



Sacred Heart,  
Swifts Creek

# 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	

#### The HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY, and JOSEPH Year C, 26th December, 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

27 December Monday: **CANCELLED**

Tuesday: 9:10am

Wednesday: 9:10am

Thursday: 9:10am

Friday: 9:10am

#### RECONCILIATION

is available on

Friday after 9:10am Mass

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

#### Readings:

##### The Epiphany of the Lord

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 71:1-2,7-8,10-13

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Terry Flannery, Monsignor John Allman, Nicholas Sweetman Snr (in Ireland), David La Porta, 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...

Noel Rooney Snr, Saverio Calabro, Beverley Benedetti, Sheila O'Brien, Ron Burton, Josephine Williamson, Jeffrey Redenbach, Kevin Grant, Eileen Dean, John Kolar, Leonie Bennett, Theresa Brown, Sheila Collins, Marion Hall, Jean McCulloch, Harold Batty, Jim Bennett, Barbara Grimsted, John Morris, Monica Smith, Desmond Hickling, 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:

Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Victoria Shaw, Paul Hawker, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Michael Flynn, Mark Rashleigh, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur Roberts, Margaret O'Reilly, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), 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.

#### FAREWELL TO FR AVINASH

The farewell Mass for Fr Avinash will be at 9:30 on January 2 at St Mary's, followed by a morning tea in the Parish Hall. All welcome. As East Gippsland moves from 3 priests to 2 on January 11, Lindenow will be reduced to Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11:00am, beginning in January. And, the high country to once every 2 months on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday with Fr Mark Godridge. Blessings to all parishioners for the New Year. Fr Michael

**And a reminder to pick up a copy of Bishop Greg's Christmas Message.**

#### Roster for Masses for the Epiphany of the Lord - 2nd January 2021

	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Minister</b>
6:00pm Sat	D Reefman	C Marriot-Smith	J Peachey	P Elliott
9:30am Sun	M Owen	G Neeson	N Nash	K Bennett

**Cleaning:** Fortnight ending: 8th January: H Sampson **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.

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph, Year C

### Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

### A reading from the first book of Samuel (1:20-22, 24-28)

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R.** How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,/ Lord, God of hosts./ My soul is longing and yearning,/ is yearning for the courts of the Lord./ My heart and my soul ring out their joy/ to God, the living God. **R.**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,/ for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you;/ they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,/ give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,/ look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

### A reading from the first letter of St John (13:1-2, 21-24)

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.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

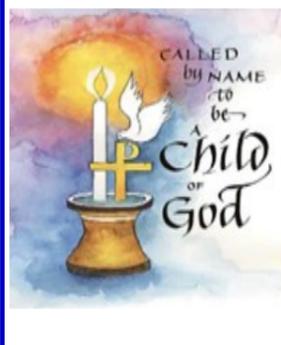
### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (2:41-52)

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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	<p><i>We welcome into our faith community</i></p> <p><i>Isla Clark</i> daughter of Jessica &amp; Tomos Clark</p> <p><i>Collins Ivy &amp; Scottie Ava Garry</i> daughters of Morgan Zagami &amp; Justin Garry</p> <p><i>Oliver Bailey</i> son of Vivienne &amp; Christopher Balfour</p> <p><i>Max Thomas</i> son of Micaela &amp; William Debney</p>	<p><b>Parish Office CLOSED</b> until 17th January 2022.</p> <p>For any enquiries please ring the Presbytery on 5152 3106</p> <p>Or Paul on 0418 377 076</p> <p>Or Pattie on 0427 232 682</p>
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