



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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The BAPTISM of the LORD, Year C, 9th January, 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 <i>St Mary's Bairnsdale</i> Saturday: 6:00pm Sunday: 9:30am <i>St Patrick's, Paynesville</i> Sunday: 8:00am <i>St Canice's, Lindenow</i> 2nd & 4th Sunday each month: 11am <i>Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek</i> 4th Saturday: 6:30pm <i>Immaculate Conception, Omeo</i> 4th Sunday: 9:00am <i>St Francis, Benambra</i> 4th Sunday: 11am Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra - January, March, May, July, September and November.
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PLEASE NOTE: new Mass Times for 2022 for the Parish of Bairnsdale and Omeo. St Mary's Bairnsdale: Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9:30am (the same as 2021) St Patrick's Paynesville: Sunday 8am (the same as 2021) St Canice's Lindenow: 2nd & 4th Sunday of every month 11am - Changed Sacred Heart Swift's Creek: 4th Saturday 6:30pm in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept & Nov. Immaculate Conception Omeo: 4th Sunday 9am in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept & Nov. St Francis of Assisi Benambra: 4th Sunday 11am Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept & Nov.
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Weekday Masses @ St Mary's Monday to Friday: 9:10am
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Louis Pruscino, John Pruscino, Shirley McKenna, 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... Jim Prendergast, Susan Collier, Annie Rijs, Joyce Boland, Oreste Capobianco, John Websdale, Kath Byrne, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Bill Cole, Peter Scott, Vonnie Sroczynski, baby Lisiate Tuliakiono, Rudolfo Calvi, Filomena Pruscino, Pat Brennan, Angela Kirwan, Dot Rooks, Laura Ward, Agnes Mary Duggan, William Warner, Alan Smullen, William Counihan, 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."

RECONCILIATION is available on Friday after 9:10am Mass Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am and 5:30pm to 5:50pm
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PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK: Paul Fitzgerald, Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Victoria Shaw, Paul Hawker, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Michael Flynn, Mark Rashleigh, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur Roberts, Margaret O'Reilly, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Craig Counsel, Linton Smith, Andre Buxton, 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.
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Readings - 16/01/2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1-3,7-10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Gospel: John 2:1-11

Roster for Masses - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th/16th January 2022				
	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	G Dooley	J De Boer	B O'Kelly	A replacement, please.
9:30am Sun	A Chila	T Kosmer	S Tilley	J Delany
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 22nd January: J & D Fallon		Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.		

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

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.

The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

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 (40:1-5, 9-11)

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,/ clothed in majesty and glory,/ wrapped in light as in a robe!/ You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.** Above the rains you build your dwelling./ You make the clouds your chariot,/ you walk on the wings of the wind,/ you make the winds your messengers/ and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!/ In wisdom you have made them all./

The earth is full of your riches./ There is the sea, vast and wide,/ with its moving swarms past counting,/ living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you/ to give them their food in due season./

You give it, they gather it up:/ you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,/ returning to the dust from which they came./ You send forth your spirit, they are created;/ and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus (2:11-14;3: 4-7)

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (3:15-16, 21-22)

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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From Gippsland to the Goldfields, the **National Boys Choir of Australia** is delighted to return to the concert platform after nearly two years, to present a program of beautiful choral works as they tour Regional Victoria. "This tour is their opportunity to continue the ride after performing at the Vision Australia Carols by Candlelight, and showcase their talents to the broader community."

CONCERT — Monday 10 January 5:00 pm St Mary's Catholic Church, Bairnsdale

Ticket bookings can be made via Try Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=801288&qr=true>

Come along, support the choir, appreciate their gifts and ENJOY!

PRAYER FOR PLENARY COUNCIL

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.