



St Patrick's, Paynesville

# 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.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Willemsen

#### Presbytery:

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#### St Mary's Parish Pastoral Centre:

135 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale Phone 5152 2942

Website: [www.stmarysbairnsdale.net](http://www.stmarysbairnsdale.net)

Facebook: [St Mary's Church Bairnsdale](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchBairnsdale)

### The Ascension of the Lord, Year C, 29th 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-Thursday:

9.10am

No Mass this Friday, June 3

##### 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 Trinity Families has provided over \$2,000,000 in grants. 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.**



#### 48th MASS AND PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF ST ANTHONY

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2022 11.00am

ST MARY'S CHURCH BAIRNSDALE

Mass and celebration of St Anthony of Padua concelebrated by Bishop G Bennet, Frs F Bertagnolli SDB, M Willemsen and other priests at St Mary's. A procession will take place after Mass, followed by Benediction, blessing and distribution of bread and Holy Pictures. All welcome to attend a social gathering in St Mary's Pastoral Centre following the event.

Please bring a plate to share.

#### DOMENICA 12 GIUGNO 2022 ORE 11.00

Messa e celebrazione di Sant'Antonio da Padova concelebrata da Vescovo G. Bennet, Padres F. Bertagnolli SDB, M Willemsen e altri sacerdoti al St. Mary's. Dopo la messa si svolgerà una processione, seguita da benedizione, benedizione e distribuzione di pane e immagini sacre. Tutti benvenuti a partecipare a un incontro sociale nel Centro Pastorale di Santa Maria dopo l'evento. Per favore porta un piatto da condividere.

#### Confirmation Commitment

##### Mass

**Saturday May 28 at 6.00pm and**

**Sunday May 29 at 9.30am**

We look forward to celebrating with our 27 candidates the Sacrament of Confirmation to be received on July 30 2022. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they take the next step in their journey of faith, making their commitment at Mass this weekend with our Parish community as witness. We give thanks to God for this grace and pray that their hearts are transformed by the wonder of this Sacramental gift through the power of the Holy Spirit.

God Bless them.



#### Roster for Masses – Pentecost Sunday – 4th/5th June

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	C Marriot-Smith	M Schumann	P Reefman	P Elliott
9:30am Sun	M Owen	A Chila	H Sampson	M Elliott

**Cleaning:** Fortnight ending: 11th June — S Gibson **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



### **FAREWELL AND WELCOME to our horti-cultural seasonal workers.**

**Community Connect East Gippsland** invites you  
 to join them on Sunday June 5, 1pm at ADRA,  
 455 Princes Highway Lucknow. RSVP: Wendy 0438 516 322 if you  
 can attend the BBQ and how many family members will attend.  
 Also let her know if you can help with preparation or clear up. St  
 Mary's Op Shop will provide the meat and salads and the Seventh  
 Day Adventist Church will provide tea and coffee .

### 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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine) or phone: 1800 101 201.  
 Prayer Cards and Donation Slips are available at St Mary's Church.



### **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](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthspirit)

### **National Sorry Day**



*Sorry Day* has been observed  
 since 1998, one year after  
 the *Bringing Them Home* report  
 was presented in the Australian  
 Federal Parliament. This report  
 detailed the impact of the forced removal of Aboriginal and  
 Torres Strait Islander children from their families. *Sorry  
 Day* offers an opportunity to reflect on the hardship faced  
 when children were taken into institutional and foster care  
 by governments and church agencies and placed with non-  
 Indigenous families. These *Stolen Generations* suffered  
 greatly from being removed from their loved ones at such  
 an early age, and for many the scars were life-long. Howev-  
 er, *Sorry Day* is also an opportunity to "acknowledge the  
 strength of *Stolen Generations* Survivors and reflect on how  
 we can all play a part in the healing process for our people  
 and nation."

### 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). This gathering affords us another great  
 opportunity for a fresh encounter/renewal of intimacy with  
 the Spirit.

Date: Saturday, June 4, 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:

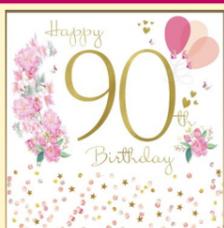
Br Lindsay (Chair, service team, 0432 375 391)  
 Sr Anushka (Secretary, service team, 0425 555 206)  
 Fr Francis (Chaplain, 0448 529 712).



### ***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](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)



Blessings and birthday wishes to

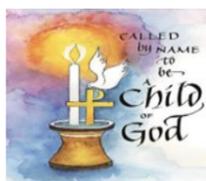
***Pat Coloe***

on turning 90 years young.

**We welcome to our Parish through Baptism**

***Finnley Baroukh,***

**son of Jess Merritt and Gabriel Osma**



### **Readings: 4th/5th June**

#### **Pentecost Sunday,**

#### **Year C**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 1-11  
 Responsorial Psalm:  
 103: 1, 24, 29-31  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Corinthians 12: 3-  
 7, 12-13  
 Gospel: John 14: 15-16, 23-26

### **Collection for 22/5/2022**

Envelopes	\$ 908.00
DD & Cards	\$ 515.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 609.70
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 716.40



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.*

To read the statement, visit;

<http://www.faithsafe.org.au/images/catholic-kit-family-violence.pdf>

### 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.

**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

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Amanda Vowell (Chair), Wilma Collier, Marilyn Elliot  
Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons,  
Peter McMahon, Jacinta Da Costa**

**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](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: 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 June 18

**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](mailto: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.**

**Sion-D'Orsa rooms 9.30-3.30pm**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jim Grant, Fr John Readman, 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:** Andrew Carty, Bernard Leahy, Berna Carroll, April Herrick, Domenico Capobianco, Leo Cahill, Nicodemo Tedeschi, Lindsay Pepper, June Bennett 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.

## **The Ascension of The Lord Year C 29th 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. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1: 1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1: 17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24: 46-53**

Jesus said to his disciples: '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. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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**Scripture Notes:** In today's Gospel Jesus prays for the community of the future (which includes us) who would believe because of the preaching of the apostles. Jesus' main concern was for unity among them- unity NOT uniformity. Jesus' followers were diverse in terms of temperament, personality, style, and social status suggesting that he found diversity a healthy, life-giving force. True unity cannot be achieved in a community that denies difference. Unity is achieved when each member is different and contributes a different gift, but all are united around the common goal of love of neighbour. We must open ourselves to others and welcome their gifts. We are called from many different backgrounds to form one body in Christ. By rising above our many differences, we become witnesses for God who allows his light to shine in an infinite variety of ways.