



St Patick'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.

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### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A February 5, 2023

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.



In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis* (External site).

The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February. There are several groups in the Parish meeting on a weekly basis to break open and share the Word of God. For further information regarding these groups please contact **Michael at the Parish Centre: 5152 2942.**

#### 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: 11.00am  
**Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra** From February-monthly  
**Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek:** 4th Saturday: 6:30pm  
**Immaculate Conception, Omeo:** 4th Sunday: 11:00am  
**St Francis', Benambra:** 4th Sunday: 9:00am

#### Weekday Masses at St Mary's

**Monday: NO MASS**

Tuesday-Friday: 9:10am

**Paynesville:**

Wednesday: Rosary 10:00am

#### Reconciliation

is available each

**Friday:** after 9:10am Mass

**Saturday:** 9:30am to 10:00am  
 5:30pm to 5:50pm

**Morning Tea after 9.30 am Mass SUNDAY in the Parish Centre**

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A-February 11-12, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	M Schumann	J De Boer	J Peachey	S Gibson	
9:30am Sunday	R David	G Neesom	J Coverdale	D Fallon	N Nash, B Payne, N Rooney
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: February 18 February — J & D Fallon				<b>Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.</b>	

***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.***

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

### FOR FEBRUARY

#### **For Parishes**

We pray that Parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



## INDONESIA STRUCK BY DEADLY

### EARTHQUAKE

On November 21, 2022 a magnitude 5.6 earthquake hit the town of Cianjur West Java in Indonesia. At least 318 people have died, many of them children. More than 7,729 people have been left injured. The National Search and Rescue Agency continues to search for missing people, although weather conditions such as heavy rain is hampering rescue efforts. It is the most deadly earthquake in Indonesia since the 2018 Sulawesi earthquake and tsunami that claimed approximately 4,340 lives. There is extensive damage to buildings, including a mosque, schools, boarding school, government office and over 1,300 houses.

The earthquake was so strong that it was felt in the capital Jakarta, more than 75km away. Another, stronger, earthquake of 7.6 magnitude struck on January 9, 2023. People impacted by the earthquake urgently need medical services, emergency shelters, sleeping supplies, clean water and food.

**Caritas Australia's partners are on the ground responding to support communities who require immediate assistance and assessing their most urgent needs. They are also collaborating with local leaders in impacted communities to provide medical services and health education.**

**Your generous support can help provide emergency support to help families recover and rebuild from This disaster.**

## PRAYING THE ROSARY WITH OTHERS

St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale invites you to the online community to pray the Rosary, via Zoom, every Monday night at 7.00pm. The Rosary takes us on a spiritual journey, along with Mary, in contemplation with her son Jesus. This powerful prayer is the storehouse of countless blessings.

Why should the Rosary be part of your prayer life? Saint Padre Pio reminds us that it is the 'weapon for these times.'

Email Michelle: [stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com) to receive a link to join us.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP FUNDS ALLOCATION

The Parish puts aside 2.5% of Planned Giving receipts every year for groups/causes who have demonstrated a need for support.

Thank you to those who made submissions regarding the disbursement of these funds. Several recommendations have been approved by Fr Michael and \$500.00 will be donated to each of the following recipients.

### Local

#### **Headspace (Youth Mental Health)**

Providing support for young people

#### **St Vincent De Paul Welfare-Bairnsdale**

Ongoing community support

### National

#### **Mackillop Family Services (Family/Domestic Violence)**

Supporting women and children who are victim/survivors of Family Violence

#### **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project**

Supporting legal costs for refugees held in detention at the Park Hotel, Melbourne

#### **Opening the Doors Foundation**

Aboriginal and community organisation providing educational opportunities for Aboriginal children

#### **NSW State Emergency Service**

Flood relief

### International

#### **St Elizabeth Hospital, Hyderabad, Pakistan**

Flood relief

#### **Hi Vis vests for Traffic Aides in Lipa, The Philippines**

A very dangerous, even deadly, occupation

## CAN YOU HELP ???

### SUNDAY MASS MORNING TEA

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Morning Teas, making sandwiches, slices etc, cleaning up. If you would like to contribute to this great social event, contact Helen: 0434 531 504 or Michael at the Parish Centre: 5152 2942.



### February 11-12, 2023 Year A

#### Readings:

#### **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:

1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

### Collections:

#### January 28-29, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1414.00

DD & Cards \$ 303.00

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 716.00

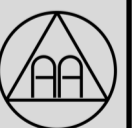
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 794.50

Pay Wave \$ 240.00

Church Tours \$ 100.25

Have a problem with alcohol? There is a solution. A.A. has a simple program that works and has done so for over 80 years. It is based on one alcoholic helping another.

If you need support, contact Bruce: 0412 938 772



**Columban Calendars are still available.  
See Michael in the Parish Centre.  
Only \$10.00**



## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

English classes are commencing on  
Monday February 6.

Where: Bairnsdale Baptist Church

When: Mondays 7.00-9.00pm

Timing is flexible and will be discussed with  
those attending the first meeting.

For more information contact Kathy Boland  
(accredited ESL facilitator): 0411 832 649  
or Wilma Collier: 0425 310 599

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Wilma Collier, Marylin Elliott,  
Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons,  
Peter McMahan, Jacinta Da Costa

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

Parish Directory: available at the Pastoral Centre.

St Mary's Primary School: 5152 3706

Nagle College: 5152 6122

Sacraments: To request information and 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 and  
3rd Sundays 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

## Worksheets Available for Collection



Dear Parent/Carer,  
Please collect a worksheet for  
your child to help them  
deepen their understanding of  
the Word during celebration  
of the Mass.

In today's gospel Jesus names many people who God  
blesses. Can you name some of these people?

- ♦ Who has ever tasted chocolate that doesn't have sugar in it?
- ♦ What do you think it would taste like?
- ♦ Jesus tells us we are like flavour in food. What might that mean?
- ♦ Who has seen a bright light outside?
- ♦ How far away can it be seen?
- ♦ Jesus asks us to be a light for the whole world. How big would that light have to be?
- ♦ Others can see our light when they see the good things we do.
- ♦ What are some good things that we can do to make our light shine brightly?

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass at St Mary's Bairnsdale  
and after 8.00am Mass at St Patrick's Paynesville

## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE



God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all  
your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you  
would hold and protect them. We pray in the name  
of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Anglican Archbishops Justin Welby  
and Stephen Cottrell

To donate, visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine](http://www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine)  
or phone: 1800 101 201.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**: Adam Sutton, Jean Everett, all victims of natural disasters, mental health, COVID-19, terrorist attacks, war, conflict, asylum seekers, family violence and poverty.

**ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME**: Julie Hussey, Maria Pukal, Sister Maria Terese, Jack Clarke, Gwen Morgan, Bill Keyte, Jim Murphy, Karen Skeen, Roger McCombe, Noel Bills, Norm Bowers, John Flannery, Msgr John Allman, Fr Laurie Cusack, John (Jack) Deery, Lawrence Liccione, Beryl Seib, Benny Lamanna, Karen Skeen, Rod Nicholson, Jenny Scott, Patricia Wood, Eileen Ebert, Vittorio Saulle, Fr William Shanahan, 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 REMEMBER THE SICK**: Darcy Sutton, John Birrell, Wade Matthews, Jan Coverdale, John Saunders, Kathleen Robertson, Mary Johnson, John Atkins, Rick Harney, Jim Duggan, George Burton, Fred Crea, Marie Ayres, John Spirason, Shirley Gilmore, Vin Ayres, Maree Elbourne, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Brian Rowe, Alan Casanelia.

***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.

## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A February 5, 2023**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

### **The Opening Prayer**

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 prophet Isaiah 58:7-10**

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the person you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer, call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

### **Responsorial Psalm 111:4-9**

**R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news, with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear, open-handed, he gives to the poor, his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

### **A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5**

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy, only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

**Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:13-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lampstand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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### **Scripture notes:**

Following on from the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship, both of which we take for granted now. In ancient times, salt and light were precious. Then, salt was used for flavouring, as a preservative and as a healing agent. Electricity in our world now makes us less aware of the importance of light. The call from Jesus to be salt for the earth and light for the world is a powerful statement of our mission as Christians. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and light of the world. When we do these things with our faith community, we are indeed acting as a "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden.