

# 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.

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Willemsen St Mary's Parish Pastoral Centre:

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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

<u>Paynesville</u> Wednesday Rosary: 10.00am

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

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

#### 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

#### 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 STILL NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER others.



Morning Tea after 9.30 am Mass SUNDAY at St Mary's &

after 8am Mass at Paynesville

Come and join us

'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

## 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.

## 28<sup>th</sup>Sunday in OT October 8-9

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm

97:1-4

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 2:

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

#### **Collections:**

\$ 1127.00 Envelopes \$ 430.00 DD & Cards 1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 757.10 \$ 825.25 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 210.00 Pay Wave **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.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE FROM ROME**

Bishop Greg has just completed the course for new Bishops in Rome. The course gathered 152 Bishops from around the world who had been ordained during the Covid pandemic 2019-2022; a further 180 will attend the second session this week.

The course provided the new Bishops the opportunity to engage with various dicasteries of the Holy See and to understand how they exist to sup-



port the mission of the Church. "It is clear" said Bishop Greg, "the call of Pope Francis for the Church to act in a synodal way is being embedded in the manner of every dicastery. There is clearly a process of renewal under way at every level which effects the vision and mission of the Second Vatican Council. The Church is listening more clearly to the joys, hopes, aspirations and anxieties of her people and this dialogue enhances her missionary stance to the world."

The week concluded with the Bishops having an audience with Pope Francis in the Clementine Hall within the Vatican. The Pope entered the hall aided by his walking stick and was greeted warmly by all. While his mobility is somewhat diminished, Bishop Greg suggested, "he is as sharp as ever." Pope Francis chose not to speak from a formal text, but rather wanted to dialogue with the Bishops; again modelling his synodal approach wishing to listen, dialogue and reflect together. "His capacity to draw upon scripture, personal experience, prayer, and pastoral stories enriched out time together. He encouraged us to pray deeply, to be close to the Lord, to one another, our clergy, our people and to seize every opportunity to bring Christ to others. He called us to be imaginative and creative just as we learn in the Acts of the Apostles - a missionary Church in a change of era requires faith, daring and respectful engagement with everyone." The scheduled one hour meeting continued for two hours concluding with an opportunity for every Bishop to greet Pope Francis. "Our week together has gathered us from around the globe. The daily gatherings for prayer, Eucharist, meetings and dialogue, meals and sharing, provided a wonderful opportunity for each of us as we continue with our episcopal ministry. We arrived as strangers and return home with new friendships in faith, mission, and fraternity"

Bishop Greg



Loss and Grief Group meeting:
5.00pm Thursday October 6
in the Parish Centre

#### 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

<u>Sacraments</u>: To request information and registration forms

email stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com

<u>Baptisms</u>: 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.

<u>Funerals</u>: Please contact your preferred Funeral Director for arrangements.

**Communion to the Housebound /Aged Care:** 

Call Pattie Pruscino: 0427 232 682

<u>Special Wedding Anniversaries</u>: 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.



Palms Australia

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** 

Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our

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

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED</u>: Bishop Hilton Deakin, Marcie Hayles, victims of natural disasters, mental health, COVID-19, terrorist attacks, war, conflict, asylum seekers, family violence and poverty.

<u>ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:</u> Luciano Brovedani, Vincenzo 'Vince' Capobianco, Agnes Neligan, Kathleen Currie, Fortunato Desio, Frances 'Jose' Hickling, Pasquale Morelli, Dick Pepper, Elizabeth 'Betty' Merlo, Margaret Kelsey, Salvatore Di Palma, Mary Field, Owen Gibbons, Jack Spirason, Glenda Moulton, Evan Dungey, 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."

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK</u>: George Burton, Fred Crea, Philip Cerini, Marie Ayres (S-I-L of Pat Coloe), John Spirason, Paul Fitzgerald, 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.

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.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C October 1-2, 2022

#### **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."

#### **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.