



St. Patrick's Paynesville

# 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.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Willemsen

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Mark Hughes

**Presbytery:** 23 Pyke Street Bairnsdale

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**Parish Pastoral Centre:** 135 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale

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#### 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, June 18, 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.



**May God, who brought you to this special day  
continue to direct your life in his perfect way.**

Alexander Banson	Jordan Cribbes	Ryan Holmes	Xavier McKinnon
Jaxon Behan	Christiano Desio	Stella Kuick	Jasmine Mooney
Kristella Beria	Annabelle Evans	Harris Lujic	Cody Taylor
Annabel Brazzale	Tyrone Fawcett	Karson Lynch	Hanna Veldhuizen
Alexander Brooks	Noah Gardam	Rubyrose McDonald	Marcus Warr
Harlen Calabro	Alexis Hansen	Quinn McGovern	Alyssa Watt
Darcey Camm	Paige Harmer	Owen McKenna	

#### WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

**Monday: 9.20am**

Tuesday: 9.10am

Wednesday: 9.10am

Thursday: 9.10am

Friday: 8.00am Nagle College

9.10am St Mary's

**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

#### 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A, June 24-25, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	C Shanahan	J Peachey	D Ball	B O'Kelly	
9.30am Sunday	J Fallon	A Chila	L Urban	K Cassidy	N Nash, B Payne, N Rooney
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: June 24 - J and D Fallon <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.**



## The St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

**Special Collection: June 24-25, 2023**

The theme of this year's Winter Appeal is "what if your mum, grandma, or sister became homeless?", highlighting women over 55 years of age who are becoming homeless in record numbers. Each year our Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result. You will find donation envelopes on your seats and be assured your donations come to our local Conference and will continue to support our local community.

Bairnsdale Conference 92 Macleod Street Bairnsdale 5152 6687

Lakes Entrance Assistance Centre 339 Esplanade Lakes Entrance 0457 213 288

### MAGI PILGRIMAGES



Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 12-day

Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan and Israel led by Fr Thomas Areekuzhy MCBS.

This pilgrimage features places from the Old and New Testaments and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$6,590 AUD.

The fare includes Airfare + Local Transfers in Deluxe Coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts and Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Melbourne on October 15, 2023. For enquiries and bookings call 1300 721 561 or email [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au)



As you may recall in March this year, Mr Neville Powles announced his retirement as Principal of Nagle College effective as at the end of the 2023 school year.

I am pleased to advise that following an extensive recruitment process

Mr Doug Doherty has accepted the position of Principal of Nagle College to commence from the start of Term 1, 2024.

Doug has extensive experience as an educator and school leader and is currently the Deputy Principal-Head of St Paul's Campus at Lavalla College, Traralgon. I look forward to welcoming Doug and his family to East Gippsland. Fr Michael.

### MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP

Holy Spirit You are welcome here...

Lift your hearts to the Lord in Praise and Worship

Mondays 7.15pm-9.00pm St Mary's Parish Centre  
Nicholson Street  
Initial enquiries to the Parish Centre: 5152 2942



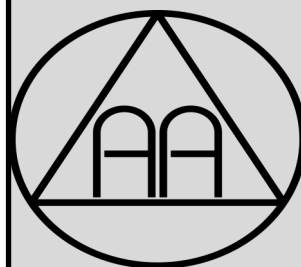
### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO



Prayer Group and Liturgy of the Word on Sundays when there is no Mass.

9.00am in the Church,  
followed by morning tea.

For more information contact  
Jessica: 0491 706 678



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 24-25, 2023**

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Responsorial Psalm:  
68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

#### COLLECTIONS:

**June 10-11, 2023**

Envelopes \$ 790.00

DD & Cards \$ 300.00

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 1081.05

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 774.05

Pay Wave \$ 70.00

### 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:

- **Who do you invite when you share a meal?**
- **Who does Jesus invite to share in his sacred meal?**
- **What are some of the things we do at this sacred meal, the Mass? (i.e., listen to God's Word, bring forward gifts, sing, pray, join in processions etc)**
- **Eucharist means 'thanksgiving'. What can we thank God for in the Eucharist today?**



## **This Week is Refugee Week**

**June 18-24, 2023**

### **'Finding Freedom'**

Most people who want to come to Australia need help.  
The law is confusing and changes quickly.

**Tuesday June 20 7.30pm at St John's Hall,  
Francis Street Bairnsdale**

**Special Guest Speaker Susan Murphy  
Registered Migration Agent**

**will share information about the main types of visas  
which are available to Refugees and Asylum Seekers.**

**During the evening The Bairnsdale Gentlemen's Choir  
will provide entertainment and  
a light supper will conclude the evening.**

**Right now 15,000 people are living in deep poverty  
while seeking asylum in Australia.  
Help us secure them a safety net.**

Over 70,000 people who have sought protection in Australia are waiting for the government to make a decision on their applications. Of those, approximately 15,000 people – including children, the elderly, and people with disabilities – urgently need a basic safety net to help them survive while they wait.

These 15,000 people are facing desperate poverty, chronic food shortages, malnutrition, homelessness, and dire health issues while they wait years for a decision on their protection applications.

**This can all change with a simple decision by the  
Australian Government; we just need you to tell them  
it's time to act.**

**(East Gippsland Asylum Seekers Support Group)**



**St Mary's PS Grade 4 First  
Holy Communion students made  
over 80 sausage rolls to go into  
the freezer for those in need.**

**Miles Andrew,  
son of Casey Grimsted  
and Kael Dewar  
Born Sunday June 11,  
8lb 13oz.**



## **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](mailto: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

## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023**

Enrolments are now being taken for  
candidates to participate in the  
Sacrament of Confirmation, to be  
celebrated with Bishop Greg on  
Saturday August 26, 2023

Children who have already celebrated  
their First Reconciliation and  
First Eucharist, and are in Year 6 or  
over, can participate.

**Enrolments close July 1, 2023.**

For further information please contact  
Michelle via email:  
[stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com)  
or call the Parish Centre on 5152 2942.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jenny VanderWalde, Maureen Kleinitz, Ida Tomasiello, victims of the Hunter Valley bus crash and 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:** Don Ainsworth, Amanda Otuonye, Gerardas Baleisa, Kevin Mason, Brian Megna, Heather Bills, Kenneth Heaney, Helen Biacsi, Robert Coleman Roger Reinhardt, Olwen May Stephens, David Roberts, Glad Stray, Anne Reinhardt, Bob Seehusen, Peter Morgan, Ruth Fraser, Bill Ffrench, Joe Ainsworth, Tony Zagami, Jim O'Brien, Theresa Conway, Agostino Calvi, Cath Lees 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:** Bill Johnson, Adrian Coulter, Jan Baxter, Josephine Box, Deidree Tickner, Kathleen Robertson, Stuart Murray (nephew of Frank Brown-Graham), Maria Sticca, Baby Ethan, Robyn Finlay, Darcy Sutton, John Atkins, Rick Harney, John Spirason, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted).

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

## **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time June 17-18, 2023**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

### **The Opening Prayer**

O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.

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 19:2-6**

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

### **A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans 5: 6-11**

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! **Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 9: 36-10:8**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.

And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils.

You received without charge, give without charge.'

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### **Scripture notes:**

Many of us feel uncomfortable with the idea of evangelizing – being missionary disciples, perhaps due to a perception that it involves knocking on a stranger's door and telling them about Jesus. Yet, evangelization is not always so formal, and we have many opportunities to spread the good news in our daily lives.

We can evangelize by offering a helping hand to someone in need and then sharing how we have been helped through the power of God. When someone asks us to pray for them, we can say a prayer with them and share a moment of connection and faith. We can also invite someone to come to Mass or attend a church event with us, sharing the joy of our faith and the community of believers. However, in order to spread the light of Christ to others, we must first be able to see it shining in our own lives. We must strive to live our lives in a way that reflects the love, compassion, and mercy of Christ, so that others may be drawn to Him through us.

Evangelization is not about forcing our beliefs on others, but about sharing the hope and joy that we have found in Christ and inviting others to join us on this journey of faith.

By embracing our role as evangelizers, we can share the good news of the Gospel and help others to encounter the transformative power of Christ's love.

*Young Catholics*