



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.

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

#### **SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C—August 28, 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-Friday: 9:10am

##### **Paynesville:**

Wednesday-Rosary 10am

#### Reconciliation is available each

**Friday:** after 9:10am Mass

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

## **2022-2023 Social Justice Statement**

### **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/resources/social-justice-statements/>

#### **How communities can confront Violence and Abuse**



Listen to, support, and believe those who are experiencing violence and abuse.



Speak out about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence and the responsibility of perpetrators to change.



Publicise the support available in your area for victim-survivors and for perpetrators who want to change their behaviour.



Reflect together on how we might be caught up in structural and cultural violence.



Reject spiritual abuse by debunking the misuse of faith sources to justify violence, abusive behaviour or to coerce women to stay in unsafe situations.



Connect with programs, ensuring our responses are evidence-based and trauma-informed.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Promote resources on responding to family and domestic violence

#### **Roster for Masses – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 3-4, 2022**

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister	Offertory Procession
6:00pm Sat	C Shanahan	M Schumann	J Peachey	P Elliott	
9:30am Sun	G & K Cassidy	D Atkins	B Marshall	M Elliott	N Nash, B Payne, N Rooney
<b>Cleaning:</b> Fortnight ending: 3rd September — M Saunders <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.***

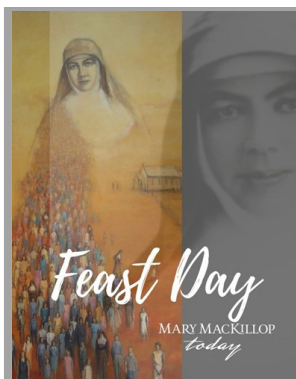
***Our Safeguarding Officer is Kath Cassidy who can be contacted via the Parish Centre 5152 2942; or Police 5150 2600; or Towards Healing 1800 816 030.***

We welcome Fr Peter Kooloos this weekend while Fr Michael is in Orbost and Lakes Entrance for First Communions.



### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions —AUGUST**

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 spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to bring life to  
**"the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard."**

Your donation to Mary MacKillop Today will support thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia with education, health and finance and livelihoods opportunities, bringing hope to communities for generations to come.  
To make a donation please go to:

[www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/donate](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/donate) Or contact us at: Mary MacKillop Today PO Box 1646 North Sydney NSW 2059 Ph: 02 8912 2763

### **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 2**

After the consecration we then **remember** in a way that makes the past present.

Together we proclaim the Mystery of Faith....the Sacrament of Faith. In doing so we remember something which is past, acknowledge what God is doing here and now and look forward to something we believe God will do. 'We proclaim your death O Lord', looking back at the death of Jesus ; 'We profess your Resurrection', which is still happening, here and now; 'Until you come again' looking forward to that moment when Jesus Christ will return. In the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, we call upon the power of Christ to intercede for the Church, for the world, for ourselves and the dead. Again, this prayer has a power that reaches beyond death and can embrace the dead. The Mass is an experience of communion of the living and the dead; of those who are in heaven and those who are still on earth; this vast community that the communion of God has created through time and space. 'Through Him, With Him and in Him, To you O God Almighty Father, all glory and honour forever and ever.' In other words, the great cry of praise. Praising God because once you have remembered and once you have seen the transforming power of God all you can do is issue into an ecstasy of praise and that's really where the great prayer concludes.

### **PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION: SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE**

**FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE**

The Priests' Welfare Foundation supports Priests, including those from overseas, and Deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting eight Priests and three Deacons and their wives in retirement. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be more than \$200,000.

Donations can be made by going to <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> or by using this QR code.



The Foundation is most grateful and appreciative of your support for our Priests and Deacons. All donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible and a receipt for taxation purposes will automatically be sent if an email address is provided. Your donation may also be made through your local Parish.



### **St Mary's Primary School Art Show:**

**In the PARISH CENTRE**

**9am-9pm August 27-September 2**

**Come and share a cuppa after**

**9.30am Mass**

**next Sunday September 4**

**in the PARISH CENTRE**



### **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!



**The Loss and Grief Group will be meeting  
in the Parish Centre**

**Thursday September 1, at 5.00pm.**

**If you are interested and haven't been before please  
contact Michael on 51522942**

### **CATECHIST FORMATION DAY**

**'Women in the New Testament':**

**Rev Francis Otober**

**'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**

Transport is available: contact Michelle at the Parish Centre



### **Readings: September 3-4, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:  
3-6, 12-14, 17

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philemon 1:9-10, 12,  
17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

### **Collections: August 21, 2022**

Envelopes \$ 905.45

DD & Cards \$ 885.00

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 459.60

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 728.30





**Community Connections East Gippsland** invites you to join the local **Seasonal Workers BBQ + Workshop** (How to prepare for first aid and fire emergencies) **1pm Sunday September 11 at ADRA Bairnsdale, 455 Princes Hwy Lucknow.**  
**RSVP:** Wendy 0438 516 322 if you can attend the BBQ.

## Season of Creation

**September 1 to October 4**

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is marked throughout the Christian world and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.



**"Listen to the Voice of Creation"**

*"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you" (Ex 3: 1-12).*

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022.

Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.

## St Mary's Social Justice Group

*"Jesus makes it clear that what corrupts a person does not come from outside but from within. If hearts are shaped by the compassion and generosity of God, they will hear the cries of the afflicted, and act. The heart here is seen as the core of human will and desire. Real disciples do God's will when they heal and protect those who suffer, despite any worldly cost or false standard. Jesus is the fulfilment of the true law that others have distorted by their greed. In taking more than we need in any sphere of life, balance is disturbed and something or someone is harmed or deprived. God desires all to have enough to live free and full lives. How do you bring God's Kingdom to birth in the world?" Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*



The Parish has put aside 2.5% of Planned Giving receipts for local, national, and international needs. Your suggestions are warmly invited for this year's disbursement of accumulated funds.

**Please leave your written suggestions at the Parish Centre by 16th September.** These suggestions are discussed at a subsequent meeting and a list of recipients is drawn up for Fr Michael's approval.

## 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](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

## 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**



American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these **Mission opportunities abroad** and

mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. **Enquire online** or **Ph: 0422 742 567** and **Register** for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24 at 11:30am** where you can talk with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our **13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16-28**



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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Vella, Tony Pollac, Ray Adamson, David Perry, 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:** Anne Farrell, Dinah Howe, Mary Collins, Vittoria Battista, Shirley Stoddart, Neil Wigg, Leo Bills, Mark Morgan, Francesca Aloisio, Francesco Aloisio, Geoffrey Downie, 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 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:** Chris Kelly, Jim Duggan, Philip Cerini, 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.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C August 28 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**The Opening Prayer** God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 book of Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;

rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24**

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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**Scripture Reflection:**

Each Sunday we are invited to the banquet of the Eucharist, with Jesus our host and we as his guests. Privilege and rank have no meaning; differences don't count, as before God we are all equal. Every place at the feast is a place of honour. Jesus was invited to the house of a leading Pharisee and felt from the moment he arrived he was being observed. We can observe another person with friendly, hostile or indifferent eyes. Friendly eyes put us at ease and make us feel welcome. Hostile eyes mean that we are looking for faults, casting doubts on motives making us feel uncomfortable and unwelcome. Indifference means we don't care one way or another about that person. We have no concern or interest in another, almost as if they don't exist. Jesus felt hostile eyes upon him and challenged those at the feast to see that true giving occurs when nothing is expected in return. So, what eyes do we see with, in our daily lives and at the Eucharist?

*Flor McCarthy SDB 'New Sunday & Holy Day Homilies*