



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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1st Sunday of Lent, Year C, 6th MARCH, 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 each month: 11am

Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra -

January, March, May, July,
September and November.

Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

4th Saturday: 6:30pm

Immaculate Conception, Omeo

4th Sunday: 9:00am

St Francis, Benambra

4th Sunday: 11am

Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

Monday to Friday: 9:10am

Stations of the Cross

following Mass each Friday
during Lent.

Paynesville

Wednesday: 10am Rosary

RECONCILIATION is available each

Friday after 9:10am Mass

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



Anatercia 12, was struggling
to cope with adult responsibilities
after her father died. Then she participated
in Caritas Australia-supported training and
gained access psychosocial supports.

Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in
the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and
build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

*You can help to improve the lives of children like Anatercia by making a donation
through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting lent.caritas.org.au
or phoning 1800 024 413*



Learn about the Mary MacKillop story and ministry through participation in a 2-day program at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. Titled: **Mary MacKillop "Daughter of Melbourne"**, you have an opportunity to explore the Life and Spirit of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop as well as have a guided tour of places in Melbourne that were connected with Mary and the Sisters of Saint Joseph Victorian story and time for personal reflection. While this is an opportunity to learn about and be touched by the life and spirit of Mary MacKillop, it is also an opportunity for you to explore and share the challenges and stirrings in your own heart as you respond with others to action today. You can access more information, obtain a brochure and register for this 2 day event here

'Çuppa with Mary' – When visiting Melbourne, please include a visit to the Mary MacKillop Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ's (Sisters of Saint Joseph's) story. Entry is free. Do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Çuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which includes a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$20 pp. Contact Kate on 9926 9300 for a group booking.

Accommodation Specials - With Melbourne opening up, book a stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate on 9926 9300.

Roster for Masses – 2nd Sunday in Lent Year C - 12-13th March 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	M Schumann	J De Boer	D Reefman	K Flannery
9:30am Sun	M Owen	D Atkins	H Van Den Einden	M Owen

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 26th March - P Pruscino

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.

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' MESSAGE FOR LENT 2022

In preparation for Lent 2022, Pope Francis has [released his annual message](#), reflecting on St Paul's epistle to the Galatians:
'Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up' (6:9-10) Here is an extract from paragraph 3: *In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. May the Virgin Mary, who bore the Saviour in her womb and "pondered all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:19), obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring forth fruits of eternal salvation.*



Pope Francis announced 2 March as a **day of prayer and fasting for Ukraine**. Half a world away we watch with concern, hoping the world's sanctions may effect a change to Russian aggression, and we offer our prayers for peace. In his article 'Why we pray for peace', Jesuit Communications director, **Michael McVeigh, says prayer is a counter-offensive to violence**. 'Prayer is its own form of disruption'.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
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.
Anglican Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell

THE SYNODAL JOURNEY 2021-2023

Walking with other Christians – the way of Ecumenism
SYNOD OF BISHOPS – EXTENSION: The local consultation period for the international Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until **Sunday, March 13**. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church!

Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Synod Questions for Discussion and Reflection

COFFEE CONVERSATIONS WITH A FRIEND

You can find the leaflets in the church and Parish Centre.

Have a cuppa with a friend and ask the questions!

Write down your collective thoughts and send them in.

Walking with other Christians is essential to our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. How well do we know our brothers and sisters from other Christian Churches and what do we share? Why don't we do more together? How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission?

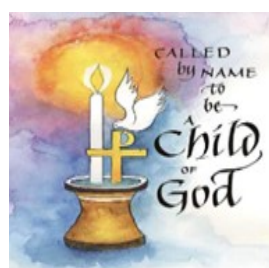
You can submit your responses online <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay> **OR** send them into the Parish Centre and we will submit them for you.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions -March

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges.

We pray for Christians facing bioethical changes;
May they continue to defend the dignity of
all human life with prayer and action.

We welcome into our parish family through Baptism:



Harris

son of Sophie & Dion Ljubic

Frankie Benjamin

son of Karina and Thomas Weatherall

Mason & Millie

children of Katelyn & Brent Isles

LENT A TIME TO REFLECT.....

The Parish is offering this small, easy to carry, booklet for individuals or groups.

'The Spirit and the Cross'

will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter.

Each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis.

The Parish is also offering LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Tuesdays 2pm (face to face at the Parish Centre);

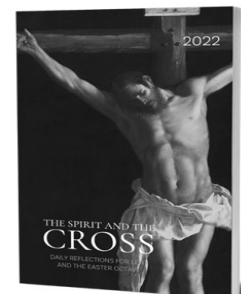
7.30pm (via Zoom); or Thursdays 10am at Parish Centre.

Please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre PH 5152 2942 if you would like to join a Small Group **at another time** or would like further information.

Also on offer is 'Remember' a Lenten program from the Wollongong Diocese. This one is more conducive for groups.

SMALL GROUPS ARE A REWARDING AND IMPORTANT PART OF THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

Friendships are strengthened, and new friendships developed. Hearing opinions and thoughts from others helps **broaden and strengthen our own beliefs and be aware of God's presence** in our lives.



Readings: 13th March 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

1st Reading: Genesis
15:5-12,17-18
Responsorial Psalm:
21:1,7-9,13-14
2nd Reading: Philippians
3:17 – 4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Collection for 27/2/22

Envelopes	\$	818.00
DD & Cards	\$	815.00
1 st Collection	\$	954.60
2 nd Collection	\$	950.50

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,
make yourself at home in our hearts;**

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

**Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.**

Let us find in You our unity

**so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and
time, in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen**

**THE MASS SERIES – by Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the
Archdiocese of Brisbane Liturgy of the Word – Creed**

Once the people of God have heard the Word of God, in the biblical readings, we stand up and recite the Creed together. This is our way of saying "Yes, we believe the Word that we have heard. We put our trust in the God who has spoken to us." There are two Creeds that we use: one is the Creed of the Council of Nicea, which happened in 325AD - they're very old words, the other one is the Apostles' Creed we call it, but it's the baptismal creed used in the Church of Rome in the early centuries. They're both similar in the sense that they say, 'we believe in God - Father, Son and Spirit, the God who has called us into His own life, who speaks to our heart.' We say in the Council of Nicea's creed that Jesus is consubstantial with the Father. It means that He is united perfectly to the Father. In the Apostles' Creed we say that Jesus descended into the realm of the dead, he descended into hell. That means - He goes into the dark world of the dead and floods that world with the light of Easter. At its heart the creed is the same in every age and every place. It's God's people saying yes to the God who speaks and yes to the word that we've heard here and now.

RESTORING FRESHNESS IN THE TIME OF LENT –

Michael Elligate

Online Lenten Series presented by Emmaus Spirituality Ministry.

Emmaus is a joint ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Sale and Jesuits and Ignatian Spirituality Australia. The Online series will be held

March 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th

Thursday morning @ 10:30am OR Thursday evening @ 7:30pm

Facilitators: Theresa Denny & Geraldine Naismith

-Bookings: salespirituality1@gmail.com **Cost:** \$25 per session.

ALL are welcome and don't let cost prevent you from participating.

Your Parish Pastoral Council

meets 2nd Thursday of the month. Items for the Agenda to be given in to the Parish Centre by 10.00am Tuesday the week before.

Members: Wilma Collier, Marylin Elliott,

Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons,

Peter McMahon, Amanda Vowell & Jacinta Da Costa.

Ex-officio members: priest, principals and Pattie.

A Parish Directory: is available at the Pastoral Centre.

St Mary's Primary School: 5152 3706

Nagle College: 5152 6122

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 Vincent de Paul Conference/Assistance Centre: 5152 6687

St Mary's Op Shop: 5152 2088

Scripture Notes

Jesus spent time in the desert praying and reflecting, and made a habit of seeking it at difficult moments in his life, to recover or rededicate himself to his father's mission. We too need the 'desert' experience, a lonely place for reflection. We often live foolish and unspiritual lives, with our priorities in the wrong place, driven by stupid desires and imprisoned by selfish habits and surrounded by noise and constant activity. We may be unwilling or unable to be alone, silent or be still. We need solitude, where we can begin to stand on our own feet before God and the world and accept full responsibility for our own lives. However, if the source of our temptations is within us, they will follow us into the 'desert'. There we will meet our 'demons', our addictions, our lust, our anger and our need for recognition and approval. We will change everything but what counts in our lives, changing only things that don't discomfort us or cost too much. Jesus went through temptation, and can empathise with and help us in our struggles with temptation. With his help we can triumph over the things that tempt us.

Flor McCarthy SDB New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Year C

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kate D'Brass, Ron DeBoer, Guido Maglione, Dorothy Warner, Joe Duffy, Ben Buckley, 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...

Christian Halligan, Barry Neve, Gwenda Leighton, Madge Marshall, Dino Baccega, Aida Bachetti, Rachela Dicello, Betty Dimarco, Guiseppe Ganci, Pauline Ganci, Mary Sicura, Marie Francis, Sheila Lees, Ursula McCarthy, Lina Ciavarella, Leo Deery, Kathleen Griffin, Maureen Matthews, 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:

Leo Russell, Michael Counsel, John Mahoney, John Spirason, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Lyn Donchi, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Victoria Shaw, Paul Hawker, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Michael Flynn, 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, Andre Buxton, 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.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

The Opening Prayer also known as The Collect

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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.

A reading the book of Deuteronomy (26:4-10)

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone.

On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name.

When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the to the Romans (10:8-13)

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

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A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (4:1-13)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.