



St Francis of Assisi,
Benambra

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 EPIPHANY of the LORD, Year C, 2nd 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.

<p>Weekend Mass Times 1st/2nd January St Mary's Bairnsdale Saturday: 9:10am Saturday: 6:00pm Sunday: 9:30am St Patrick's, Paynesville Sunday: 8:00am St Canice's, Lindenow</p>	<p>PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Louis Pruscino, John Pruscino, Shirley McKenna, Terry Flannery, 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... Rudolfo Calvi, Filomena Pruscino, Pat Brennan, Angela Kirwan, Dot Rooks, Laura Ward, Agnes Mary Duggan, William Warner, Alan Smullen, William Counihan, Noel Rooney Snr, Saverio Calabro, Beverley Benedetti, Sheila O'Brien, Ron Burton, Josephine Williamson, Jeffrey Redenbach, Kevin Grant, and the priests who have worked in the Diocese. <i>"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."</i></p>
<p>Weekday Masses @ St Mary's Monday: 9:10am Tuesday: 9:10am Funeral Mrs Shirley McKenna: 11am Wednesday: 9:10am Thursday: 9:10am Friday: 9:10am Saturday: Funeral Mr Louis Pruscino: 11am</p>	<p>PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK: 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.</p>
<p>RECONCILIATION is available on Friday after 9:10am Mass Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am and 5:30pm to 5:50pm</p>	<p>FAREWELL TO FR AVINASH The farewell Mass for Fr Avinash will be at 9:30 on January 2 (this Sunday) at St Mary's, followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. All welcome. As East Gippsland moves from 3 priests to 2 on January 11, Lindenow will be reduced to Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:00am, beginning in January. And, the high country to once every 2 months on the 4th Sunday with Fr Mark Godridge. Blessings to all parishioners for the New Year. Fr Michael</p>
<p>Readings - 9/01/2022 The Baptism of the Lord 1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1-2,3-4,24-25, 27-30 2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14;3:4-7 Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22</p>	<p>And a reminder to pick up a copy of Bishop Greg's Christmas Message.</p>

Roster for Masses for the Baptism of the Lord - 8th/9th January 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	M Schumann	J Peachey	S Gibson	C Power
9:30am Sun	J Fallon	F Brown-Graham	M Grimsted	D Atkins

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 8th January: H Sampson **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 Epiphany of the Lord, Year C

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (60:1-6)

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king,/ to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice/ and your poor in right judgment. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish/ and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea,/ from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts/ shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba/ shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,/ all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry/ and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak/ and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (3:2-3, 5-6)

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-12)

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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Reflection by Joe Tedesco - Pastoral Liturgy

Epiphany means a materialisation of an otherwise invisible power. Today's solemnity is so named as it marks the announcement to the world of God's manifestation in Christ. Though Christmas day is the more prominent celebration in the modern world, traditionally it is the feast of the Epiphany that was the highpoint of the Christmas season - the day where the whole world, symbolised by the wise men from Gentile lands, come and discover the Messiah, the new 'King of the Jews'.

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.

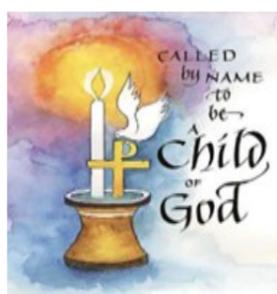
*Our Lady Help of Christians,
pray for us.*

St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

*We welcome into our
faith community*

Frankie

daughter of Sarah & Brock Smith



Parish Office CLOSED

until 17th January 2022.

For any enquiries please ring the
Presbytery on 5152 3106

Or Paul on 0418 377 076

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Collections for 26/12/21

Envelopes \$ 735.00

DD & Cards \$ 278.00

1st Collection \$ 143.65

2nd Collection \$ 590.00

Christmas \$ 1,403.10