



Immaculate Conception  
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# THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

## East Region – Diocese of Sale

### BAIRNSDALE, PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW, OME0, 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  
**Assistant Priests:** Fr Avinash George  
Fr Hiep Van Nguyen  
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Facebook: [St Mary's Church Bairnsdale](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchBairnsdale)

#### 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B, 1st August, 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

Come and enjoy a chat and morning tea  
after 9:30am Mass TODAY.

A chance to catch up after lockdown  
and make new friends



##### Weekday Masses for 2nd-6th August

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

**Tuesday:** 9:10am - St Mary's

**Wednesday:** 9:10am - St Mary's

**Thursday:** 9:10am - St Mary's

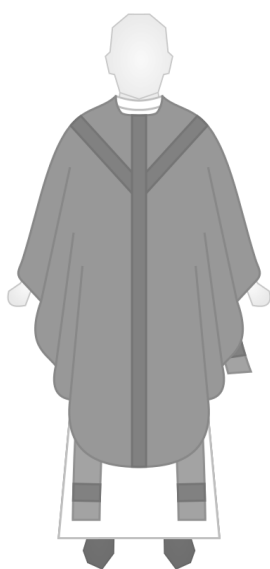
**Friday:** 9:10am - St Mary's

##### **Monday to Friday @ St Mary's**

**Morning Prayers:** 8:45am

**Rosary:** after 9:10am Mass

**Paynesville:** Rosary 10am Wednesday



We celebrate and acknowledge two of our diocesan priests who  
celebrate significant anniversaries of their ordinations to the  
priesthood.

**Monsignor John Allman marking seventy years of Ordination  
and**

**Father John Readman who was ordained in 1956.**

On this memorable day we send our prayers and best wishes to each of  
them, and we thank them for their priestly service to the Diocese of  
Sale over so many years.

Each of them, has in his own distinctive way, played a significant role in  
the leadership of the Diocese. Both men have known seven of the  
bishops of Sale and has contributed to the pastoral life, mission and  
care of our people.

*On this day we give thanks to God for their ministry and pray that Our Lady of Perpetual  
Help will continue to lead them to her Son.*

*Bishop Greg Bennet.*

As we begin Vocations Awareness Week we ask that you offer a prayer for our priests of  
the Diocese, especially Fr Michael, Fr Avinash and Fr Hiep. May the Holy Spirit continue  
to fill them with wisdom, understanding, good counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and  
fear (love) of the Lord. May more women and men respond with generosity to the call  
to serve God in this way. Amen

**RECONCILIATION** is available on  
Friday following 9:10am Mass  
and Saturday

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

#### Roster for Masses 7th-8th August 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	B O'Kelly	C Marriot-Smith	J De Boer	B O'Kelly
9:30am Sun	M Owen	D Fallon	J Coverdale	A Chila
<b>Cleaning:</b> Fortnight ending 21st August: M Saunders		<b>Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.</b>		

#### 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) AUGUST

Intention for evangelization -

#### **The Church**

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



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 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7:30pm.

We ask that you email Barbara Durand at [BarbaraD@Sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:BarbaraD@Sale.catholic.org.au) and she will forward you the link in time for the 1<sup>st</sup> screening on 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

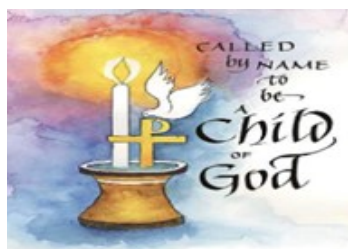


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### **Are You Called to be a Spiritual Director? Come to our Siloam Taster Session via ZOOM & in-person on Sat 14 August 2021, 9.30am-11am.**

*The Siloam Program is an approved full-time or part-time program to form Spiritual Directors, which in 2022, will be available on both Zoom and in-person. It is suitable for those who wish to companion others in their spiritual journey, helping them to notice the movement of God in their hearts and in their lived experience. The program blends academic and practical work to foster a discerning, contemplative approach. Fee-Help is available to qualifying students. We invite local, interstate and overseas individuals to join us for our Taster Session. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 14 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC 3144. Further information is available via email [secretary@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel (03) 9890 1101. Register via <https://www.trybooking.com/BSUNV> or visit our website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)*



We welcome into our parish family this weekend

***Ganesh Vinoth***

son of  
Alzira Mendes Ribeiro &  
Vinoth Michael

#### **Readings: 19th Sunday Ordinary**

**Time, Year B,**

**7-8th August 2021**

**St Mary of the Cross**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 17: 8-16

Psalm: 63: 1-8

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Gospel: Matthew 6: 25-34

#### **Collections for**

**Week ending 25th July**

Envelopes \$ 60.00

DD & Cards \$ 475.00

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 70.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 20.00

## **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.***



### **Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.**

CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. Donations from our parish community will help to support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community.

#### **Please donate to the**

#### **CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.**

Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible

### **LOSS AND GRIEF GROUP**

will meet again at 5pm on 5<sup>th</sup> August at the Parish Centre. Entry via the Nicholson Street door that faces Woolworths. For enquiries please phone Pattie on 0427 232 682.

### **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](mailto:secretary@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101.





**Parish Pastoral Council:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

**I am the bread of life**

**He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'** *Matthew 28:16-20*

The ethical and missionary implications of the Eucharist for the Church's communion of faith will always be incomplete while the poor go hungry, for "we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life without sharing bread for life with those in want".

(Pedro Arrupe, "Address prior to Eucharistic Congress 1976", *The Portal to Jesuit Studies*, accessed 23 April 2021, [https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1976\\_arrupeeucharist/](https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1976_arrupeeucharist/).) [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

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.

## **Scripture Notes**

God sent the Israelites manna and quails to prevent them from dying of hunger. These were probably a natural phenomenon-quails are migratory and may have been forced to rest in the desert where they were easily caught; manna was probably a sweet resinous substance exuded by a certain desert tree, however, still gifts from God and could be seen as signs of his providence and care for his people. This manna nourished his people and sustained life temporarily. The new bread, Jesus' teaching in the Gospel, will nourish and sustain life eternally. We eat food to live, but Jesus was making the point that food alone will never fully satisfy a human being. People in business and producers simply provide what there is a demand for. The spiritual teacher must challenge people to go beyond their tastes. What people want and what they need are often 2 different things. In our world today we are tempted to live for material things alone. It is not that we deny the spirit, more that we neglect it. Jesus challenges each of us to face the deeper spiritual hunger. The 'bread' in question is primarily the teaching given by Jesus, and only at a secondary level does it refer to the Eucharist. The freedom God gave us means that we take responsibility for our own lives. By our baptism we have been called out of 'slavery' (sin, material comforts, securities etc). We have to live by faith and not by sight. No matter how difficult life may be, for those who trust in God, and live life a day at a time, the manna of His help falls every day.

*Flor McCarthy SDB Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Year B*

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Trevor Sharp, Peter Rowe (son of Bob & Pauline), John Butler, Peter Dyson, Geoff Banfield, Owen Davies, Laurence Edwards, Adrian Jones, Lesley Haglund, John Archibald, Michael Evans, victims of: mental health issues; Covid-19; terrorist attacks, war and conflict; asylum seekers; family violence and poverty.

## **ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time...**

Grace Capraro, Antonio Lupo Di Palma, Hank Postma, John McKenna, Frank Nugent, Norma East, Hans Schwab, Max O'Connell, Katie Stenn, Frank Power, Marie Wade, Adam Gilhooley, Bill Macnamara, Annuziata Di Palma, Giuseppe Di Palma, Nicolina Tedeschi, Tess Gillies, 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.

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 1st August 2021, Year B**

**Entrance Antiphon**

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay

**A reading from the book of Exodus** (16: 2-4, 12-15)

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death! 'Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R.The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**

He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven.

He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **R.**

Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food.

He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **R.**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians** (4: 17, 20-24)

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John** (6:24-35)

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,

for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'