



St Canice's, Lindenow

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.

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B, 25th July, 2021

Welcome to all who have joined us to celebrate Mass.

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

~~Sunday: 11:00am~~

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has proclaimed the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on the fourth Sunday in July each year – July 25 this year. It is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

A reminder that Mass for You at Home is an option for those looking for Mass on television (6am on Channel 10, 10am on Foxtel Aurora Channel 173) or online at www.massforyou.com.au or <https://www.youtube.com/massforyouathome> any time from 7am AEST.



Weekday Masses for 26th—30th July

~~Monday: 9:10am - St Mary's~~

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Wednesday: 9:10am - St Mary's

Thursday: 9:10am - St Mary's

Primary School

Friday: 9:10am - St Mary's

Monday to Friday @ St Mary's

Morning Prayers: 8:45am

Rosary: after 9:10am Mass

Paynesville: Rosary 10am Wednesday



The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

Registration: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au NO COST

Program: Available from Saturday 31st July 2021

Please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre.

'They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?' Acts 2:37

RECONCILIATION is available on
Friday following 9:10am Mass
and **Saturday**
9:30am - 10:00am and
5:30pm to 5:50pm

Roster for Masses 31st July & 1st August 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	B O'Kelly	C Power	J De Boer	B O'Kelly
9:30am Sun	M Owen	G Neeson	N Nash	K Bennett
Cleaning: Fortnight ending 7th August : C Marriot-Smith			Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.	

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

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.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

(Apostleship of Prayer) July

Universal intention - Social friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

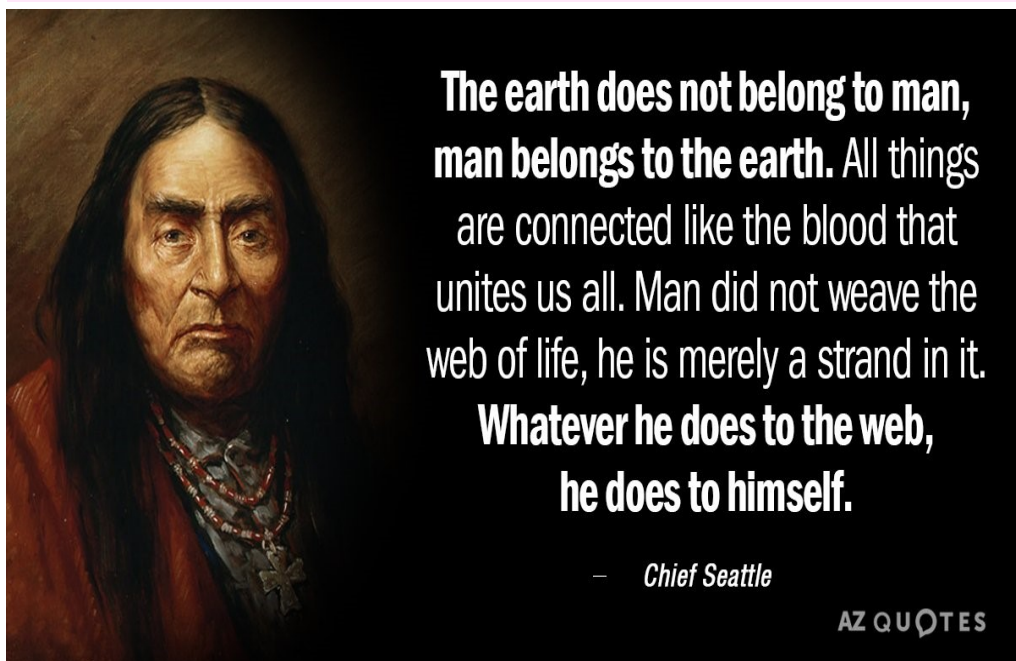


The Diocesan Catechist Association of the Sale Diocese is offering a video series by Daniel O'Leary called

'An Astonishing Secret'

It will be held via Zoom over 5 Monday nights beginning 2nd August at 7:30pm.

We ask that you email Barbara Durand at BarbaraD@Sale.catholic.org.au and she will forward you the link in time for the 1st screening on 2nd August.



**The earth does not belong to man,
man belongs to the earth.** All things
are connected like the blood that
unites us all. Man did not weave the
web of life, he is merely a strand in it.
**Whatever he does to the web,
he does to himself.**

— Chief Seattle

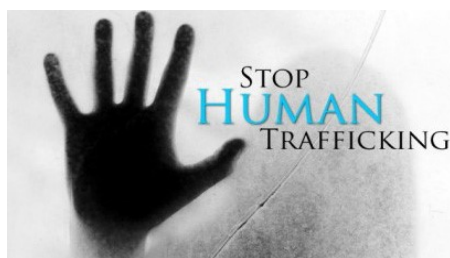
AZ QUOTES

United Nations World Day Against **TRAFFICKING OF HUMAN PERSONS** 30 JULY 2021

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Pope Francis refers to it as "a scourge against humanity" and encourages all to commit to "its total eradication". (Vatican News 01 August 2020) <https://www.un.org/observances/end-human-trafficking-day>

ACRATH: Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans

www.acrath.org.au



Blessings and birthday wishes to **Margaret Sheehan**

on turning 90 years young.

A wonderful achievement. We give thanks to God for the gifts Margaret has shared with the Parish and wider community.

Readings for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 31st July/1st August 2021

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

Psalms: 77: 3-4,23-25

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Collections for Week ending 18th July

Envelopes	\$	0.00
DD & Cards	\$	760.00
1 st Collection	\$	20.00
2 nd Collection	\$	40.00



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.

Blessing

*May you bear with one another in complete
selflessness, gentleness and patience.
May you do all you can to preserve unity by
the peace that binds you together.
May you forgive each other as the Lord has
forgiven you.*

2021 Child Safety Week POSTER COMPETITION

The Diocese invites all school-age children to participate in a poster competition.

Theme: Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.

- **Get creative**
- **Raise awareness**
- **Empower young people.**

Visit www.cdsale.org.au for details.

Entries close Friday 30 July



Discernment Seminar via Zoom & in-person

**14 x Tuesdays, 9.15am-11am,
20 Jul - 16 Nov 2021.**

This seminar focuses on the movements of God's Spirit and spirits not-of-God in our lives and in our ministries. Discernment of spirits and discernment of God's will are explored. The series is led by Paul Beirne (MA, MDiv, DMin, PhD, Cert Spir Dir, Supervisor: Australasian Assoc of Supervision), Director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. **Cost \$450.**

Book and pay via <https://www.trybooking.com/BSUVX>, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.



Parish Pastoral Council: meets 2nd Thursday of the month. Please submit items to the Parish Centre by 10.00am Tuesday the week before. **Members:** Michael Flynn and Angela McKail (Co- Chairpersons) Angelo D'Amore, Rita Bowers, Marilyn Elliott and Wilma Collier. Ex-officio members: priests, principals and Pattie. **A Parish Directory:** is available at the Pastoral Centre.

Sacraments: Information & registration forms available at stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com

Baptisms: Call the Sacramental Coordinator to set a date. Baptisms are celebrated during or after Mass on the 1st or 3rd Sunday's 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 5152 2942 or 0427 232 682

Special Wedding Anniversaries: 6 months' notice is needed to organise a Papal Blessing for parishioners.

St Mary's Primary School: 5152 3706 **Nagle College:** 5152 6122

St Vincent de Paul Conference/Centre: 5152 6687 **St Mary's Op Shop:** 5152 2088



FAN THE FLAME Towards Plenary Assembly One, October 2021

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/

'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready' John 6:1-15

Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: how do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness?

(Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 6)

The Council's opening statement and Pope Francis' message is a powerful reminder of our call to mission:

As children of God, disciples of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Members of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia are called to develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia at this time.

'I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.'

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium 27

In this year of St Joseph, let us turn to him to intercede for us as we journey together.

THE PRACTISE OF MERCY

Love God, love your neighbour and love yourself.

With so much unforgiveness in the world and perhaps in ourselves and our families, the timing is good for the visit of international film critic and author Fr Richard Leonard SJ to Bairnsdale. St Mary's Parish is delighted to be able to host him on an afternoon where we can focus on mercy, this great Christian theme that is the signature message of Pope Francis. Come. Join us and be inspired. By summing up the biblical law and the message of the prophets and giving us the law of love, Jesus not only overturned centuries of religious beliefs and images of God, but gave us a road map on how to follow him here and now. But how does it practically apply in our everyday lives? The gift of compassion has at its core the law of love and remains Jesus' most important, demanding and challenging teaching.

Where: St Mary's Parish Centre, Bairnsdale When: Sunday 8th August,

DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS THIS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE; we hope he may return at a later date.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

John Butler, Peter Dyson, Geoff Banfield, Owen Davies, Laurence Edwards, Adrian Jones, Lesley Haglund, John Archibald, Michael Evans, victims of mental health issues; of Covid-19; terrorist attacks, war and conflict, asylum seekers, of family violence and poverty.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time...

Frank Power, Marie Wade, Adam Gilhooley, Bill Macnamara, Annuziata Di Palma, Giuseppe Di Palma, Nicolina Tedeschi, Tess Gillies, Antonio D'Amore, Demetrio (Dennis) Bagnato, Margaret Flynn, David Murray, Leonard (Mick) Michalowsky, Peter Van Nuttrim, Grace Calabro, Alma (Bid) Egan, and the 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:

Mark Rashleigh, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Pat Walsh, Arthur Roberts, Margaret O'Reilly, Maree Elbourne, Paul Hawker, Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Ella Ford (NZ), Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Victoria Shaw, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Damian Greaves, Jim Quigley, Craig Counsel, Roma Greig, Linton Smith, Andre Buxton, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic & Thelma Smythe, John Pruscino, Julie Frew.

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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25th July 2021, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people

A reading from the second book of the Kings (4:42-44)

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, 'They will eat and have some over.'" He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

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 eyes of all creatures look to you, and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (4:1-6)

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (6:1-15)

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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Scripture Notes

The first reading and the Gospel both show God's concern for his people who are hungry. Food is a necessity for life and without it who can aspire to a higher form of life? Both feedings are miraculous, and there is an essential human element to each event, without which there would be no miracle. Few of us in Australia today have experienced constant hunger. The bread talked about is concerned with ordinary bread and ordinary hunger and is a miracle of generosity. Firstly, from the little boy who provided the five loaves and two fish, as they were all he had. Then Jesus' generosity in ensuring that everyone had their fill but there were still 12 baskets of leftovers. This miracle prepared the people to receive the bread of eternal life. We might say that we can't multiply the loaves that Jesus did. But we don't have to. God does the miracle through the seasons and the harvest. In our wheat fields God multiplies grains, not loaves. A single grain can produce as many as 70 grains so the food is there. All we have to do is share it, or the money to buy it. Saying grace before a meal is a good practice. In a world where many go hungry, it is something we shouldn't take for granted. Feeding the hungry is the first of the great works of mercy. Perhaps in our parish today, a kind word, a show of care for our neighbour, a call to see how a person is doing are the grains that are needed.

Flor McCarthy SDB -New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies. Year B