



Immaculate Conception,
Omeo

THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

East Region – Diocese of Sale

BAIRNSDALE, PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW, OMEQ, 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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Website: www.stmarysbairnsdale.net
Facebook: [St Mary's Church Bairnsdale](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchBairnsdale)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C July 24, 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 monthly: 11am

Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra

June and August

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 10am

RECONCILIATION is available each

Friday after 9:10am Mass

Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am and
5:30pm to 5:50pm



Confirmation Mass: Saturday July 30 at 6.00pm.

Bishop Greg Bennet, Fr Rob McCulloch and Fr Michael
will concelebrate the Mass.

We ask that you keep the 26 Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare for the completion of their Baptismal journey and are reminded of their participation in the ministry and mission of Jesus and strengthened to follow Him more closely.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a child of God (Romans 8:14)



AMBROSIO IS GOING HOME TO HIS FAMILY IN TIMOR LESTE!

Our seasonal worker friend who, after numerous medical appointments and operations for bowel cancer over the past two years, has finally received the "all clear" from his doctors to return to Timor Leste. He is very grateful for the wonderful moral and financial support of the Parish Community.

There will be a "send-off" celebration with food, singing and probably some dancing for him at 11.00am on Sunday July 31, in the Parish Centre. If you would like to attend, please contact Chris Power (0418 148 657) **before July 27** to allow for catering.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:

Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is being celebrated on July 24 this year. The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "In old age they will still bear fruit", taken from Psalm 92. Find prayer and liturgical resources and Pope Francis' message at www.catholic.org.au/grandparents



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022

Roster for Masses – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 30-31, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	J De Boer	J Peachey	M Saunders	P Elliott
9:30am Sun	M Owen	G Neeson	N Nash	R David

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: August 6 — Pattie Pruscino **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 —JULY

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.



DIOCESE OF BROOME

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: **administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus.

In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

Refreshed and Renewed Online Retreat

Date: July 28-30, 2022,

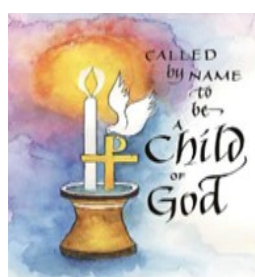
Registration: \$20

Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to survive? Catholics across Australasia want to answer the Church's call to mission. Yet with the demands of parish work and a global pandemic, it's easy to feel discouraged and burnt out. That's why it's so important that we take the time to be re-energised and revived in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Together with Parousia, we invite you to the Refreshed & Renewed online retreat on July 28-30 featuring Dr. Edward Sri, Fr. James Mallon, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Steve Ray, and many more — where you will encounter Jesus through prayer, be re-energised by amazing talks, and experience the Holy Spirit renew your heart.

Register today at:

www.divinerenovation.org/refreshed-renewed



**We welcome to our Parish through
Baptism**

Serrin, Indi and Ruby,
daughters of Danielle and Scott

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM BEGINS SOON

Continuing the 3 yearly cycle for Stewardship Programs in the Parishes of our Diocese, the Finance Committee will be overseeing the 2022 Program, beginning in late August. The program provides the opportunity for us to take stock of our progress since 2019 and set goals for the next three years.

We begin, as usual, by updating our Parish database using the census cards provided. Please fill one out for your household, even if there has been no change for you since 2019. If you use email, be sure to include that address. When completed, please place your card on a collection plate at the usual times. Or, drop it in at the Parish centre during office hours. Thank-you!

THE MASS SERIES

**Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the
Archdiocese of Brisbane**

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

Liturgy of the Eucharist-Preface

Once the priest has set the bread and wine apart for the sacrifice and said the prayer over those gifts asking the power of God to come upon them, we begin what is the most sacred moment in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Eucharistic Prayer. Or, as we used to call it, the Canon. We say it is right to give thanks to God because everything comes from God as gift. And it is what we mean when we say just that it gets right relationship right. The whole point of sacrifice in the Bible was to acknowledge God as the giver of all gifts. We were simply returning to God what we had received from Him as a recognition that He owned everything, and we owned nothing. So, the same thing happens in the Mass. That's why we say it is right and just that we give God thanks and praise because He is the giver of all gifts, and all the gifts are gathered up in the bread and wine now set upon the altar. Then we have what's called the Preface, which is really the beginning the Eucharistic Prayer, and it recalls some of the things God has done. This again is deeply biblical because the Bible talks about a God who acts — in a sense the Bible is the story of what God does. Having told the story, we gather up our prayer. The Preface issues into the Prayer of the Angels when we say: "Holy, Holy, Holy", words taken from the Bible. They are the song of the Angels, so the Church, having acknowledged that it is right and just to give thanks and told the story of what God has done, joins the chorus of the Angels in singing of the infinite holiness of God whose glory fills all heaven and earth. The song of the Angels really opens the door to the Eucharistic Prayer that follows.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers
scholarships to enable lay people to further their
understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised
activity, such as promoting faith
enhancement, social justice and pastoral care
More information and Applications Forms are available on our
website

<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Closing Date: July 29, 2022



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BAIRNSDALE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

Enrolments are now being taken for candidates to participate in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, to be celebrated on September 10-11, 2022. Children who have already celebrated their First Reconciliation and are in Year 4 or over may be enrolled.

For further information please contact Michelle via email
stm.michelleg@gmail.com

Readings: July 30-31, 2022 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Collections: July 17, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 788.00
DD & Cards	\$ 1175.00
1 st Collection	\$ 377.85
2 nd Collection	\$ 727.60
Peter's Pence	\$ 972.70



Palms Australia

Celebrating a Return to Global Mission

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider **Mission opportunities abroad**. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online or **Ph: 0422 742 567** about a placement to engage your skills and **Register** for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

**St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage.
October 18-29, 2022.**

If you are interested in taking part in the Pilgrimage, look up the details on St Mary's Facebook page or the Website:
www.stmarysbairnsdale.net



You are invited to join our **Online Rosary Group (via Zoom)**

To be held every Wednesday from 7.00-7.30pm, starting July 27. The Rosary

takes us on a spiritual journey, along with Mary, in contemplation with her son Jesus. This powerful prayer is the storehouse of countless blessings. If you would like to participate, email Michelle at stm.michelleg@gmail.com or ring St Mary's Parish Centre on 5152 2942 and leave your contact details. You will be emailed a link which allows you to enter the meeting. We are excited for you to be part of something amazing and marvellous.

A wonderful opportunity to encounter Jesus by praying the Rosary with others.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Amanda Vowell (Chair), Wilma Collier, Marilyn Elliot
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

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.



CATECHIST FORMATION DAY

'Women in the New Testament': Rev Francis Otobo

'The Art of Christmas' - **Icons and Images** :Dr Sr Rose Duffy

Venue: St Jarlath's Hall Yarragon

Date: Tuesday September 6, 2022

Time: 9.00am-3.30pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person

RSVP to BarbaraD@sale.catholic.org.au



Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$972.70. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Websdale, Victoria Shaw, Pat Webb, Mary Henderson, John Scionti, 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: John Butler, Margaret Flynn, David Murray, Mick Michalowsky, Peter Van Nuttrim, Grace Capraro, Alma Egan, Bob Banks, Bob McKenzie, Irene Flannery, John Archibald, Maria Anna Vanzin, Maureen Coffey, Frank Traynor, Demetrio (Dennis) Bagnato, Marie Petterson, Teresa Mitchell, Antonio D'Amore, Peg Townsend 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: Denise Roberts, Marie Ayres (S-I-L of Pat Coloe), Kath Gillies, Michael Counsel, John Spirason, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Mark & Elizabeth Rashleigh, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Craig Counsel, Margaret O'Reilly, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur Roberts, Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic Smythe.

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C July 24th, 2022

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house, he himself gives might and strength to his people.

The Opening Prayer

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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 the book of Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak, perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered, you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

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A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'say this when you pray: Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come, give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.'" He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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Scripture Notes

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is shorter than Matthew's, which is believed to be closer to the original version. Properly understood the 'Our Father' contains a whole programme for Christian living. The first two petitions express a desire for the coming of the kingdom, praising God, acknowledging God as a mother and father to us, and the part we must play in making his kingdom, a reality. The second part deals with our needs. Praying for: bread symbolising our material needs; forgiveness for our own sins and the grace to forgive others who sin against us; and not to succumb to the temptations we come across in

daily life. We are also praying for and with others... there is no 'me or my' in the Lord's Prayer. We need to slow it down, think about its meaning and its implications in our lives. We must pray it, not say it.

Flor McCarthy SDB New Sunday Holy Day Liturgies