



St Patrick's, Paynesville

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.

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C—August 21, 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 monthly: 11am

Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra

August and October

Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

4th Saturday: 6:30pm

Immaculate Conception, Omeo

4th Sunday: 11:00am

at the Omeo Hospital

St Francis, Benambra

4th Sunday: 9:00am

Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

Monday: 9:10am

Tuesday: 10:30am

Funeral Mass for Angelo Elia
(Rosary at 10:00am)

Wednesday: 9:10am

Thursday: 9:10am

Friday: **NO MASS**

Reconciliation is available each

Friday: after 9:10am Mass

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

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of:

Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.

Roster for Masses – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 27-28, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	C Shanahan	M Schumann	C Marriot-Smith	P Elliott
9:30am Sun	M Owen	D Atkins	P Brown-Graham	S Tilley

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 3rd September — M Saunders **Please 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 via the Parish Centre 5152 2942; or Police 5150 2600; or Towards Healing 1800 816 030.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions — AUGUST

Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

**St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage.
October 18-29, 2022.**

If you are interested in taking part in the Pilgrimage, look up the details on St Mary's Facebook page or the Website:
www.stmarysbairnsdale.net

THE MASS SERIES

Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the Archdiocese of Brisbane

The series can be found on YouTube>Archdiocese of Brisbane/playlist>The Mass Series

Liturgy of the Eucharist-Eucharistic Prayer Part 1

Once we begin the Eucharistic Prayer, we have the invocation of the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine, placed on the altar. This is important as we are calling down the Spirit of God on these gifts and we ask God to breathe in to these gifts to make them more than bread and wine, taking us way back to the beginning of the biblical story. God, we are told, picks up a lump of earth – good, rich soil – and then breathes His breath, His Spirit, into the soil, creating the human being. We're asking God, to do what you have done before. Breathe upon these gifts to make them more than bread and wine. Transform these gifts by the power of your Spirit into the body and blood of Jesus Christ crucified and risen.

Then we tell the story of the Last Supper. 'Take this all of you and eat of it, for this is My Body'. We believe, that the word of Jesus has power enough to take bread and wine and transform them into the Body and Blood of Jesus crucified and risen. Just as the breath of God transformed a lump of soil to become the human being, just as the breath of God became the power that transformed the early Church from a cringing crowd into a powerful missionary community.

The promise is made of the transformation of everything. Of us, our lives, all that we've brought with the bread and wine, even the cosmos itself will be transfigured.



DIOCESE OF BROOME **Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service** **NEEDED URGENTLY -** **VOLUNTEER WORKERS**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist in working with the local Church, in various Aboriginal communities. There are a variety of important voluntary tasks in **administration, building and vehicle maintenance, gardening, hospitality, general cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and a small weekly allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060

Email:

volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM BEGINS SOON

Continuing the 3 yearly cycle for Stewardship Programs in the Parishes of our Diocese, the Finance Committee will be overseeing the 2022 Program, beginning in late August. The program provides the opportunity for us to take stock of our progress since 2019 and set goals for the next three years.

We begin, as usual, by updating our Parish database using the census cards provided. Please fill one out for your household, even if there has been no change for you since 2019. If you use email, be sure to include that address. When completed, please place your card on a collection plate at the usual times. Or, drop it in at the Parish centre during office hours. Thank-you!

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is conducting an emergency appeal to support the Church in Ukraine. Funds are being sent to clergy and religious orders who are on the ground assisting the Ukrainian people.

To donate, please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine or phone: 1800 101 201.

CATECHIST FORMATION DAY

'Women in the New Testament':

Rev Francis Obo

'The Art of Christmas' -

Icons and Images: Dr Sr Rose Duffy

Venue: St Jarlath's Hall Yarragon

Date: Tuesday September 6, 2022

Time: 9.00am-3.30pm



Readings: August 27-28, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm: 67:4-7, 10-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews: 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Collections: August 14, 2022

Envelopes \$ 1495.00

DD & Cards \$ 250.00

1st Collection \$ 446.75

2nd Collection \$ 521.50

CatholicCare \$ 1080.70



CONCERT
BAIRNSDALE UNITING CHURCH
 Cnr Great Alpine Rd & Lanes Rd,
 Lucknow

JULIE LOCKHART
 Pianist



SAXOFONO ERGO SUM
 Saxophone Quartet

Music from the Renaissance to present day favourites.

2pm
Sunday
28 August 2022

ADMISSION AT THE DOOR \$25 (CASH)
 SCHOOL STUDENTS FREE

AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED

ENQUIRIES PH. 0409021651



This year's Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.'

We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action.

If the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you, refer to the Getting Help page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP, your parish priest or parish pastoral worker.

Access the Statement <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace,
www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 62019845.

Facebook | www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Amanda Vowell (Chair), Wilma Collier, Marylin Elliott,
 Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons,
 Peter McMahon, Jacinta Da Costa

Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, Principals and Michael F.

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

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



We welcome into our Parish Family
 through Baptism

Olivia Kate Eileen

Daughter of Annorí and Damien

AND

Charlie and Penelope

Daughters of Casey and Daniel

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Angelo Elia, 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: Jan Feltham, Michael Trybus, Joyce 'Jean' Rankin, Penny Hood, Rita Spirason, Maureen Terrill, Freda Carrick, Frank Gregson, Marjorie Dore, Hank Janson, Peter Vanzin, Alma Turzan Josie Redenbach, Craig Toomey, Ronnie Bruce 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: Jim Duggan, Philip Cerini, Ray Adamson, Marie Ayres (S-I-L of Pat Coloe), Kath Gillies, Michael Counsel, John Spirason, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Mark & Elizabeth Rashleigh, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Craig Counsel, Margaret O'Reilly, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur & Denise Roberts, Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, 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.

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Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

The Opening Prayer

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord, they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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Scripture Reflection:

Jesus refuses to get into the numbers game, or speculate about matters best left to the wisdom and mercy of God. The important thing is the kingdom is present and the door open. However, the door is not so wide that we can saunter in when it suits. It is a narrow opening through which we must push our way with determination, and it will not be open indefinitely. The narrow gate suggests that one must be prepared to squeeze in; be willing to humble ourselves and warn against presumption. Jesus' contemporaries thought they had a divine right to enter the kingdom. The things we depend on in this world, will count for nothing. Jesus said the kingdom belongs to the poor, the clean of heart, to those who show mercy, to those who suffer in the cause of right, to the obscure and lowly who know how to serve; not the rich, the well-dressed, the powerful, the famous or celebrated. We must really want to enter God's kingdom and we must be prepared to work for it. Salvation is not something we can earn. Salvation is a gift from God, but that means we must make ourselves worthy of the kingdom

Flor McCarthy SDB 'New Sunday & Holy Day Homilies