



St Canice's—Lindenow

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 Feast of Christ the King—November 20, 2022

In affirming the culture of our First Nations people we are also affirming their spirituality. We are acknowledging that the God that they meet in the country is the same God that we meet there too. We are one people before God. From that oneness may a more just and equal Australia emerge.

We acknowledge the Gunaikurai 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 and 4th Sunday: 11:00am

Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra

November, December to be advised

Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

4th Saturday: 6:30pm

Immaculate Conception, Omeo

4th Sunday: 11:00am

at the Omeo Hospital

St Francis, Benambra

4th Sunday: 9:00am

Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

Monday–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

Blessing of the Crib Mass

St Mary's Church Bairnsdale

Sunday November 27, 9.30am Mass

You and your family are invited to bring your nativity scene to this Mass which celebrates the first Sunday of Advent, and marks our preparation time for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas. Spirituality and learning about God is closely woven within the very existence of love in a faith family.

This is found in living our ordinary family life with the Lord Jesus at the centre of it all.



SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



The military ordinariate is the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Catholic Church, of the Latin or Eastern Church, responsible for the pastoral care of Catholics serving as Chaplains in the armed forces of our nation.

An Election Guide prepared by the Victorian Bishops is available in the Church foyer or at the Parish Centre.

Roster for Masses – The 1st Sunday of Advent Year A— November 26-27, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister	Offertory Procession
6:00pm Sat	G Dooley	M Schumann	C Marriot Smith	P Elliott	
9:30am Sun	J Fallon	A Chila	L Urban	G Cassidy	N Nash, N Rooney, B Payne

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: November 26 — B Mahony **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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for _NOVEMBER

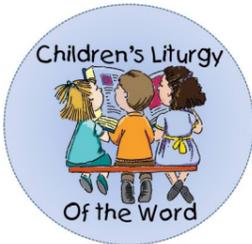
'For children who suffer'



We pray for the children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education, and the opportunity to experience family affection.

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. The Gospel today speaks about Christ is our King forever.



- ◆ **Can you name any king or queens you have heard about or seen on TV?**
- ◆ **What do they do?**
- ◆ **Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ King.**
- ◆ **What sort of king is Jesus?**
- ◆ **What is the kingdom of God like?**
- ◆ **Let us pray that we can be part of God's kingdom on earth**

TOYS TOYS TOYS



St Vincent de Paul Conference Bairnsdale is carrying out a toy drive this year, as the number of children we are supporting with our Christmas hampers has grown substantially. If you can see your way clear, could you please provide a new toy or book by December 8 and drop it into our centre at 92 Macleod Street Bairnsdale or Vinnies Op Shop Church Street, Lakes Entrance? Or you can drop them into the Parish Centre in Bairnsdale.

It would be very much appreciated. Thank you.
Phone SVDP Assistance Centre on 5152 6687.

'Cuppa with Mary'



The Mary MacKillop Museum tells the story of Mary and the SOSJ's. Entry is free.

While in Melbourne, walk the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and see Mary's place of birth.

Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Cuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which include a presentation, tour of Museum and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$15 p.p.
Contact Kate on 9926 9300

**'Open Day' - Saturday November 26, 2022
(10.00am – 4.00pm)**

Fr Julian Tenison Woods co-founded the SOSJ with Mary MacKillop. The exhibition will explore Tenison Wood's work as a missionary priest, his advocacy of Catholic education for the poor, as well as his scientific endeavours and his eco-spirituality. His life was lived to the full, intertwined with faith and science. Julian is a role model for us today in prayer and sustainability. Join us for:

- Guided tours of the Museum
 - A Mary MacKillop Walking Tour @ 11.00am
 - Mass @ 1.00pm in the Chapel where Mary prayed
 - Refreshment options available for purchase
- Book online on the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Website

Mary MacKillop Gift Shop



Consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop or a **2022 Josephite Calendar**. The shop stocks communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items

Accommodation@MMHC

When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne.
Contact Kate on 9926 9300.

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

The series can be found on YouTube>Archdiocese of Brisbane/playlist>The Mass Series.

The Communion Rite comes to its high point as we share the feast that God provides- to eat the bread (His body) and drink the wine (His blood), and in doing so, we show that we are at one with God and each other.

'The Body of Christ', is a simple phrase, but has a number of meanings.

- The bread is the body of the crucified and risen Christ.
 - Saying 'Amen', says I believe this and also that I am part of the body of Christ as a single body, and the whole church community.
- Singing a hymn at this point is not just creating an air of festivity, it also unifies our many voices into one voice. It is a foretaste of the world to come, where God will be all in all, and we will all take part in the heavenly banquet of the Lamb. After Communion there is often a time of silence where we allow the gift to resonate within us. The post Communion prayer gathers up the prayer of all the people present, asking God that this gift will be a power in our lives both individually and in the Church community. That it will bear fruit in this life and in eternity. 'Amen' completes the Communion Rite.

The Liturgy of the Word, the Eucharist and the Rite of Communion are the three essential pillars on which the Mass stands.

November 26-27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Readings:

- 1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
- Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9
- 2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14
- Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Collections:

November 12-13, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1236.00
DD & Cards	\$ 320.00
1 st Collection	\$ 596.85
2 nd Collection	\$ 782.80
Pay Wave	\$ 130.00
Church Tours	\$ 163.95



Baptism of Shona Crystal

daughter of

Donna and Colin Graham

Starting in December, each month we will be highlighting a country experiencing conflict . So often these countries are in the headlines for a few weeks and then disappear from view, while the people it affects may be forgotten.

Advent

This is the coming of Jesus into the world.

We use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas, despite the secular preparations taking place, e.g. buying presents and going to parties etc - **our outer world**.

Advent reminds us to remember and prepare for the birth of Jesus.

ADVENT GROUPS give us the opportunity to focus on **our inner world** - to take some time to sit quietly and ponder where and how God is working through us.

An invitation is extended to all Parishioners to join one of the following groups starting this week from November 22

Tuesdays at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre
using 'Incarnate' (Diocese of Wollongong) program

Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm via Zoom

Wednesdays at 9.45am in St Mary's Church Chapel

Wednesday evenings 7.00pm via Zoom

Other groups using 'Stay Awake! Prepare for the Coming of Christ (Sydney Archdiocese)

Saturdays 10.00am St Brendan's Hobby Room Lakes Entrance

'Looking and Longing for Christ'

ALTERNATIVELY, Booklets with daily reflections which can be used singly or in a group maybe obtained at the Parish Centre during office hours. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Please contact Michael or Michelle at the Parish Centre
Phone 5152 2942 for further information and Zoom links



Community Connections East Gippsland
invites you to join local
Seasonal Workers for a Christmas BBQ
12 noon Sunday November 27
at the Seventh Day Adventist Church,
973 Princes Highway Lucknow.

Special Guests :

Victorian Community Connections Coordinator: Rev Randall Prior,
Sewing Teacher: Jenny Arms (Jenny has been teaching some of the local seasonal worker women how to use a sewing machine),
English Teacher: Kathy Boland (Kathy has been helping the seasonal workers to improve their English),
The Bicycle Man: Peter Flahive (Peter has been sourcing and making sure bikes are in good order for the seasonal workers to use).
Santa will arrive about 3.00pm

RSVP: By November 22, everyone needs to register their attendance individually by contacting Wendy 0438 516 322 by SMS or phone.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Amanda Vowell (Chair), Wilma Collier, Marylin Elliott,
Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons,
Peter McMahon, Jacinta Da Costa**

Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, Principals and Michael F.

Parish Directory: available at the Pastoral Centre.

St Mary's Primary School: 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

BECOME AN EARTHCARE PARISH / FAMILY

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote his environmental encyclical

Laudato Si' in which he implores us to protect our common home.

To escalate the implementation of **Laudato Si'**, Pope Francis has now established the **Laudato Si' Action Platform** with its

7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years.

Our **Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22**,

'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor' reinforces the call to care for all

creation and invites us to join them in taking action and committing to the **Laudato Si'** goals. Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for Parishes & families to take up the Bishops' invitation by developing a process to assist you on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living **Laudato Si'** communities. Become a Catholic Earthcare Parish/Family at

<https://catholicearthcare.org.au>

or contact St Mary's Social Justice Group at the Parish Centre

Phone: 5152 2942

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

To donate, please visit:

www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine or phone: 1800 101 201.

Prayer Cards and Donation Slips are available
in the Church foyer.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Flo McMahon, 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: Kayla Hayles, Antonio Pruscino, Pasquale Pruscino, Pat Pruscino, Domenico Rettino, Helen McBride, Graham Rowe, Jim Dwyer Sue Stewart, Norm Mann, Robert Bills, Huyhn Van Tuan, Ellen Delaney, Michael Dudley, John Clark, Pietro Carioli, Matt Verde, 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: Mary Johnson, Cherie Morgan, John Atkins, Rick Harney, Jim Duggan, George Burton, Fred Crea, Marie Ayres (S-I-L of Pat Coloe), John Spirason, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Maree Elbourne, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Brian Rowe, Alan Casanelia (Margaret Sheehan's brother).

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.

The Feast of Christ the King-Year C November 19-20, 2022

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

The Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
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 second book of Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1: 12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignities, Powers—all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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Scripture Reflection: Be conscious and repent of the harm we have brought to our common home

Today, our beautiful planet and all of creation is a precious gift from God, imbued with the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, we have neglected and misused this precious gift, essentially renouncing our responsibility for its stewardship. Like the second criminal, let us be conscious and repent of the harm we have brought to our common home. Let us reconcile with the earth, and recognize that God is the life force in all things. In this manner, all creation can become the "peaceable kingdom."
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