



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.

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#### Presbytery:

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

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

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

### Palm Sunday, Year C, 10th APRIL, 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

**Mon; Wed-Fri:** 9:10am

**Tue:** Chrism Mass St Mary's Sale

11am All welcome

#### Paynesville

**Wednesday:** 10am Rosary

**RECONCILIATION** is available each

**Friday** after 9:10am Mass

**Saturday** 9:30am - 10:00am and

5:30pm to 5:50pm

#### Palm Sunday



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water.



With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish. You can also visit [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or phone 1800 024 413.

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ ENVELOPES TO THE HOLY THURSDAY EVENING MASS.**

#### HEALING THE HURTS

During Holy Week over the last 4 years, we have held a 40 Hour Vigil at **St Mary's, Bairnsdale**. After discussion at the recent Parish Council meeting, it was to be a **12 hour vigil**. With the funeral of Michael Dwyer being at 1.00pm it will now be a **6 hour vigil**. The church will be open for anyone to come and spend some time in reflection as an act of charity for the victims and survivors of institutional child sexual abuse. This event will also contribute to the building up of our community and its culture as a Child Safe Parish.

**When? Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 6:00am - 12 noon**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will provide a central focus for prayer and contemplation. Everyone is invited to sign up for their hour's watch (Mk 14:37) on a roster, ensuring we constantly have at least two people. This promises to be a loving way for us to conclude this Season of Lent and a deeply meaningful way to enter into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please sign up to come and pray.

The Roster is in the foyer of St Mary's Church.

#### Roster for Masses – Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday 16th & 17th April

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat		All Easter Vigil Readers and Helpers have been assigned		
9:30am Sun	M Owen	G Neeson	N Nash	K Bennett

**Cleaning:** Fortnight ending: 16th April—C Marriott-Smith **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.**

East Gippsland Asylum Seeker Support Group  
 invite you to join other locals on  
**Palm Sunday April 10th for a Silent Vigil  
 for Justice & Freedom for Refugees**

11.00am—1.00pm  
 St Mary's Church Bairnsdale  
 Or  
 St Brendan's Church Lakes Entrance

#### **IT'S PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

The frightening humanitarian crisis in **Afghanistan**, and  
 now **Ukraine**, stresses yet again the need for our country  
 to respond with compassion and justice to those fleeing  
 persecution and war. There is still so much to be done.

### **Easter Sunday Mass for our Vietnamese Community** **Thánh lễ Phục Sinh cho người Việt Nam**

Trong niềm vui mừng Chúa Phục Sinh. Cha Phao lô Nguyễn Văn  
 Hiệp sẽ dâng thánh lễ cho cộng đoàn người Việt Nam tại nhà  
 thờ St Mary's Bairnsdale vào lúc 6h tối Chúa Nhật Phục Sinh  
 ngày 17 tháng 4 năm 2022. Xin kính mời anh chị  
 em đến tham dự. Sau thánh lễ sẽ có bữa ăn nhẹ  
 và gặp mặt tại Hội Trường của giáo xứ.



Lent is a great time to sweep our lives clean of  
 any habit, attitude or practice that serves  
 ourselves rather than God and those God sends  
 us to love. Used well, Lent becomes something



### **ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BAIRNSDALE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022**

Enrolments are now being taken for  
 candidates to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation, to  
 be celebrated on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022.  
 Children who have already celebrated their First Reconciliation  
 and First Eucharist and are in Year 6 or over may be enrolled. For  
 further information please contact Michelle via email  
[stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com)  
 or call the Parish Centre on 5152 2942.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions — APRIL

#### **For health care workers**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the  
 elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be  
 adequately supported by governments and local communities.

#### **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.

### 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.



### **International Ignatian Ecospiritual Conference.**

An Invitation to Ecological Conversion as we  
 Celebrate the 500th anniversary of the  
 Conversion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

*"Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the  
 fundamental moving force in all created  
 things."* (LS, n. 77)

There is a video link available:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7I3pwSLiTV4>

### **Bishop Greg's Easter Message**

Bishop Greg's Easter Message has  
 been placed on our website.

There is also a video link available:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
 v=MIDK4-7Mhj8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIDK4-7Mhj8)



Hard copies available at the Parish Centre.

#### **Readings: 17th April Easter Sunday Year C**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43  
 Responsorial Psalm:  
 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Corinthians 5:6-8  
 Gospel: John 20: 1-9

#### **Collection for 3/4/22**

Envelopes	\$ 1017.00
DD & Cards	\$ 3350.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 433.10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 551.30
Restoration Box	\$ 1662.45
Church Tours	\$ 655.00



**HOLY THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> April  
2022**

*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

7.00pm St Mary's Bairnsdale

**GOOD FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

*Day of Prayer and Fasting*

Stations of the Cross

9.30am St Mary's Bairnsdale

Stations of the Cross

11.00am St. Canice's Lindenow

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3.00pm St Mary's Bairnsdale

3.00pm Immaculate Conception, Omeo

**HOLY SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

*Day of Prayer, Fasting and Resting*

The Easter Vigil

7.00pm St Mary's Bairnsdale

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

8.00am St Patrick's, Paynesville

9.00am St Francis of Assisi, Benambra

9.30am St Mary's, Bairnsdale

11.00am Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

**NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons,  
Peter McMahon, Amanda Vowell and Jacinta Da Costa**

Together with Wilma Collier and Marilyn Elliott  
who are continuing their four year term.

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 5152 2942 or 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

**ANNUAL CHRISM MASS**

At the annual Chrism Mass, Bishop Greg is joined by  
the priests, deacons and people of our Diocese as he  
blesses the three Holy Oils (the Oil of Catechumens,  
the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Holy Chrism)  
which will be used by parishes for the celebration of  
the Sacraments. Our clergy will also renew their  
commitment to their ministry for the Church.

You are invited to participate in this celebration

**Date:** 11.00am Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Venue:** St Mary's Cathedral

**Address:** 47 Foster St, Sale.

**THE MASS SERIES – by Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the Archdiocese of Brisbane**

Every 2 weeks we will, together with Archbishop Mark, share with you each part of the Mass.

The series can be found on [YouTube>Archdiocese of Brisbane/playlist>The Mass Series](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

**8. Liturgy of the Word - Prayers of the Faithful**

We've said we believe what we have heard, we've professed our faith and then our faith becomes a prayer. We sometimes call the 'Prayer of the Faithful' – those who have put their faith in the word they have heard. This prayer is a prayer of priestly intercession, as the whole community of the faithful is a priestly community and part of priestly service is to intercede for the people and for the world. This is a prayer that looks to the Church and to ourselves, our families, whatever the needs might be, but it is the priestly people – the Church – interceding with God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the power of faith, for the whole world. God wants us to enter into dialogue with Him in prayer. He has spoken to us, now we speak to Him. He wants us to be part of bringing peace out of violence, bringing joy out of sorrow, bringing life out of death. He wants us to work with Him. Our prayer of intercessions recognises, that the God who has called us to Himself, is the God who listens to our prayer and wants us to work with Him for the salvation of the world. Normally there is an intention, for the Church in every place on earth and then a silence and then the prayer.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Stephen "Michael" Dwyer, Angela D'Amelio and Barbara Shea, Joan Merritt (mother of Pattie Pruscino), Brendan Earles, 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:**

Ray Cook, Peter Duggan, John McMahon, Veronica Saunders, Lucy (Lucia) de Moel, Guise Duong Van Ho, Arthur Gilchrist 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:**

Kath Gillies, Leo Russell, Michael Counsel, John Spirason, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Lyn Donchi, 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.

## **PALM SUNDAY YEAR C**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

The children of the Hebrews, carrying olive branches,  
went to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.

### **The Opening Prayer also known as the Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, Who, as an example of humility for the human race to follow,  
caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of  
patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. 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 (50:4-7)**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me  
with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord  
comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not  
be shamed.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

#### **R. All who see me deride me.**

They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (2:6-11)**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume  
the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to  
accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other  
names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name  
of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.  
Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

#### **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### **The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 22:14-23:56)**

*The Gospel will be displayed on the overhead projector screen*

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### **SCRIPTURE NOTES**

In the Passion, the emphasis is on Jesus, remembering his courage, fidelity, and sheer goodness. Jesus' goodness shines all the more brightly because it is surrounded by the darkness of his betrayal, false accusations, a barrage of insults, taunts then blows and spits followed by a flogging and crucifixion, as a common criminal. In the midst of all of this Jesus cared about others around him- the women of Jerusalem, his mother, the thief. He died praying for those who put him to death.

There are times when we need to profess our faith in Jesus publicly. A word of support in defence of someone being treated unjustly, a word praising someone whose contribution is being forgotten, a word of truth when lies are being told. It isn't easy to speak out and takes courage to do so. Martin Luther King said, 'At the end of the day, it is not the words of your enemies that you remember, but the silence of your friends.' So, while we profess our faith in Christ in church, let us be careful not to ignore or deny him in everyday life.

*Flor McCarty SDB New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Year C*