



St Patrick's Paynesville

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B, 25th 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

Tuesday: 9:10am

Wednesday: 9:10am

Maddocks Gardens: 10:30am

Thursday: 9:10am - Year 2 - St Marys Primary School

Friday: 9:10am

Morning Prayers 8:45am, Rosary after morning Mass

RECONCILIATION

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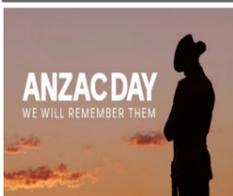
FRIDAY

following 9:10am Mass.

SATURDAY

9:30am - 10:00am and

5:30pm to 5:50pm



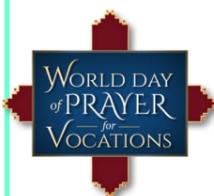
Prayer for ANZAC DAY

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all.

Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Grant all service persons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace.

May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *"There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families*

and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood."

Pope Francis – Message for 2021 World Day of Vocations. Saint Joseph:

"The Dream of Vocation 'God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.' 'The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of "the saints next door". At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey' "

Roster for Masses 1st & 2nd May 2021

| | Welcomer | Commentator | Reader | Special Minister |
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| 6:00pm Sat | T & K Flannery | C Power | C Kenyon | K Flannery |
| 9:30am Sun | M Owen | D Atkins | H Van den Einden | S Tilley |

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).

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, 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 Otopo (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.

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.



worldwide
marriage
encounter

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. The next residential weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021 in Wantirna South** (Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Collections for Week ending 18th April:

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| Envelopes | \$ 1,284.00 |
| DD & Cards | \$ 765.00 |
| 1 st Collection | \$ 417.30 |
| 2 nd Collection | \$ 622.20 |

Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter

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| 1 st Reading: | Acts 9: 26-31 |
| Psalm: | Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32 |
| 2 nd Reading: | 1 John 3: 18-24 |
| Gospel: | John 15: 1-8 |



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.**



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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International Earth Day "Restore our Earth" April 22nd

There are many ways to focus our efforts each day on restoring Earth by standing up for climate action, taking steps to end plastic pollution, supporting species restoration and

improving our awareness about environmental issues. Whilst taking practical action to care for our Earthly home is vital, as people of faith, we are called to go deeper.

Columban Fr Michael Gormly says: **'Ecological conversion is not just feeling good in the natural world. Nor is it about recycling and the odd adjustment to our lifestyle... This is about conversion. It involves a change in consciousness about how we relate to ourselves, our world and our God.'**

[Our Quest for Ecological Integrity - Fr Michael Gormly SSC](#)

MORNING TEA

It is so good to be back, to have a cuppa with a friend and a face-to-face conversation. Come along over to the Parish Centre following 9:30am Mass next Sunday **2nd May**. The morning tea is on us. This is an initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council.



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

FORMATION OF FUTURE SHEPHERDS

Following the ordination of three priests for our Diocese in December, we only have one now in formation at our provincial seminary, Corpus Christi College in Carlton. He is Mark Hughes of Cranbourne. To see photos and information about Mark and all the seminarians, go to www.corpuschristicollege.org.au On the drop down menu, click on *Seminarians* under *Our People*. Mark is pictured in the 6th year group. He will be giving his vocation story this weekend in the newest Parish of our Diocese, St Thomas Apostle at Clyde North. Donations to the Bursary Fund supports Mark's formation and training. While God continues to call people to be Shepherds after the heart of the Good Shepherd, please continue to pray that they will be moved to hear the call, and, respond generously, trusting that this will be a fulfilling way for them to live their response to God's love for them. *Fr Michael Willemsen* (Vocations Director)

A DAY WITH FR ROB GALEA

Nagle College held a Year 11 Retreat this week with Fr Rob Galea and his ministry team. Ms Rose Lee, our Religious Coordinator from the College, planned and organised this amazing event for the 150 students as part of their faith formation and deeper understanding of their spirituality through our Catholic identity. Fr Rob is a Catholic Priest and is currently serving at St Kilian's Parish in Bendigo, Victoria. He shared his journey from desperation to hope through his personal testimony and songs that he has written and performs world wide. He talked about how he fought his demons of addictions to forge a relationship with Jesus Christ and how he has never looked back. It was a truly inspirational day encouraging us all to seek and live in the truth of God's unconditional love for each and every one of us. - Michelle Grimsted



 **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL**
Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College
 Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church. Your donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.
There will be a 3rd collection this weekend, or for those who'd like to bring their donation next week, please bring it in an envelope marked 'Bursary Fund'.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
 Series of short sessions: online via Zoom
ENGAGING YOUR FAITH
 Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per Session, running 11th to 31st May.
 Booking, payment & more
 Information: www.ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/



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... Felicia Bagnato, Eleanor Parry-Jones, Fortunato & Francesca Desio, Teresa Saulle, baby John Brooks, Norman Dore, Joe Gwizdek, Maria Capobianco, Pam Hammond, Rick Marshall, Michael McMahon, Rita & Phil Luby, Peter Ross, Domenico Schiafone, Pat Bills, Vicki Hall, Don Ward, Kerry Terranova, Monica Ainsworth, Cliff Betts, Lena Betts, Glen Dungey, Des Shanahan, 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: Mary Johnson, Maree Elbourne, Mateusz Iwanowicz, Paul Hawker, Mark Kelly, Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Ella Ford (NZ), Andrew Kenworthy, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), 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.

4th Sunday of Easter 25th April 2021, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (4:8-12)

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St John (3:1-2)

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (10:11-18)

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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Scripture Notes

The first reading is after the healing of a cripple in Acts 3 and Peter moves from the fact of healing to the significance of the power of the risen Jesus to save. The gospel presents Jesus as the good shepherd who knows his sheep and who know him immediately and who is willing to die to protect his sheep against the wolves, (a traditional image for false teachers). Jesus stresses that he is laying down his life freely and in loving fulfilment of the Father's will. But his death will not be the end and in taking up his life again triumphs over evil.

The good shepherd's way of life is a labour of love which in one sense makes it harder because he puts more of himself into it – to do anything well involves hard work and pain. But in another sense, it makes it easier, as it enables him to bring all his energies and talents to it. The easiest actions are those that flow from love.

Every Christian is called to be a loving and caring person. Love is a marvellous source of strength and energy. Where genuine love is present no sacrifice is too great. Good Shepherd Sunday is also known as 'vocations' Sunday. For Christians, there is really only one vocation – the vocation to love.

Flor McCarthy SDB New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies. Year B