



St. Francis of Assisi, Benambra

THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

East Region – Diocese of Sale

BAIRNSDALE, PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW, OMEO, SWIFTS CREEK AND 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 Most Holy Trinity Year A, June 4, 2023

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.



A GOD OF TENDERNESS AND COMPASSION

God our Father, who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of
sanctification made known to the human race
your wondrous mystery. Grant us, we pray,
that in professing the true faith, we may
acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and
adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday: 9.10am

Tuesday: 9.10am

Wednesday: 9.30am

St Mary's PS Year 4 Reflection Day

Thursday: 9.10am

Requiem Mass-Brian Rowe: 1.30pm

Friday: 9.10am

Paynesville

Wednesday: Rosary 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

Friday:

After 9.10am Mass

Saturday:

9.30am to 10.00am

5.30pm to 5.50pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's, Bairnsdale: Saturday: 6.00pm

Sunday: 9.30am

St Patrick's, Paynesville: Sunday: 8.00am

St Canice's, Lindenow: Sunday: 11.00am

Swifts Creek, Omeo and Benambra

Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek: 4th Saturday: 6.30pm

Immaculate Conception, Omeo: 4th Sunday: 9.00am

St Francis', Benambra: 4th Sunday: 11.00am

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A, June 10 - 11, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	B O'Kelly	J De Boer	S Gibson	J Peachey	
9.30am Sunday	S Dean	H Van Den Einden	M Elliott	T Kosmer	B & A Capobianco, C Tilley
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: June 10th - H Sampson <u>Please</u> 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 through the Parish Centre: 5152 2942.

Alternatively contact Bairnsdale Police: 5150 2600 or Towards Healing: 1800 816 030.

Anyone can read the scriptures in public: only the believer can proclaim them.

THE ART OF PROCLAMATION

A workshop for readers in proclaiming the word of God

10.00 - 1.00pm

14 JUNE

St Mary's Parish,
Bairnsdale

2.00 - 4.30pm

17 JUNE

St Patrick's Parish,
Pakenham

Are you a reader or would you like to be a reader at Mass?

You are welcome to attend one of our two formation workshops. Learn more about your ministry as a reader and share some practical tips about proclaiming the word.



Presenters

Sophy Morley
Sr Rose Duffy (Pakenham)

Please register using QR code
or
Contact your Parish Office



*Yours is a share in the work of the Lord's spirit
who opens our hearts to God's holy word.
Fr Austin Fleming*

For more information contact Siji Dominic at 03 5614 5163 / email SijiD@sale.catholic.org.au

PARISH NEEDS

COVID has interrupted our lives as we know, and at this point in time we wish to reach out to a number of people who have generously served in our Parish Community over past years, and who now may appreciate our support. There are a few Parishioners already receiving communion in their homes.

If you know of a Parishioner who is elderly/house bound, please contact

Pattie: 0427 232 682

or Mary: 0427 525 962

so they can contact them and ask if they would like to receive a visit/communion on a regular basis.

We are also inviting Parishioners, male and female, who would like the privilege of taking communion out, to please respond to this need.

An Information/Training time will be advertised in future bulletins.

Thanking you in anticipation.



BLESSING AND OPENING OF NEW ASSISTANCE CENTRE

The Lakes Entrance St Vincent De Paul Assistance Centre, located at 339 Esplanade, was officially opened on Wednesday May 24. The Centre is run by SVDP Bairnsdale and was opened due to an increased demand for their services. Entirely staffed by volunteers the Centre is open Monday and Friday: 10.00-2.00. The SVDP hopes, if there are more people prepared to commit themselves to even an hour a week, the days may be increased.

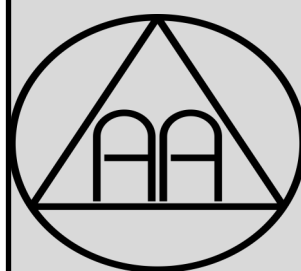
For more information, or to volunteer, contact SVDP Assistance Centre Bairnsdale: 5152 6687

Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass at St Mary's Bairnsdale

and after 8.00am Mass
at St Patrick's Paynesville

This Sunday

**Come and join us for a cuppa
and a natter**



Have a problem with alcohol?
There is a solution.

Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A) has a simple program that works and has done so for over 80 years. It is based on one alcoholic helping another.

If you need support, contact Bruce: 0412 938 772

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS - JUNE

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.



READINGS

June 10 - 11, 2023

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

1st Reading:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm:

147:12-15, 19-20

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

COLLECTIONS:

May 27 - 28, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1181.00

DD & Cards \$ 188.00

1st Collection \$ 781.55

2nd Collection \$ 681.55

Pay Wave \$ 90.00

Trinity Families \$ 815.40

Worksheets Available for Collection



Dear Parent/Carer,
Please collect a worksheet for your child to help them deepen their understanding of the Word during celebration of the Mass. A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

- **Think of all the wonderful things God has made.**
- **How can we praise God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for all we have been given?**
- **God sent his Son Jesus because he loves us.**
- **How can we return that love?**



**50th MASS AND PROCESSION
IN HONOUR OF ST ANTHONY
SUNDAY JUNE 11, 2023,
11.00am**

ST MARY'S CHURCH BAIRNSDALE

Mass and celebration of
St Anthony of Padua
concelebrated by Bishop Greg
Bennet, Frs F Bertagnolli SDB,
Michael Willemsen and other
priests at St Mary's.
A procession will take place
after Mass, followed by

Benediction, blessing and distribution of bread and Holy
Pictures. All are welcome to attend a social gathering in
St Mary's Parish Centre following the event.
Please bring a plate to share.

**50ª MESSA E PROCESSIONE IN ONORE DI S. ANTONIO
DOMENICA 11 GIUGNO 2023 ORE 11.00am**

CHIESA DI S. MARIA BAIRNSDALE

Messa e celebrazione di S. Antonio da Padova
concelebrate dai Vescovo Greg Bennet, dai Padri F
Bertagnolli, Michael Willemsen e altri sacerdoti. Dopo la
Messa si svolgerà una processione, seguita dalla
benedizione, benedizione e distribuzione del pane e
delle immagini. Tutti sono invitati a partecipare a un
incontro sociale nel centro parrocchiale di St Mary dopo
l'evento. Si prega di portare un piatto da condividere.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons, Jacinta Da Costa,
Geoff Neeson, Leonie Urban
Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, Fr Mark
School Principals and Michael Flynn**

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

National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week

May 26 was National Sorry Day, when we remembered and acknowledged the hurt
and trauma of the Stolen Generation, those forcibly removed from their families and
communities. We observe National Sorry Day on the anniversary of the 1997 Bringing
Them Home report, which exposed the racist history of government policy that
enabled children to be removed from their families.

Since the inaugural National Sorry Day some progress has been made, notably with
then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivering a National Apology, however Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander children still remain 10.6 times more likely than
non-indigenous children to be removed from their family.

Following National Sorry Day, we observe National Reconciliation Week, from May 27
– June 3; an opportunity for Australians to take part in the process of reconciliation.

*"In true reconciliation, through the remembering,
the grieving and the healing we can come to terms
with our conscience and become as one in the
dreaming of this land."*

*Dr Evelyn Scott, Chairperson. Council for Aboriginal
Reconciliation 1997.*



National Reconciliation Week

May 27 - June 3 #NRW2023

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all
Australians to learn about our shared histories,
cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each
of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in
Australia.

The theme, **Be a Voice for Generations**, encourages all
Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible
ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and
socialise.

For the work of generations past, and the benefit of
generations future, let's choose to create a more just,
equitable and reconciled country for all.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Matt La Porta, Leo Coffey, Brian Rowe, Mary Johnson, all 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: Berna Carroll, Lillian Bills, Robert Bills, Brian Keady, Bill McNeill,
Grace Calabro, Paul McFarlane, Brendan Prendergast, Kath McAuley, Jean McNeill, Bernard Leahy, Andrew Carty, 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: Adrian Coulter, Jan Baxter, Josephine Box, Deidree Tickner, Kathleen Robertson, Stuart Murray
(nephew of Frank Brown-Graham), Maria Sticca, Baby Ethan, Robyn Finlay, Brendan Kosmer, Darcy Sutton, John Atkins, Rick Harney,
John Spirason, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith.

**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.**

The Most Holy Trinity June 3 - 4, 2023

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

The Opening Prayer

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.

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 Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **R. Glory and praise for ever!**

Blest your glorious holy name. **R. Glory and praise for ever!**

You are blest in the temple of your glory. **R. Glory and praise for ever!**

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **R. Glory and praise for ever!**

You are blest who gaze into the depths. **R. Glory and praise for ever!**

You are blest in the firmament of the heaven. **R. Glory and praise for ever!**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned, but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

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Scripture notes:

Of all the great feasts we celebrate within the Church throughout the year, today's Solemnity presents us with a Mystery that is so deep and transcendent that our eternity will be spent in perpetual contemplation. The Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though the Church has used philosophical concepts to explain the Trinity, no human concept or description will ever fully explain Who God is. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity.

As we consider that fact, it's important to understand that the Trinity is not *first* a theological mystery we try to define. Rather, the Trinity is *first* a communion of Persons we are invited to know. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction. We come to know God through prayerful union with Him. Though theology is exceptionally useful and important, the essence of God is beyond any and every philosophical concept we can define.