



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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A January 29, 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.

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: 9.10am

Tuesday: NO MASS

Wednesday-Friday: 9:10am

Paynesville:

Wednesday: Rosary 10:00am

Reconciliation is available each

Friday: after 9:10am Mass

Saturday: 9:30am to 10:00am and

5:30pm to 5:50pm

POPE FRANCIS' ANGELUS MESSAGE

Let Mary, the Mother of God, be your guide in the new year, Pope Francis said on Sunday January 1, the first day of 2023.

In his Angelus address before a crowd of an estimated 40,000 people in St. Peter's Square the Pope said: "As we contemplate

Mary in the stable where Jesus was born, let us ask ourselves: What languages does the Holy Virgin use to speak to us? How does Mary speak?" "What can we learn from her for this year that is dawning?" he added. "We can say: Virgin Mary, teach us what we should do this year."

The Pope's message preceding the Angelus Prayer was delivered on the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

Pope Francis also celebrated Mass in St. Peter's Basilica earlier in the day to mark the feast day.

Visit: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2023/>



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A-February 4-5, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	B O'Kelly	K Flannery	J Peachey	C Marriot-Smith	
9:30am Sunday	S Tilley	T Kosmer	P Brown-Graham	M Owen	C Tilley, S Dean, H Van Den Einden
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: February 3 — H Sampson			<u>Please</u> 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.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

For educators



We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

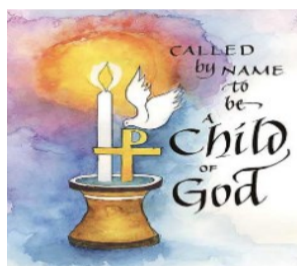
We welcome into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism

Angus Jean-Paul,

Hamish Bruce,

Stella Dianne

Children of Elisabeth and Mark Burnett



2023 FEAST OF THE STO NINO ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SALE

The 13th Fiesta Gathering of the Sale and District Filipino Community in honour of Sto Nino (Holy Infant Jesus) will take place on Sunday January 29 n St Mary's Cathedral. 9.30am: Mass 10.30am: Morning Tea
Bring your Sto Nino statue along for a blessing. Wearing of traditional Filipino costumes is encouraged.

Everyone is invited to share a Filipino feast organised by the Bayanihan Circle and friends in the assembly area of the Cathedral after Mass.

Celebrant: Bishop Gregory Bennet

COMBINED CHURCHES OF BAIRNSDALE ECUMENICAL PRAYER EVENT

3.30pm Sunday January 29, 2023 at St John's Anglican Church Bairnsdale. Return to Bairnsdale Baptist Church by 5.30pm for a sausage sizzle (food provided).

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.

The Loss and Grief Group will be meeting in the Parish Centre

Thursday February 2, at 5.00pm.

If you are dealing with a recent loss or are still grieving please consider joining us. The group is confidential and very supportive. For more, contact Michael on 5152 2942.



February 4-5, 2023

Readings:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 111:4-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Collections

January 21-22, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1126.00

DD & Cards \$ 495.00

1st Collection \$ 761.50

2nd Collection \$ 817.65

Pay Wave \$ 140.00

Church Tours \$ 414.35

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

Amanda Vowell (Chair), 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: the Parish Centre 5152 3706

Nagle College: 5152 6122

Sacraments: To request information and 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 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?

- What would a peacemaker do?
- Why does God bless peacemakers?
- How can we be peacemakers?
- What do humble people do?
- Why does God bless the humble?
- How can we be more humble?

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 Van Den Einden: 0434 531 504
or Michael at the Parish Centre: 5152 2942.



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
or phone: 1800 101 201.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: 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: 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, Baby Lisiata Tuliakiono, Keith Murray, Syd Clarke, Frank Melrose, Kerrie Sroczynski, Faye Pruscino, Joe Garro, Lena Neligan, Paul Rowe, Annunziata Retino, 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: 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.

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Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

The Opening Prayer

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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 Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm 145:7-10

R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:26:31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'