just offering peace and forgiveness. Like the apostles, we too often stand within our barricades of fear. We must allow the risen Christ to enter and speak his words of peace to us.

The theme of witness appears in today's readings; the gospel showing it was a task given to the apostles by Christ and the Acts reading shows them fulfilling the task. They were tremendously courageous, prepared to suffer for the message and were living examples of what they preached. The faith of the apostles was born from the direct experience of the risen Jesus. The presence of the risen Christ was manifest in the way they lived.

Now we are the witnesses. What Christianity needs is not words but more witnesses – those who do what the Lord commanded. The fundamental witness of the true Christian will always be the authenticity of their lives. We must not be discouraged by our weakness or demoralised by our failures. We should take to heart the words of Mother Teresa, "I don't pray for success; I pray only that I may be a faithful witness."

Flor McCarthy SDB New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies