



St Canice's-Lindenow

# THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

## Eastern 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  
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#### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR B, 10th January 2021

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.

#### 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.*

#### RECONCILIATION:

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

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

#### MASS TIMES:

#### **St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale**

Monday: 9:10am

Tuesday: 9:10am

Wednesday: 9:10am

Thursday: 9:10am

Friday: 9:10am

**Saturday: 6:00pm**

**Sunday: 9:30am**

#### **St Patrick's, Paynesville**

**Sunday: 8:00am**

#### **St Canice's, Lindenow**

**Sunday: 11:00am**

Congratulations and continued blessings to

**GEORGE BURTON**

celebrating his  
90th Birthday.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bill Warner, Val Jamieson. John Morris, Victims of mental health issues; of Covid-19; Victims of terrorist attacks, war and conflict and asylum seekers, and victims of family violence and poverty.

**ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time...** Annie Rijs, Joyce Boland, Oreste Capobianco, John Websdale, Bill Cole, Peter Scott, Vonnie Sroczynski, Susan Collier, Rudolfo Calvi, Adelina Sacco, Filomena Pruscino, Angela Kirwan, Laura Ward, Dot Rooks, Helen Krambehr, Agnes Mary Duggan, Alan Smullen, Bill Counihan, Jim Prendergast, Sheila O'Brien, Ron Burton, 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:** Damian Greaves, Mary Kirsner, Jim Quigley, Paul McFarlane, Craig Counsel, Linton Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, John Butler, Arthur Elbourne, Sr Barbara Brown-Graham FCJ, Roma Greig, Andre Buxton, Rick Jones, Vic & Thelma Smythe, Alan Wilson, Trish & Karl Henderson, Brian Rowe, Robert Coleman, Lorraine O'Brien, John Graves, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Marcie Hayles, John Pruscino, Julie Frew, John Buck.

**Please remember all parishioners who are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery.**

**If you would like to keep someone on the sick list for a period of time, please keep in contact the Parish Centre.**

#### Roster for Masses 16th/17th January

6:00pm Saturday **Welcomer:** M Saunders **Commentator:** J De Boer **Reader:** D Reefman

9:30am Sunday **Welcomer:** M Owen **Commentator:** J Coverdale **Reader:** M Elliott

**Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.**

#### **GLUTEN FREE?**

Anyone needing a GF host is asked to speak to the priest before Mass to organise.

#### **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 adults at risk 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.

## **The Baptism of the Lord, Year B**

### **Entrance Antiphon:**

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, and the voice of the father thundered : "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased."

### **A reading from the Prophet Isaiah** (55: 1-11)

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his ways, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do. *The word of the Lord.*

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.**

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

### **A reading from the letter of St John** (5: 1-9)

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is -keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world -our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness -since the Spirit is the truth—so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. **Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark** (1: 7-11)

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit'. It was this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; My favour rests on you.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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**Scripture Notes:** Today's gospel shows us one of the most decisive moments of Jesus' life— His baptism by John in the Jordan. This was a turning point in His life. Prior to this he had lived a quiet and secure life of a village carpenter in Nazareth. But all the while He had been hearing a call to something more important. Then his cousin John began his work of preaching and baptising people. Suddenly Jesus left his old life and opted for a new one— that of a spiritual teacher and healer to his brothers and sisters. From that moment on His life would never be the same. He found himself and his real vocation. All his hidden qualities of care and love, which had been growing quietly like wheat in a field, now manifested themselves and were given full expression. Most of us have know moments that have proved turning points in our lives. However the direction our lives have taken may not be the result of some major decision, but a series of little decisions. From time to time we need to look at the direction our lives have taken. If we are not happy with the way things are going then we should try to change them. Perhaps we are stuck in a rut. In which case we should try to get ourselves out of it. At baptism we were pointed in a very specific direction. God wants us to have life, life in abundance. In baptism we share in the life of God. In baptism we became disciples of Jesus. We are called to love one another. The ultimate question for a Christian is; am I being true to the direction in which I was pointed at baptism. *Flor McCarthy SDB*

# OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We commit to making our Church a safe place for children and young people and protecting them from harm.



You are special and will always be welcome in our Church.



What you think and feel is important to us.

We will make sure our leaders and helpers understand their responsibilities to keep you safe.



We respect you just the way you are.



If you feel unsafe or are worried about someone else's safety, we will listen and take this seriously.



We will help you to be safe. This means that if you are being hurt or are in danger of being hurt, we will speak to the Police or another person who can help you.



## St Marys Parish Bairnsdale Omeo

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