



Immaculate Conception
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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.

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C—September 4, 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

August and October

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, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday: 9.10am**

NO MASS TUESDAY

Wednesday: the Year 4 students
from St Mary's Primary will attend

Reconciliation is available each

Friday: after 9:10am Mass

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



First Holy Communion

Candidates for September 10-11



Jack Anderson

William Counihan

Ben O'Reilly

Jett Anderson

Charlotte D'Amore

Indianna Penglase

Lisa Annells-Evans

Grace Dunbar

Robert Reid

Tyson Baldock

Jasmine East

Thomas Walsh

Jett Beams

Clementine Eddie

Luca Webster

Layla Beveridge

Ryder Froud

Alex Whateley

Meika Brodribb

Murphy Glover

William Whateley

Jacob Brooks

William Gray

Cooper White

Kellai-Jade Callaway

Bonnie Hurley

Jude Wilson

Lila Chila

Hannah Kelly

Fernanda Zevallos-Fortunio

Violet Cloak

Charlotte Moore

Guillermo Zevallos-Fortunio

Please keep these young people in your prayers.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Roster for Masses – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 10-11, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister	Offertory Procession
6:00pm Sat	C Shanahan	M Schumann	J Peachey	K Flannery	
9:30am Sun	M Owen	P Browne-Graham	S Tilley	J Fallon	A & B Capobianco, H Van den Einden
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 17 th September — H Sampson 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 SEPTEMBER

For the abolition of the death penalty
We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country



**Come and share a cuppa after
9.30am Mass TODAY
in the PARISH CENTRE**

CHILD SAFETY WEEK AND SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This year, the Diocese of Sale celebrates Safeguarding Sunday on September 11. There has been a lot of activity leading up to it over the last few months involving both Parishes and Schools in relation to Child Safety Week (September 4-11).

You are invited to view the Bishop's video, and winning entries of children for the Child Safety competition who have expressed, *'What makes them feel safe and supported?'* The main Child Safety Week page on the Diocese website is:
www.cdsale.org.au/child-safety-week

FATHER'S DAY

"Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person." Pope Francis *Patris Corde*



Today, we celebrate Father's Day and honour all those who have been an earthly model of God's paternal love for each one of us just like St Joseph was to Jesus. It's a hard job, but probably the best one you'll ever have. We are especially grateful for those fatherly figures who encourage young people to grow in knowledge and love of the Lord. Please pray for all these men, that they continue living out their profound vocation to fatherhood.



PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION SPECIAL COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 3-4, 2022 FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE

The Priests' Welfare Foundation supports Priests, including those from overseas, and Deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting eight Priests and three Deacons and their wives in retirement.

The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be more than \$200,000. Donations can be made by going to <https://www.cdsale.org.aupriestswelfarefoundation> or by using this QR code. The Foundation is most grateful for your support of our Priests and Deacons.

All donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible and a receipt for taxation purposes will automatically be sent if an email address is provided. Your donation may also be made through your local Parish.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Extract from Bishop Greg Bennet's letter on the Plenary Council
The Second Assembly ended with the endorsement of the Decrees which will move toward promulgation.

They set a course for us to heal, to listen; to form hearts and minds in Christ; to welcome all and those on the peripheries; to accompany other Christians and those from other faiths and so much more. It is a beginning point for the entire Church in Australia as she seeks to embody what has emerged into pastoral initiatives so that we can become more mission orientated and more Christ-like.

I encourage you to reflect on the Decrees found on our website: www.cdsale.org.au

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: Communion Rite-Lord's Prayer**

The Church has offered sacrifice to God and brought to Him gifts of bread and wine, which symbolising God touching these gift with the power of the Holy Spirit, transfiguring them into the Body and Blood of Christ. We move into the Communion Rite, the sacrifice becomes the feast. The Lamb we have offered to God, He now hands back to us, as His Son. We pray the Lord's Prayer. We have no words or gifts of our own to bring. The words that we bring are words which Jesus Himself has given. 'Thy Kingdom come', so that the communion which we now share with God, will be a communion that embraces the whole world, which is fractured and fragmented, but a world still able to sit down with God. 'Deliver us Lord from every evil' acknowledging the truth that we celebrate this feast in the midst of that which is not the feast. That which is evil. We are always under pressure and there's always a threat that the feast will die. In the midst of this we ask God to give us His peace, save us from sin and distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour. We are focused on past, present and future. As we join this feast, we look to another banquet which will be the banquet of heaven at the end of time. The Messianic banquet – the Banquet of the Lamb as it's called in the New Testament.

St Mary's Op Shop **Garage Sale**

When: Saturday September 10, 8.00am - 12 noon.

Where: 22 Lawless Street Bairnsdale
(last shed on the right).

What: Huge variety of household and variety items as well as kids' books & toys, knick knacks etc at cheap prices.

Readings: September 10-11 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 32:
7-11,13-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 50:
3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Collections: August 28, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1064.10
DD & Cards	\$ 173.00
1 st Collection	\$ 456.50
2 nd Collection	\$ 761.90



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS EAST GIPPSLAND

invites you to join the local **Seasonal Workers BBQ + Workshop** (How to prepare for first aid and fire emergencies) **1pm Sunday September 11 at ADRA Bairnsdale, 455 Princes Hwy Lucknow.**

RSVP: Wendy 0438 516 322 if you can attend the BBQ.

Season of Creation

September 1 to October 4

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is marked throughout the Christian world and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.



"Listen to the Voice of Creation"

"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you" (Ex 3: 1-12).

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022.

Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.



We welcome into our Parish Family through the sacrament of Baptism

Reia Rei Amancio Gonzales

Daughter of Mary and Rei

ST MARY'S SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

"The Parish has put aside 2.5% of Planned Giving receipts for local, national, and international needs. Your suggestions are warmly invited for this year's disbursement of accumulated funds.



Please leave your written suggestions at the Parish Centre by September 16.

These suggestions are discussed at a subsequent meeting and a list of recipients is drawn up for Fr Michael's approval.

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

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. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Anglican Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell



American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these **Mission opportunities abroad** and mentor those with little other opportunity.

You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. **Enquire online** or **Ph: 0422 742 567** and **Register** for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24 at 11:30am** where you can talk with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now.

Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our **13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16-28**



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Wayne Millard, John Vella, Tony Pollac, Ray Adamson, David Perry, 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: Nicolina Tedeschi, Pasquale Tedeschi, Jack Donchi, Fr Joe Pulis SDB, Pina Ciaglia, Maureen Sheehan, Manfred Ratzman, Bill Greenwood, Anne Farrell, Dinah Howe, Mary Collins, Vittoria Battista, Shirley Stoddart, Neil Wigg, Leo Bills, Mark Morgan, Francesca Aloisio, Francesco Aloisio, Geoffrey Downie 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: Fred Crea, Chris Kelly, Jim Duggan, Philip Cerini, Marie Ayres (S-I-L of Pat Coloe), Kath Gillies, Michael Counsel, John Spirason, 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, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur & Denise Roberts, Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe.

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.

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

The Opening Prayer

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 book of Wisdom 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

A reading from the letter to Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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Scripture Reflection:

Jesus did not hide the difficulties and sacrifices that would be required, of those who followed him. He told them it wouldn't be easy. Jesus actively discouraged the 'courage of the blind'. He said that in following him there is a place for prudence, for counting up the cost, and for discernment to see if one has what it takes. The most important thing when setting out is self-knowledge. We must not take on more than we are capable of; however, we won't know ahead what we are capable of. We may underestimate and overestimate ourselves; and we may need a challenge to bring out the best in us. We can draw encouragement from the apostles, the Gospel shows us how they struggled at every point to follow Jesus. Yet he did not write them off, and they learnt from their failures. By looking at them we discover our own inadequacies. The Gospel offers hope to Christians who fail. Repentance and a second chance are always possible. Jesus is generous with his grace to those who strive to answer his call.