



St Patrick's Paynesville

THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

Eastern Region – Diocese of Sale

PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW, 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
Assistant Priests: Fr Avinash George
Fr Jayakody Francis
Presbytery:
23 Pyke Street Bairnsdale Phone 5152 3106

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A—18th OCTOBER 2020

We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai 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 and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



OUTDOOR MASSES FOR UP TO 10 PEOPLE

We invite you to the unique experience of sharing the Eucharist in our beautiful Presbytery gardens.

Phone booking is essential.

St Mary's, Bairnsdale **9:10am** Weekdays
at 23 Pyke St Bairnsdale

Sunday Masses will be offered in the high country, on the regular monthly basis.

Dear Friends,

I had the wonderful welcoming opportunity to visit the senior students and their teachers at St Mary's Primary School this week and host sessions regarding Commitment to Jesus and The Rosary.

The Grade 6 students examined what does it mean and look like to make a 'commitment' to Jesus, especially through the lens of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The conversations were very engaging, insightful and reflective from our Sacrament candidates and their peers. We investigated ways through the gifts of the Holy Spirit how everyone is Called, Gifted and Sent to share the Good News of the Gospel to others once we say 'YES' to follow Jesus.

Then I spent the afternoon with the Grade 5 students sharing the story of the Rosary and how this sacred beaded prayer from scripture has the power to bring peace and healing in our lives. The students were fascinated to build on their prior knowledge of the message of love, grace and mercy from our Blessed Mother Mary, who leads us to her Son Jesus. We finished the session with everyone making their own personal Rosary key Chain and learning a new way to pray a decade together.

Both sessions were filled with much enthusiasm and joy as students were keen to learn more about our Catholic Faith.

Michelle Grimsted—Sacramental Coordinator



HEALING THE HURTS

Statement from the Administrator for the Diocese of Sale, Fr Peter Slater, re WCB and findings of Justice Keogh

I acknowledge the harm caused by clergy to victims of child abuse in the Catholic Church over many years. There is no defence for that behaviour. The Catholic Church has been working assiduously to ensure such abuses do not occur today, or at any time in the future. On behalf of the Diocese of Sale and all clergy and staff working here, I offer our support, prayers and willingness to work together for the best outcomes for the survivors of abuse. The Diocese of Sale is committed to working with survivors and their families to redress the harm, with practical as well as pastoral means. As Justice Keogh's findings are currently being reviewed, it would not be appropriate to comment further on a process that still has legal ramifications.

Rosary for the month of October

It is never too late to join/participate. If you can connect to Zoom email stm.michelleleg@gmail.com or phone the Parish Centre 5152 2942 and we will send you the link. If you are unable to connect with Zoom, that is ok too, at 7pm each evening offer up the Mystery of the day knowing others are praying with you and for you. Hard copies of the Rosary and Intentions are available at the Parish Centre.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Central to the mission of the Immaculate Conception Parish (known as St Mary's Parish) is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity, self-esteem and integrity of children and vulnerable persons and providing them with a safe, supportive, and enriching environment to develop spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally, and socially.

If you wish to speak with someone phone: Kath 5152 2942; Police 5150 2600; or Towards Healing 1800 816 030.

Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so shall the Son of Man be to his generation.

In Luke the sign of Jonah means a prophet coming to preach Repentance the necessity of turning lives from what is destructive to what is life giving. "Love one another. "We all need that message in this time of health and political crises in our world.

Escalating anger stoked by fear and mistrust can cause us to fiercely side against one another. A friend told me that when she tries to love someone with whom she vehemently disagrees, the only thing that works is praying,

"Dear God, let this person somehow experience your love."

Picturing them held in God's love lessens the sheer intense negativity. Help us always to experience your love God, escape the whole of animosity and work together. Patricia Livingston

The Daily Awareness Examen

Is a way of praying and looking for God's presence in your life. More than 400 years ago St Ignatius Loyola encouraged prayer filled mindfulness by proposing what has been called the Daily Awareness Examen. The Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and to discern his direction for us.

He considered it the most important thing a person could do each day. It takes only a few minutes. A contemporary adaptation of this prayer has 5 steps:

Thanks: give thanks for the graces and benefits and good things of my day.

Help: I ask the holy Spirit for help to discern my day with openness

Review: I review my day, hour by hour, to see how God is working in my life.

Response: I respond to what I felt or learnt in the review of my day

Resolve: I resolve with hope and grace to amend my life tomorrow.

Fr Michael Hansen SJ

Our Father....

Visual <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=pDQgizJINdk>

Reflective <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVItxNMrNnw>

explanation and lead

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHnSSmFOHQc>

**CatholicCare Gippsland:
Two Bushfire Recovery Positions**

CatholicCare Gippsland is currently seeking **two full time or part time positions: Community Development Worker and Family Counsellor** to join our Bushfire Response team to support, address and provide paths of assistance to people affected by grief and trauma within the bushfire affected regions in East Gippsland. These are exciting positions that can include counselling to individuals, couples and families, group facilitation and liaising with key stakeholders. As part of these two positions the Bushfire Response program will provide an outreach mobile service to the community, with a particular focus on remote townships using a CatholicCare especially fitted out vehicle. For a detailed position description, go to:

<http://www.ccam.org.au/page/58/careers>. Applications close on

COB Wednesday 2 November, 2020 and can be emailed to :

recruitment@ccam.org.au with the job title in the subject line, a cover letter explaining your experience in-line with the position description, and your resume.

Enquiries can be directed to the HR team on (03) 9287 5584

**Please continue to pray for the
Plenary Council.**

**Due to the current
situation the process is
on "hold".**

Prayer for the 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.**

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM –

There are 5 ways to fulfil your commitment.

1. Bank your contributions into this account—

BSB: 083-879 ACCOUNT: 48919 4022

ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Parish Bairnsdale/ Omeo

**Ref: Your Name and Envelope number and mark
1st or 2nd Collection.**

2. or, go into your bank with this information
and they will do it for you.

3. or, send cheques to St Mary's Parish,
23 Pyke Street, Bairnsdale, Vic, 3875

4. or, drop off at the Parish Centre **Tuesday to Friday** between
10am-3pm.

5. or, keep your envelopes with your commitments, saving
them until we return to Sunday services.

*Our Parish finances have been affected during this
pandemic and we will make necessary adjustments to
manage the challenges it presents.*

*Please call Paul Heaton-Harris 0418 377 076 if you have any
questions. **THANK YOU** for your support.*

Christians who PAINT—Free Art Classes:

Find Your Happy Place and healing through art and
colour with Madelaine. Beginners and experienced
Artists are all welcome to join in and share the fun
Zoom **Wed 2-4pm and Fridays 2-4pm**

Contact Madelaine by email: yourcolours52@gmail.com



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Anne Armstrong, Pearl Ferguson, Paul Leonti, Victims of mental health issues, Victims of Covid-19,
Victims of terrorist attacks, war and conflict, asylum seekers, Victims of family violence and Victims of poverty.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time...

Lucy Mann, Cliff Brammall, Martin E White, Pauline Cocco, Valda Reinhardt, MaryAnne Scott, William Hilder, Antonio Cavone,
Pasquale D'Aloia, Sam Currie, Concetta Pruscino, Elisabetta De Lutis, Daphne Mckersie, Daphne Moore, Joan Shanahan,
Helen Bons, Ria Reefman, Joseph Raudino, Nerine Schiwy, Thomas Keyte, David Minchin, Jeanne Jones, Danny Cook,
Mary Douglas, Barbara Eldridge, Molly Smullen, Marie Traynor, 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:

John & Sue Butler, Arthur Elbourne, Linton Smith, Sr Barbara Brown-Graham FCJ, Roma Greig, Andre Buxton,
Vic & Thelma Smythe, Alan Wilson, Trish & Karl Henderson, Brian Rowe, Robert Coleman, Lorraine O'Brien,
Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Elaine Ariens, Rick Jones, Margaret Nugent, Marcie Hayles, John Pruscino, John Graves, Julie Frew,
John Buck, Peter Grimsted.

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, if you would like to keep someone on the list after this time,
please contact the Parish Centre.

Parish Pastoral Council: meets 2nd Thursday of the month. Please submit items to the Parish Centre by 10.00am Tuesday the week before.

Members: Angela McKail & Michael Flynn: 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.

Funerals: Please check with priest before setting dates & times.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Centre.

Communion to the Housebound /Aged Care: Call Pattie Pruscino 51522942 or 0427 232 682

Special Wedding Anniversaries: 6 months' notice is needed to organise a Papal Blessing for parishioners.

Parish Business Manager :

Paul Heaton Harris

Pastoral Care:

Pattie Pruscino

Sacramental Coordinator:

Michelle Grimsted

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Kath Cassidy

Pastoral Centre: 5152 2942

Presbytery: 5152 3106

St Marys' Primary School: 5152 3706

Principal: Michelle Garbutt

Newsletter:

www.stmbairns.catholic.edu.au

Nagle College: 5152 6122

Principal: Neville Powles

Newsletter: www.nagle.vic.edu.au

St Mary's Op Shop: 5152 2088

DISCERNING , DEVELOPING AND USING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS (CHARISMS)

'TO EACH IS GIVEN THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT FOR THE COMMON GOOD. TO ONE IS GIVEN THROUGH THE SPIRIT THE *SPEAKING OF WISDOM* TO ANOTHER THE *SPEAKING OF KNOWLEDGE* ACCORDING TO THE SAME SPIRIT, TO ANOTHER *FAITH* BY THE SAME SPIRIT, TO ANOTHER THE GIFT OF *HEALING* BY THE ONE SPIRIT, TO ANOTHER THE *WORKING OF MIRACLES*, TO ANOTHER *PROPHECY*, TO ANOTHER THE ABILITY TO *DISTINGUISH BETWEEN SPIRITS*, TO ANOTHER *VARIOUS KINDS OF TONGUES*, TO ANOTHER THE *INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES*...JUST AS THE BODY IS ONE AND HAS MANY PARTS, AND ALL THE PARTS OF THE BODY THOUGH MANY ARE ONE BODY SO IT IS WITH CHRIST.'

1 Corinthians 12: 7-10, 12

"THERE IS A GENERAL RULE CONCERNING ALL SPECIAL GRACES GRANTED TO ANY HUMAN BEING. WHENEVER THE DIVINE FAVOUR CHOOSES SOMEONE TO RECEIVE SPECIAL GRACE, OR TO ACCEPT A LOFTY VOCATION, GOD ADORNS THE CHOSEN PERSON WITH ALL THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT NEEDED TO FULFILL THE TASK AT HAND"

St Bernadine of Sienna (1380-1444)



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Our campaign video features the story of a Cambodian boy, Chen, who is rebuilding his life after a landmines injury. This video is on the Catholic Mission Youtube channel:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work/see-our-work-in-action/wmm20-cambodia-appeal> You can donate by using your mobile phone. The process is simple: you only need to send the word "GIVE" to the number: 0488 854 436. This prompts an immediate reply which provides a link to a platform to make a donation.

Healing our Memories.

Forgiving does not mean forgetting. When we forgive someone the memory of the wound might stay with us for a long time even throughout our lives. Sometimes we carry the memory in our bodies as a visible sign. But forgiveness changes the way we remember. It converts the curse into a blessing. When we forgive our parents for their divorce, our children for their lack of attention, our friends for their unfaithfulness in crisis, our doctors for their ill advice, we no longer have to experience ourselves as the victims of events we had no control over. Forgiveness allows us to claim our own power and not let these events destroy us. It enables them to become events that deepen the wisdom of our hearts. Forgiveness indeed heals memories.

Henri Nouwen



If you would like to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** you may ring the Presbytery on 51523106 to speak with one of the priests to make an arrangement.

Readings 30th Sunday Year A 18/10/2020

Exodus 22: 20-26

Psalm 17: 2-4, 47, 51

1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

Matthew 22: 34-40

Week ending 11th October, 2020

Envelopes \$1,160.00

D/D & Cards \$1,485.00

1st Collection \$ 200.00

2nd Collection \$ 425.00

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) INITIATIVE

During this time of Covid-19, the PPC has continued to meet via Zoom. Acknowledging that our parish is spread far and wide, many aged over 60, and with family not always living in the area, it was felt that one way of staying in touch with parishioners was by phone. So 2 questions:

1. Do you know someone who may appreciate a phone call, just as a matter of keeping in touch?
2. Would you be prepared to make a couple of phone calls to people (maybe once a fortnight), to see how they are going and if there is anything we can do for them?

If you can answer yes to either question (or both) please leave your name and number with Pattie at the Parish Centre and a member of the PPC will get back to you as soon as possible.



Sunday Readings are available on AUDIO via email.
Contact the Parish Centre if you are interested.

'Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom'

Saturday 7 Nov 2020, 10am-1pm (AEST).

Facilitated by Carol Dyer (B.A. (Psych),

Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy Level 5
(Trainer), Cert. Spiritual Direction), this event

provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practise.

Cost \$25. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/663916> For more information, contact holsc@bigpond.com or

Tel: 9890 1101.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (45: 1, 4-6)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing. The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple, O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (1: 1-5)

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (22: 15-21)

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God. The Gospel of the Lord.

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Scripture Note:

The question put to Jesus was a test question to see whether he would declare himself on the side of those who opposed paying taxes to the Romans, (e.g. the Pharisees), or on the side of those who collaborated with the Herodians. If he said yes, he would lose the esteem of the people, and would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish cause and Jewish religion. If he said no, he could be denounced as fomenting rebellion against Rome. In his answer Jesus recognises that the State has a role, but its power is limited and does not supplant God. Jesus implied that there need not be conflict between the demands of State and those of God. Christians can sometimes be faced with a real dilemma... how to be a Christian in a secular world where the laws may be unchristian. True Christians will strive to be good citizens of their own country and at the same time good citizens of the Kingdom of heaven. However, it may not always be that simple. Every Christian has a dual citizenship. They are citizens of the country in which they happen to be living or in which they were born. It provides them many benefits. To the forces of Law and Order they owe the fact that they are able to live in peace and security. To its public services they owe transport, water, light etc. In a welfare state they owe their education, medical care, unemployment benefits etc. These benefits mean they are under obligation to the State and respect its laws and rulers. They must be responsible citizens, and as far as they are able, must play a part in making the country a good place for all its citizens. To cheat the State is to cheat one's fellow citizens and is a failure of Christian duty.

Christians however, are also citizens of the kingdom of Heaven. To it they owe certain other privileges and therefore have obligations.

Jesus gave us a principle but not the detailed theory of political obligations or a blue print for Church - State relations. History shows that separation of Church and State is essential. But when Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, his assumption was that Caesar's claim would be just.

He was not giving Caesar a blank cheque. We must give God the first and highest claim on our loyalty. Whatever else we must give Caesar, let us make sure that we do not give him our conscience.

Flor McCarthy SDB