



Immaculate Conception, Omeo

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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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, July 2, 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 new life
in Christ...

Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander

Sunday July 2, 2023

Morning Tea - after Mass **THIS SUNDAY** at St Mary's and St Patrick's

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Mass celebrated in the Chapel
(Except Friday)

Monday: 9.10am

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, July 8-9, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	J Peachey	B O'Kelly	K Flannery	M Saunders	
9.30am Sunday	J Coverdale	P Brown-Graham	S Tilley	S Dean	P Pruscino, B and A Capobianco
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: July 8 - B & A Cattapan <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.

ALPHA CORNER



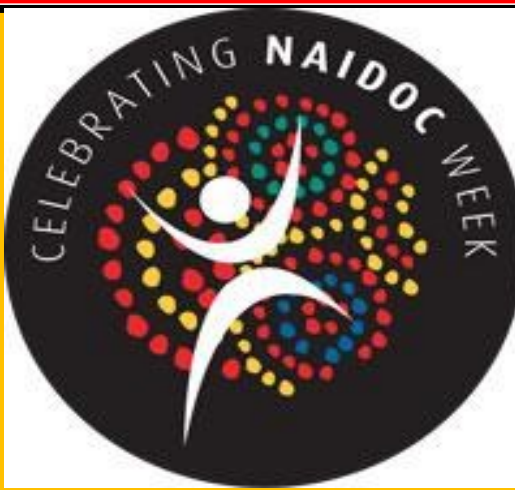
ALPHA - 2ND PROGRAM BEGINNING: August 2

Alpha began in 1977 at Holy Trinity Brompton, London as a course for new Christians, and in 1981 became a 10-week program. By 1998 over 10,000 churches were running Alpha. More than 27,000,000 people have tried Alpha in over 160 countries.

Alpha Bairnsdale has 4 key elements: FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, FILMS and FUN.

Our response to Matthew 28:19, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations", is to encourage and equip the Church of Australia to make Jesus' last command our priority.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore faith and encounter the love and truth of Jesus.



NAIDOC WEEK JULY 2-9 - 'FOR OUR ELDERS'

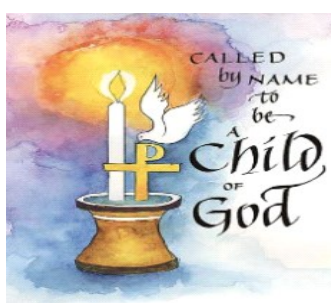
Read the Uluru Statement from the Heart

Visit: <https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/>

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Catholic Council

Visit: <http://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html>

We welcome Eleanor and Hudson,
children of Rachel & Lee Murka
into our Parish family this weekend,
through the Sacrament of Baptism



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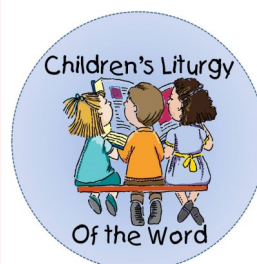
Prayer Group and Liturgy of the Word on Sundays when there is no Mass. 9.00am in the Church, followed by morning tea. For more information contact Jessica: 0491 706 678



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS - JULY For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.

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:

- In today's gospel what did Jesus ask his disciples to do? (welcome people)
- How could they have made people feel welcome?
- Why do you think making people welcome was so important to Jesus?
- How does it make you feel when you are welcomed?
- Jesus asks us to welcome people. How can we do this?

READINGS: July 8-9 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

COLLECTIONS: June 25-26, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 1,185.00
DD & Cards	\$ 165.00
1 st Collection	\$ 439.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 686.25
Pay Wave	\$ 70.00



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

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: 5623 1642

Loss and Grief Group

Meeting

5.00pm Thursday July 6

In the Parish Centre



FOOTSTEPS OF ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE

•11 Days / 10 Nights

•August 3-13, 2023 with Fr John Greig and Donrita Reefman

•Melbourne to Adelaide

•Daily Mass

For more information visit the link: <https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/footsteps-of-st-mary-mackillop/>



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Ron Ashman (Roisin's son), Tim Kiely, Joe Cocco, Lesley Websdale 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: Pasqualina Di Palma, Michelle McCormack, Eric Lenahan, Norman Dore,
Noeline Harris, Melissa Overy, Ross Scott, Marion Pearce, 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 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: Maree Lesley Cowell, 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.

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

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. 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 second book of the Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. R.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel R.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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Scripture Notes

Jesus emphasises the supreme importance of following Him wholeheartedly, even if it means putting Him above family relationships. He challenges His disciples to prioritise their commitment to Him above all else.. Jesus acknowledges that following Him may result in division and conflict within families, highlighting the potential sacrifices and challenges that the disciples may face for their faith.

Jesus calls His disciples to love Him above all, indicating the depth of devotion and allegiance required in discipleship. Jesus assures us that even the smallest acts of kindness and service done in his name will not go unnoticed by God, promising a reward and recognition in the kingdom of heaven.

Young Catholics