



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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The Nativity of the Lord — December 25, 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: 11.00am

Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra

From February—monthly

Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

4th Saturday: 6:30pm

Immaculate Conception, Omeo

4th Sunday: 11:00am

St Francis, Benambra

4th Sunday: 9:00am

December 31, 2022 and January 1, 2023 Readings:

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Collections: December 17-18, 2022

Envelopes: \$1132.00

DD and Cards: \$ 685.00

1st Collection: \$ 951.40

2nd Collection: \$ 930.75

Pay Wave: \$ 60.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Bev Seehusen, Giovanni Torre (Agata Bordonaro's father), Judy Ward, Maureen Cerini, Jim Sperti, John Hall, 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: Albert Nelson, Eileen Dean, John Kolar, Leonie Bennett, Theresa Brown, Sheila Collins, Marion Hall, Noel Rooney Snr, Jean McCulloch, Shirley McKenna, Harold Batty, Jim Bennett, Barbara Grimsted, John Morris, Monica Smith, Desmond Hickling, Peter Brown, Max Kelsey, Maureen V Connelly, Gerardine Keyte, Terry Flannery, Dan Phelan, Joe Pruscino, Eileen Mason, Clem Rooks, 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 REMEMBER THE SICK: John Saunders, Kathleen Robertson, Mary Johnson, John Atkins, Rick Harney, Jim Duggan, George Burton, Fred Crea, Marie Ayres, John Spirason, Shirley Gilmore, Vin Ayres, Maree Elbourne, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Brian Rowe, Alan Casanelia.

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.

Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

Monday-Wednesday: 9:10am

Thursday: Funeral Mass

Mrs Judy Ward: 11:00am

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

Roster for Masses – Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Year A—December 31-January 1, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Sat	M Saunders	C Marriot-Smith	J De Boer	P Elliott	
9:30am Sun	S Dean	J Coverdale	N Nash	R David	M Grimsted, T Kosmer & P Pruscino
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: January 24 — C Marriot-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.

The Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2022

Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

The Opening Prayer

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. 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 9:1-7

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Responsorial Psalm

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation, has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness.

He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from this fullness we have, all of us, received—yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

PARISH CENTRE CLOSED

The Parish Centre is closed and will reopen on January 23, 2023.

Any enquiries please ring the Presbytery:
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ALPHA IS COMING!

An opportunity to explore your faith.

Contact Madelaine: 0400 576 291
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