



St Frances of Assisi  
Benambra

# 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.  
Empower our community to activate their gifts to build a better world.  
To strengthen and grow our faith.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Willemsen

#### Presbytery:

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Email: [stmarysbairnsdale@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysbairnsdale@gmail.com)

#### St Mary's Parish Pastoral Centre:

135 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale Phone 5152 2942

Website: [www.stmarysbairnsdale.net](http://www.stmarysbairnsdale.net)

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

#### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C June 26, 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 -  
June and August

##### 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

Monday-Friday 9.10am

#### Paynesville

Wednesday Rosary 10am

**RECONCILIATION** is available each

Friday after 9:10am Mass

Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am and  
5:30pm to 5:50pm

The Harvest is plentiful,  
but the labourers are few

Mt 9:37

Get up! Stand up!  
Show up!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders  
Sunday JULY 3 2022 [www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.org.au)

#### Roster for Masses – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 2-3

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	P Reefman	C Marriot-Smith	J De Boer	P Elliot
9:30am Sun	G & K Cassidy	T Kosmer	G Neeson	H Sampson

**Cleaning:** Fortnight ending: 9<sup>th</sup> July — G Cannizzaro 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.**



### **Prayer for Plenary Council 2020**

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.  
O God, bless and unite all your  
people in Australia and guide us on the  
pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another  
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories  
and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other  
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,  
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

***Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.***

***St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.***



### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions —JUNE**

We pray for Christian families  
around the world:

May they embody and experience  
unconditional love and advance in love and holiness  
in their daily lives.

### **DO YOU (or someone you know)**

....have difficulty reading?

We have a voice recording and  
reflection of the Sunday Gospel  
available, which can be emailed to you.



Interested? We can email it directly to you.

Please contact Michael at the Parish Centre: 5152 2942 or  
email: [stm.pattiepruscino@gmail.com](mailto:stm.pattiepruscino@gmail.com)



## **SECOND ASSEMBLY OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL**

Masses and sessions will be live-  
streamed each day and people are invited to send  
messages of prayer, hope and support for those gathering.

The link for live-streaming and sending messages is:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

Please keep in your prayers our members, Bishop Greg  
Bennet, Fr Peter Slater VG, Fr Denis O'Bryan EV, Lize  
Privitera, Katherine Jelavic and Sr Mary Olofu, who have  
been preparing themselves by listening and discerning.

For more information visit: [www.cdsale.org.au](http://www.cdsale.org.au)



The **Loss and Grief Group** will be  
meeting at

5.00pm on Thursday July 7 in the  
Parish Centre.

If you have suffered

the loss of a loved one, a partner,  
or are struggling with grief over a failed relationship, or  
have just lost your way, come and join us!

Contact Michael at the Parish Centre 5152 2942



**Come and share a cup of tea or coffee  
after the 9.30am Mass  
next Sunday July 3, in the Parish Centre.  
Everyone welcome.**



### **Refreshed and Renewed Online Retreat**

**Date: July 28-30, 2022,**

**Registration: \$20**

Do you sometimes feel like you're just trying to survive?  
Catholics across Australasia want to answer the Church's call  
to mission. Yet with the demands of parish work and a  
global pandemic, it's easy to feel discouraged and burnt out.  
That's why it's so important that we take the time to be  
re-energised and revived in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Together with Parousia, we invite you to  
the Refreshed & Renewed online retreat on July 28-30  
featuring Dr. Edward Sri, Fr. James Mallon, Deacon Harold  
Burke-Sivers, Steve Ray, and many more — where you will  
encounter Jesus through prayer, be re-energised by amazing  
talks, and experience the Holy Spirit renew your heart.***

**Register today at:**

[www.divinerenovation.org/refreshed-renewed](http://www.divinerenovation.org/refreshed-renewed)

### **Walking in the Spirit National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council**

People across the country are invited to participate in a national  
prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for  
the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in  
Sydney from July 3-9. We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and  
grace for the members who will gather and also for ourselves and  
the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is  
leading us. Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources  
at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit)



### **EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE**

To donate, please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine](http://www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine)

or phone: 1800 101 201.

Prayer Cards and Donation Slips are available at  
St Mary's Church.

### **ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST**

Offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their  
understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a  
specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement,  
social justice and pastoral care More information and  
Applications Forms are available on our website [https://  
pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-  
scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html](https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html)

**Closing Date: July 29, 2022**

### **Readings: July 2-3, 2022**

#### **14th Sunday in Ordinary**

#### **Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65:1-  
7, 16, 20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

### **Collections: June 19, 2022**

Envelopes \$ 1132.00

DD & Cards \$ TBA

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 574.65

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 616.80

Vinnies Collection \$ 2095.70

## 2022 CHILD SAFETY WEEK COMPETITION

Get creative.

Tell us what makes you feel safe and supported.

The Diocese invites all school-age children to participate in a competition where entries can be a poster (digital or scanned in electronic form) or video (mp4).

See entry form, ideas and support materials on:

[www.cdsale.org.au/child-safety-week](http://www.cdsale.org.au/child-safety-week)

or contact your parish.

Entries close: **Friday July 22, 2022**



**A huge THANK YOU to everyone  
who donated to the  
Vinnie's Winter Appeal  
at our weekend Masses.**

**\$2095.70**

**has been collected to date, with Lakes Entrance and Orbost  
still to come. A tremendously generous show of support  
for Vinnies and members of the Bairnsdale Conference,  
who do so much good in addressing the needs of our  
local community.**

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Amanda Vowell (Chair), Wilma Collier, Marilyn Elliot

Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons,

Peter McMahon, Jacinta Da Costa

**Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, Principals and Michael F.**

**A Parish Directory:** is 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

**DID YOU KNOW...** Sr. Angela Ryan, (Angie McKail's sister) a Brigidine Sister since 1958, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours List, for her services to the Catholic Church.

And, Sr. Bridget Arthur, also a Brigidine sister, who spoke at the film night for the East Gippsland Asylum Seeker Support Group on Thursday, was made an Officer of the Order of Australia (OA) for her services to social welfare (particularly with reference to asylum seekers) and the Catholic Church. Such powerful examples of loving service in our community.

## Scripture Notes

In Jesus' journey into Jerusalem, Luke portrays Jesus as one who knows his destiny and accepts it from God, telling us about incidents that happen along the way. In the first passage Jesus refuses to retaliate against the hostility he encounters. In the second passage Jesus tells His potential followers, that obedience to the call of discipleship with total dedication and commitment, are demanded. The image Jesus uses is of the ploughman creating a straight furrow, needing a high degree of focus and commitment. It implies that if we begin a task, we should give it our all. Fidelity is not always an easy road. The path may be more dangerous when it is littered with attractions rather than obstacles as we are so easily side-tracked. For us, following Christ means to be called a Christian where you are and in your chosen life. There are many ways of serving Christ and His Gospel.

The Samaritans and the Jews were mutual enemies. Jesus' response was not to advocate weakness. It demands more courage and strength not to retaliate. There is a difference between a reaction and a response. We may not have control over our reaction to something, but we can decide how to respond.

No matter how unchristian another person may act towards us, we have it in our power to act in a Christian way towards them. Revenge and retaliation only add darkness to darkness, and may satisfy our rage, but leave our hearts empty.

*Flor McCarthy SDB New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Naomi Rooney, suddenly in SA (grand-daughter of Pat Coloe), victims of mental health issues, COVID-19, terrorist attacks, war, conflict, asylum seekers, family violence and poverty.

**ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Rik Vijverborg, Maurice Walsh, Mary Keyte, Cath Smyth, Margaret Scott, Chris Ward, Dawn Anderson, Malcolm Hodgkisson, Margaret Morgan, Wilma Palmer, Cathy and Charlie Fermio, Jack Cooney, Joan Overend, Lorna Carroll, Mick Carroll, Nathan Walker, Pasqualina Di Palma, Amanda Otuonye, Gerardas Baleisa, Brian Megna, Heather Bills, Kenneth Heaney, Helen Biacsi, Robert Coleman, Dennis McNamara, 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 ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:** Marie Ayres (sister-in-law of Pat Coloe), Kath Gillies, Leo Russell, Michael Counsel, John Spirason, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Victoria Shaw, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Mark & Elizabeth Rashleigh, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Craig Counsel, Margaret O'Reilly, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur Roberts, Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic Smythe.

***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.



**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C June 26, 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon**

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**The Opening Prayer**

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**A reading from the Book of Kings 19:16, 19-21**

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came to Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right-hand happiness for ever **R.**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:1.13-18**

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community. Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening, you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:51-62**

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along, they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury the dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him. 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'