



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.

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C—October 2, 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 September

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

NO MASS MONDAY OR THURSDAY

Tuesday, Wednesday: 9.10am

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

THIS YEAR, SOMETHING SPECIAL IS HAPPENING ON MISSION SUNDAY October 23, 2022

St Mary's Social Justice Group is organising a

Special Food Collection for Neighbourhood House. **(Margarine/Butter or Long Life Milk)**

Neighbourhood House is totally reliant on food donations. They do not receive any Government funding for the services they provide to the disadvantaged in our community.

Some of these services include delicious Lunches Tuesday & Thursday, 12pm and Dinner Friday 5-6pm in the Community Café. An Opportunity Shop, Toy Library, Community Garden Tuesday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday 11am-1pm and the Food Room that distributes healthy food to those who are experiencing hardship. Inspired by the Gospel let us bring joy to those in our community who are disadvantaged.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

At the **weekend Masses on October 22-23** we are all invited to bring a tub of margarine or butter or Long Life milk along to Mass. As requested by Neighbourhood House these items will replenish their pantry.



Parishioners are invited to attend the **Priesthood Ordination of Deacon Mark Hughes** by Bishop Greg at the Sale Cathedral on Saturday October 15 at 11:00am. All welcome.

Let Michael at the Parish Centre know if you are interested in attending and we can look at the possibility of 'car-pooling'.

Roster for Masses – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 8-9, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister	Offertory Procession
6:00pm Sat	J Peachey	B O'Kelly	C Marriot-Smith	J Peachey	
9:30am Sun	M Elliot	H Sampson	S Tilley	J Delaney	R Gray & Family

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: October 1 — B & A Cattapan **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 OCTOBER

Missionary Disciples



We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



Morning Tea after 9.30 am Mass

SUNDAY at St Mary's &

after 8am Mass at Paynesville

Come and join us

THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

Long Term Volunteer



Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January, 2023 to work with disadvantaged young people in our

Salesian communities in Samoa,

Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia.

Applications close October 31, 2022. Send us an inquiry:

www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

'Inverting the Ecclesial Pyramid 60 Years after Vatican II: Evolution of a Synodal Church in Australia under Pope Francis'

On Tuesday October 25 at 6.30pm,

via Zoom, you are invited to the

Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture 2022

UCA (Pallottine Family)

The Orator, **Bishop of Parramatta Diocese**

Vincent Nguyen Van Long OFM Conv.



Bishop Vincent, who came to Australia as a refugee, is Chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. He is much respected and renowned as an inspiring speaker. As the Church goes forward after the Australian Plenary Council, it will be worthwhile listening to his perspective.

Please contact Mary Saunders 0427 525 962 for Zoom login details

PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The East Gippsland Parish Community invites you to this Rosary prayer event, via Zoom, during the month of October, running from 7.00pm – 7.30pm, commencing Saturday October 1.

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:

stm.michelleg@gmail.com or ring St Mary's Parish Centre on 5152 2942 to leave your contact details. A link will be emailed to you for your participation.

We are so excited for you to be part of something amazing and marvellous and to encounter Jesus by praying the Rosary with others. **STILL NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER**

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

You should already have collected your envelopes containing information relevant to our current Stewardship Program.

Stewardship Program Brochures are still available in the Church and the Parish Centre.

Our aim is to collect this information for every Catholic household of our Parish, which depends on us having accurate contact details. The Stewardship Program gives us the opportunity to take stock of our progress since the last program in 2019 and set goals for the next three years. Your engagement is an expression of your belonging. *Fr Michael*

PLEASE RETURN FORMS TO PARISH CENTRE ASAP

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

Every 2 weeks we will, together with Archbishop Mark, share with you each part of the Mass. The series can be found on YouTube>Archdiocese of Brisbane/playlist>The Mass Series **Liturgy of the Eucharist: Rite of Peace.**

After the Lord's Prayer, we pray for peace. The peace which only God can give, and the peace that this feast signifies, sitting down at table with each other. To sit down with God is to anticipate the peace that will come when all is transfigured. So, we pray for peace as we come to share the feast, then share that peace with each other, which is also peace with God. When we offer each other the sign of peace it is not just an ordinary handshake. It's much more than that. It is saying that I believe that you and I are united in the body of Christ. Because of what God has done all the barriers between you and me are down and you and I share life in the Body of Christ, as we come to share the feast which is the Body of Christ, I say that I believe that you are the Body of Christ and you say the same to me. The Priest says: 'the Peace of the Lord be with you.' And you say: 'and with your spirit'. We recognise the truth of each other before we come to share the feast together which is the Body of Christ. The sign of peace recognises the truth of who you have become, because of what God has done, and you recognising that same truth in me. Once we've recognised the truth of each other at the table, we can recognise the truth of what it is we share at the feast. That this is not just bread and wine. That this is the Body and Blood of Christ, because of what God has done.

28th Sunday in OT October 8-9

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm

97:1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:

8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Collections:

Envelopes \$ 1127.00

DD & Cards \$ 430.00

1st Collection \$ 757.10

2nd Collection \$ 825.25

Pay Wave \$ 210.00

Church Tours \$ 700.80

Community Connections East

Gippsland invites you to join the

local **Seasonal Workers BBQ,**

sponsored by the **Uniting**

Church Bairnsdale, 12noon on

Sunday October 9

at ADRA Bairnsdale, 455 Princes Hwy Lucknow.

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





St Mary's Op Shop: 5152 2088



13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16-28



Those on the "sick list" will remain on it for one month. Please contact the Parish Centre to extend this time.

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven, you are the Lord of all.

The Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 prophet Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.

Responsorial Psalm

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord, hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low, let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert

when your fathers put me to the test, when they tried me, though they saw my work. '**R.**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So, you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever, it is the word given to you, the Good News. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately?" Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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Scripture reflection:

In today's scriptures we are admonished not to trust in our own merits, as laudatory as these might be. Rather, Jesus said we should say to ourselves "we are unprofitable servants" merely doing what we should do.

What God offers us is astoundingly greater than we could ever merit or imagine. God offers us a share in God's own divine nature, a participation in Infinite Love! We trust not in our limited servitude or any goodness we might think we have. Rather, we focus all on the pure gift of God, and we welcome it in faith.

Msgnr Stephen J Rossetti