



**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.

**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

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

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

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

#### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, July 9, 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.



#### PETERS PENCE COLLECTION

#### JULY 15-16

Peter's Pence money is spent in three areas:  
social projects (65.4 %),  
“supporting the evangelising presence” of local Churches in need (20.4%),  
and the “expansion and preservation of the evangelising presence” in new local Churches (14.2%).

#### 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

#### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, July 15-16, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	N Light	J Peachey	D Reefman	C Marriot-Smith	
9.30am Sunday	G and K Cassidy	D Atkins	B Marshall	K Cassidy	B Payne, N Rooney, L Urban
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: July 22 - S Gibson <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

### A Prayer for Alpha

Dear Lord, bless us and keep us, make Your face shine upon us. May Your favour be upon us and grant us peace. We pray You will invite those who are open and ready to receive Your loving presence to join the Alpha Program. Guide our Parish and our community in sharing the gift of Alpha and lead us to a joyful communion, led by the Holy Spirit. Amen

You are invited to our Youth Group



TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART: PROVERBS 35

Join us for Food, Music, Games, Singing  
@ St Mary's Parish Centre  
(entry via McDonald's car park)

**1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month**  
(excluding school holidays)

**Time:** 5pm to 7pm

**5pm Youth Group** - Games, Singing, Dancing, Food

**6pm Church Mass** - Children's Choir &  
Children's Liturgy of the Word

**Ages:** 8 - 13 years (however, all are welcome)

Our gatherings will occur on the following dates:



- \* 5th & 19th August 2023
- \* 2nd & 16th September 2023
- \* 7th & 21st October 2023
- \* 4th & 18th November 2023
- \* 2nd & 16th December 2023



Contact Fr Mark Hughes or Michelle Grimsted  
St Mary's Parish, Bairnsdale  
on 5152 2942 for more information

### PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Dear God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your  
Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for  
wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their  
decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children,  
at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



### 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

### CAN YOU HELP ??? SUNDAY MASS MORNING TEA

We are looking for volunteers to help with the  
Morning Teas, making sandwiches, slices etc,  
cleaning up. If you would like to contribute to this  
great social event, please contact

Helen Van Den Einden: 0434 531 504 or  
Michael at the Parish Centre: 5152 2942.



### **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.

#### READINGS:

July 15-16 2023

**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 64:10-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8:18-23

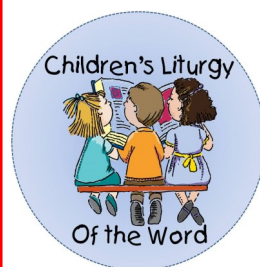
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

#### COLLECTIONS:

July 1-2, 2023

Envelopes	\$	944.10
DD & Cards	\$	3402.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$	589.65
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$	727.55
Pay Wave	\$	50.00

### 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 are some people you know who are wise?**
- **What makes them wise?**
- **Jesus says that ordinary people can be wise if they know God.**
- **What is God like?**
- **Jesus says he is gentle and humble. How can we be gentle and humble?**





## 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

### 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

### POSITION VACANT

**St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale Omeo**  
**Bookkeeper / Office Manager**

Experience in MYOB an advantage.

Supportive Team Environment. Family Friendly.

Part time – 22.5 hrs (Negotiable)

Call the Parish Office for a Position Description  
or further information: 5152 2942



### ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE:

11 Days/10 Nights August 3-13, 2023

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/>

### LITURGY TEAM MEETING

The Liturgy Team meets on Tuesday

July 11 at 11.00am in the Parish Centre.

Items for the Agenda can be sent to the  
Parish Office. Attention: Kath Cassidy.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Frank Field, Ron Ashman (Roisin's son), Tim Kiely, Joe Cocco 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:** Stephen Redenbach, Vera Maginn, Christopher Coverdale, Jean Hannaford,  
Nunzio Lanteri, Margaret Postma, Carmel Hall, Kerrie Knott, Pasqualina Di Palma, Michelle McCormack, Eric Lenehan, Norman Dore,  
Noeline Harris, Melissa Overy, Ross Scott, Marion Pearce 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:** Denise Roberts, Bess Quigley, 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.**

## **14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 8-9, 2023**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

### **The Opening Prayer**

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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 Zechariah 9:9-10**

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

### **Responsorial Psalm** R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. R.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. R.

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:9, 11-13**

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30**

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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### **Scripture Notes**

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to those "who labour and are burdened" and invites them to carry the light and easy yoke that He will give them. In other words, Jesus is identifying the fact that the scribes and Pharisees had so distorted the Law of Moses that the practice of the Jewish faith had become a burden that was too difficult to carry. In contrast, Jesus' New Law of grace was freeing, light, and easy. Reflect upon Jesus' gentle invitation to you to embrace the "yoke" of perfection. Do not see it as too much. Rather, see it as a joyous invitation from our Lord. Ponder the fact that God not only calls you to the heights of holiness, He also provides you with the means to obtain it. Have faith in His almighty power and open yourself to it more fully so that you will be able to do anything and everything our Lord asks of you with ease and joy.

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