



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

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6th Sunday of Easter, Year C, 22nd May, 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 & 4th Sunday monthly: 11am

Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra -

January, March, May, July, September and November.

Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

4th Saturday: 6:30pm

Immaculate Conception, Omeo

4th Sunday: 9:00am

St Francis, Benambra

4th Sunday: 11am

Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

Monday-Friday:

9.10am

Paynesville

Wednesday: 10am Rosary

RECONCILIATION is available each

Friday after 9:10am Mass

Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am and

5:30pm to 5:50pm

BISHOP'S LAUNCH STATEMENT FOR TRINITY FAMILIES 2022 APPEAL

I am delighted to launch the Diocese of Sale Trinity Families 2022 May Appeal.

Trinity Families is the charitable arm of the Catholic Diocese of Sale and provides funding through grants to other charities working to provide services and programs for families within the boundaries of the Diocese. Since its inception

(originally named Bishop's Family Foundation), Trinity Families has provided over \$2,000,000 in grants. For the past two years this Annual Appeal has been on hold due to the impact of COVID but Trinity Families, through sound management, has still been able to provide grants in 2020 and 2021. Your donation to the Trinity Families 2022 Appeal will assist with the ongoing support given by Trinity Families throughout the Diocese of Sale. I encourage you to give generously and pray for those who are providing the programs and services.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Special Collection-May 28 and 29.

ST MARY'S CHURCH INTERIOR

The two final concept drawings are on display in the porch and will be sent electronically to parishioners on our email contact list. Printed copies will also be available during Parish Centre office hours. The restoration committee are seeking **your choice between Option A and Option D** (B and C were deemed unnecessary by the committee).

When considering your choice, please note that the main differences involve the following:

- Pews at an angle, or back to the perpendicular as they were.
- Carpet under the pews with kneelers removed, or exposed timber under the pews with carpet along the centre aisle and crossing. The Committee is satisfied that there was a clear consensus on all other key features of the church interior. There is no difference between the two options. Let us know your choice by email, please call the Parish centre, or drop in some time.

REQUEST FOR MORE CHURCH PHOTOS

Our heritage architect, Arthur Andronas, is asking for more historical photos of St Mary's church interior, particularly **the entrance porch and original baptistry**. Please check old photos at home. If you think you have something that may assist Arthur's presentation to Heritage Victoria, call in to the Parish Centre with them, as soon as possible.

Roster for Masses – The Ascension of the Lord– 28th-29th May

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	C Shanahan	M Schumann	J De Boer	C Marriot-Smith
9:30am Sun	G & K Cassidy	H Van Den Eiden	S Tilley	J Delaney

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 28th May — J & D Fallon **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.

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' Prayer Intentions —MAY

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest;
 may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of
 discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the
 dedication to service

Laudato Si week running from May 22 to 29

celebrates the seventh anniversary of the publication of
 Laudato Si. Global events held in-person, online, or a
 combination of the two will be hosted each day. The events will
 cover Catholic teaching on biodiversity, responding to the cry of
 the poor, divestment, education, and

eco-spirituality. On **Wednesday May 25**, Judith Keller hosts
Breathing In, Breathing Out, 1 hour and 10 minutes of prayer
 and contemplation. Starts at **7.30AM**. Please register before
Sunday May 22 at kellsull@ozemail.com.au.

For the full list of global events and information head
 to <https://laudatosiweek.org/allevnts/>

Laudato Si Week May 22 to 29 Focus on Recycling

Laudato Si encourages us to find different and intelligent ways
 of dealing with our waste. Many organisations have made it
 easy for us by providing in store recycling boxes. Make it a pro-
 ject in your parish to find out your local
 recycling depots for plastics, garden pots, paints, mobile phone
 and batteries



Walking in the Spirit National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council

People across the country are invited
 to participate in a national prayer
 pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in
 Australia prepares for the Second

Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney
 from 3-9 July. Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources
 at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthspirit

2022 CHILD SAFETY WEEK COMPETITION

**Get creative. Tell us what makes you
 feel safe and supported?**

The Diocese invites all school-age
 children to participate in a competition
 where entries can be a poster (digital or
 scanned in electronic form) or
 video (mp4).



See entry form, ideas and support materials on
www.cdsale.org.au/safeguarding/child-safety-week

or contact your parish.

Entries close **Friday 22 July 2022**

A DAY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



Following the exhortation of the Holy Father,
 Pope Francis, and upon the blessing of our local
 ordinary, Bishop Greg, the leadership of the
 Sale Diocese Charismatic Groups invites us all
 to an extra-ordinary experience of the Current of Grace as
 we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the
 Church (Pentecost). As the Lord promised "you will be bap-
 tised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts
 1:5; see also Acts 2:1-4). This promise, Peter says, is for
 every one of us (Acts 2:39). This gathering affords us another
 great opportunity for a fresh encounter/renewal of intimacy
 with the Spirit. Friends, this will be an experience
 you wouldn't want to miss and you will never forget. God
 bless you as we come together to celebrate a new beginning
 in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Date: Saturday, 04 June 2022.

Venue: St Ita's Drouin. Time: 10.30am start to 4.00pm

Mass to be celebrated at 2.30pm

For queries, please contact the prayer group leaders of
 your parish, or speak with one of the following:

Br Lindsay (Chair, service team, 0432 375 391)

Sr Anushka (Secretary, service team, 0425 555 206)

Fr Francis (Chaplain, 0448 529 712).

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 at St Mary's Church.

Celebrating Reconciliation Week 2022

@ The Abbey Raymond Island

Gathering, Yarning, Telling Stories, Eucharist, Sharing Lunch
 Together With Rev Canon Aunty Phyllis Andy and Rev Kathy Dalton
 1-25 First Parade Raymond Island 388012 noon, Friday 3 June 2022
 ALL WELCOME Please RSVP: info@theabbey.org.au

Readings: 22nd May

The Ascension of the Lord,

Year C

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm:

46: 2-3, 6-9

2nd Reading: Ephesians

1: 17-23

Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

Collection for 15/5/2022

Envelopes \$ 1491.00

DD & Cards \$ 600.00

1st Collection \$ 542.45

2nd Collection \$ 594.30

Restoration Box \$ 651.00

HymnFest: Pentecost

Bairnsdale Uniting Church

Corner Great Alpine Road & Lanes Road, Lucknow

Sunday May 29th 2022 2.00 - 4.00pm

Register with Ian Conabere 0408 761 080



In 2016 the **Catholic Bishops of Victoria** released a statement committing themselves to the elimination of domestic and family violence in which they say:

Our goal must be a society where all people are safe in their home, families and close relationships; where violence and abuse are not acceptable; and where all relationships respect the equality and dignity of each person. This is part of the Gospel vision of love and respect. With domestic and family violence on the rise, we are all called to work in ways to eliminate this type of violence.

The contents of this statement remain relevant as domestic and family violence incidents have increased since 2016. This month, you are invited to read the Bishops 2016 statement to learn more about a Catholic response to domestic and Family violence. To read the statement, visit;

<http://www.faithsafe.org.au/images/catholic-kit-family-violence.pdf> Hard copies available at the Parish Centre.

'SHINING A LIGHT' WORKSHOP

When: 1.00 - 4.00pm, Saturday May 28, 2022

Where: St Mary's Parish Centre, Bairnsdale

The workshop aims to give people an understanding of what constitutes Family Violence, the signs telling us it is occurring, how to support someone and where they get help. I recommend the workshop to you and hope you will help to 'shine a light' on what is a very dark and, unfortunately, prevalent issue in East Gippsland. Fr Michael You can register your interest in attending by emailing: stmpattipruscino@gmail.com

Or contact Michael Flynn on 5152 2942.

RSVP: Tuesday May 24.

BE BRAVE MAKE CHANGE

This is a key time in Australia's national calendar where communities come together to reflect, and assess where they are on the Reconciliation journey. For some, you may be at the beginning, for others, you may have made key changes in the way you work with and welcome First Nations people.

National Reconciliation Week: May 27-June 3

The Mass Series Once the people of God have heard God's Word, we stand and recite the Creed together. This is our way of saying "Yes, we believe the Word that we have heard. We put our trust in the God who has spoken to us." Now there are two Creeds that we use: the Creed of the Council of Nicea, happened in 325AD, with old words; the other is the Apostles' Creed. It is the baptismal Creed used in the Church of Rome in the early centuries. They're similar in the sense that they say, we believe in God Father, Son and Spirit. So, we are saying yes again to the Trinity; the Communion of God here and now; the God who has called us into His own life.; who speaks to our heart. We say yes to that God in old words but in a new way. We say, for instance, in the Council of Nicea's Creed that Jesus is *consubstantial* with the Father, which just means that He is united perfectly to the Father. To say something so unusual, we need an unusual word. In the Apostles' Creed we say that Jesus descended into hell. It means He goes into the dark world of the dead and floods that world with the light of Easter. The language is strange but at its heart the Creed, whatever its form, is the same in every age and every place. It is God's people saying yes to the God who speaks and yes to the word that we've heard here and now.

Archbishop Michael Coleridge

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Amanda Vowell (Chair), Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons, Peter McMahon and Jacinta Da Costa together with Wilma Collier and Marilyn Elliott who are continuing their four year term.

Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, Principals and Michael.

A Parish Directory: is available at the Pastoral Centre.

St Mary's Primary School: 5152 3706

Nagle College: 5152 6122

Sacraments: To request information & 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 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: 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

Spirituality Retreat 18th JUNE

Especially for Catechists-Open to All

This is an opportunity to come together as the People of God in the Diocese and explore the deep wells that nourish our spiritual life.

Session 1 looks at six types of religious/spiritual experiences: awe and wonder, hearing a voice or receiving a message, the inner world of creativity, a singular sense of self-worth, intense feelings for the world and others, a profound experience of closeness to the divine.

Session 2 weaves together some of the markers of a distinctive and authentic Aussie spirituality.

Session 3, after lunch, we will share our own spiritual experiences in prayer and a simple morning ritual.

Please RSVP to BarbaraD@sale.catholic.org.au

Lunch is provided, but please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Venue: Teacher's Centre Sion House, Witton St .Warragul.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Down, victims of mental health issues, COVID-19, terrorist attacks, war, conflict, asylum seekers, family violence and poverty.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: April Herrick, Domenico Capobianco, Leo Cahill, Nicodemo Tedeschi, Lindsay Pepper, June Bennett, Patricia Fisher, Caterina Calabro, Brendan Deery, Rick Lightowler, Noreen Godridge, 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 ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK: Darryl Browne, John Saunders, Frank Field, Marie Ayres (sister-in-law of Pat Coloe), Kath Gillies, Leo Russell, Michael Counsel, John Spirason, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Victoria Shaw, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Mark & Elizabeth Rashleigh, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Craig Counsel, Margaret O'Reilly, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur Roberts, Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic Smythe.

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.

6th Sunday of Easter Year C 22th May 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

The Opening Prayer

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication.

Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. O God, let all the nations praise you

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

A reading from the book of the Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

I, John, heard a voice speaking to me: 'Very soon now, I shall be with you again, bringing the reward to be given to every man according to what he deserves. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Happy are those who will have washed their robes clean, so that they will have the right to feed on the tree of life and can come through the gates into the city.' I, Jesus, have sent my angel to make these revelations to you for the sake of the churches. I am of David's line, the root of David and the bright star of the morning. The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come'. Let everyone who listens answer, 'Come'. Then let all who are thirsty come: all who want it may have the water of life, and have it free. The one who guarantees these revelations repeats his promise: I shall indeed be with you soon. Amen; come, Lord Jesus.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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Scripture Notes: Peace is not the absence of war and dissension; it is not harmony or tranquillity; nor mere prosperity and well-being. These are outer things. Peace is a state of inner calm where we are in right relations with God and it is a gift of God. It is essentially communion with God. Peace results when we trust in God and the desire to please him is the dominant thing in our life. It is something we can have in the midst of turmoil, conflict and unresolved problems. Peace is one of the greatest gifts we can give to one another, but one we cannot give if we haven't got it, or give it to someone who doesn't want it. Equally, we may often inflict our own unrest and unhappiness on others, instead of peace. We can create the conditions where peace is able to take root but we can't impose peace. Jesus offers his peace to us too. Not the peace of escaping from reality, but something deeper and removed from outer circumstances. The peace that this world cannot give but a peace that no-one can take away from us.

Flor McCarty SDB New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Year C