



St. Canice's, Lindenow

# 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

Phone: 5152 3106

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

Phone: 5152 2942

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Facebook: [St Mary's Church Bairnsdale](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchBairnsdale)

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#### 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, June 25, 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.



#### The St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal

#### Special Collection: this weekend - 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

#### WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Mass celebrated in the Chapel  
(Except Friday)

**Monday: NO MASS**

Tuesday: 9.10am

Wednesday: 9.10am

Thursday: 9.10am

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

#### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, July 1-2, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	G Dooley	C Shanahan	J de Boer	P Elliot	
9.30am Sunday	R David	T Kosmer	N Nash	M Owen	A Chilla, M Grimsted
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: July 8 - B & A Cattapan <b>Please</b> 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.**



## **ALPHA - 2ND PROGRAM BEGINNING: August 2 (more information in coming weeks)**

**ALPHA** - is about sharing God's love through friendship

**ALPHA** - is a chance to ask anything

**ALPHA** - is an opportunity for guests to experience what it's like to live the Christian life, in the Christian community.



Morning Tea after Mass  
at St Mary's and St Patrick's  
next **Sunday July 2**

## **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



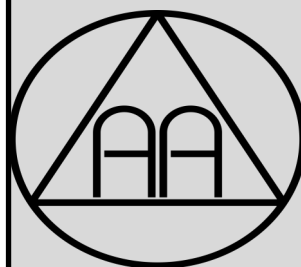
## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OMEO**



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: July 1-2 2023**

#### **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

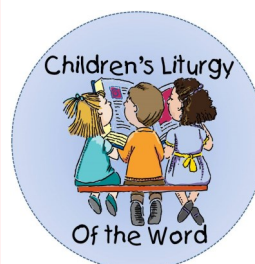
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

### **COLLECTIONS: June 17-18, 2023**

Envelopes	\$ 816.00
DD & Cards	\$ 550.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 925.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 1038.35
Pay Wave	\$ 230.00

## **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:

- ♦ **What are some of your most precious things?**
- ♦ **How do you care for them?**
- ♦ **God says that we are precious to him.**
- ♦ **How does God care for us?**
- ♦ **We do not need to be afraid because God is always with us.**



### **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.**

### **RCIA Diocesan Workshop**

***Enquiry stage: Sharing of Ideas***

**Invitation to: Clergy, RCIA Coordinators, RCIA teams and interested Parishioners.**

**Date: Saturday July 22**  
**Time: 9.00am for 9.30am start**  
**Venue: Oblate Hall, St Kieran's Parish**  
**Lloyd Street, Moe**  
**Finish: 1.00pm lunch and fellowship**  
**Bring: Resources you are using for RCIA**  
**Cost \$10.00-Lunch and Morning Tea provided**  
**RSVP Joan Robertson:**  
**St Joseph's Parish Office 5623 1642**

### **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.

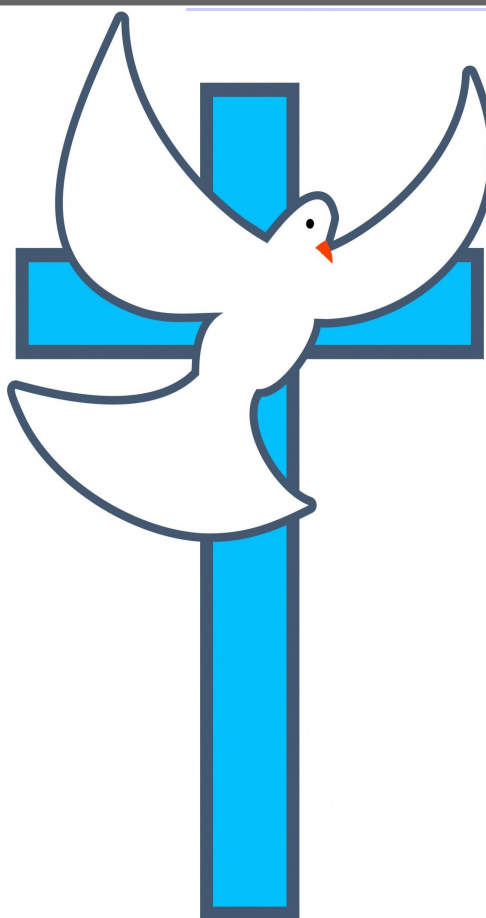
**Communion to the Housebound /Aged Care:**

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



### **FAREWELL SOPHY MORLEY**

Sophy is retiring after 23 years of faithful service to the Sale Diocese. July 5 is her last day in the role.

Sophy will be sorely missed as her wisdom and spirituality is so obvious to those who know her.

We wish her well and pray for her in her retirement. Sophy will not disappear entirely, planning to stay involved in Music and more.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lesley Websdale, Jenny VanderWalde, Maureen Kleinitz, 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:** Dennis McNamara, Rik Vijverborg, Maurice Walsh, Mary Keyte, Cath Smyth, Margaret Scott, Chris Ward, Dawn Anderson, Malcolm Hodgkisson, Margaret Morgan, Wilma Palmer, Jack Cooney, Joan Overend, Lorna Carroll, Mick Carroll, Nathan Walker Don Ainsworth, Amanda Otuonye, Gerardas Baleisa, Kevin Mason, Brian Megna, Heather Bills, Kenneth Heaney, Helen Biacsi, Robert Coleman 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:** Hudson Schwab, Adrian Coulter, Jan Baxter, Josephine Box, Deidree Tickner, Kathleen Robertson, Stuart Murray (nephew of Frank Brown-Graham), Maria Sticca, Baby Ethan, Robyn Finlay, 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.**

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

## **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time June 25-26, 2023**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

### **The Opening Prayer**

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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 Jeremiah 20:10-13**

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "'Terror from every side!' Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

### **Responsorial Psalm R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needs and does not spurn servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures **R.**

### **A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

**Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So, there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.

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### **Scripture notes:**

Fear is something we all have to cope with. The phrase, 'Do not be afraid' appears 366 times in the Bible. Fear isn't necessarily a bad thing, as it can warn us of the presence of danger. But it can be a handicap, making us cowardly and can be a measure of our lack of faith. Everyone who accomplishes great things has to overcome fear, like Jeremiah. However, what helped him overcome his fears? His conviction that God was on his side. Jesus knew the apostles would face persecution and martyrdom and he knew that to overcome their fears they needed to have complete trust in God; that God would be beside them to give them the courage they needed. Faith is not a comforting illusion that all is well. Rather, it means that life is full of insecurity and risk - yet Jesus encourages us to persevere with faith and courage knowing that God is beside us every step of the way.

*Flor Mc Carthy SDB New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies*