



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.
Empower our community to activate their gifts to build a better world.
To strengthen and grow our faith.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 29th 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~~

Weekday Masses

for 30th August—3rd September

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

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~~Thursday: 9:10am St Mary's~~

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Monday to Friday @ St Mary's

Morning Prayers: **T B A**

Rosary: **T B A**

Paynesville: Rosary 10am Wednesday

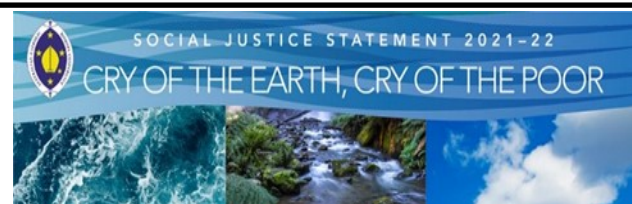
RECONCILIATION is **NOT** available on
Friday following 9:10am Mass
and **Saturday**

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

29th August 2021

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference,
Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor,
Social Justice Statement 2021-2022



*"We are being called to a new way of thinking, feeling,
understanding and living."*

Our Challenge

- To Listen to First Peoples:** Identify and implement ways you, your family, and your community will listen to the First Peoples.
"When it comes to human knowledge of the lands and waters known as Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples are our first teachers."
Cry for the Earth, Cry for the Poor
- Reflect on Theological Foundations:** Consider how *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* will shape your action to care for creation.
"This year we offer some theological foundations for a genuinely Christian response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor: creation in and through the Trinity; the sacramentality of all created things; wonder and beauty... and the need for conversion and change of life".
Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Induction to Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor
- Use the Laudato Si' Action Platform** www.laudatosiactionplatform
See next week's Bulletin for the ACTION PLAN

The Social Justice Statement can be found at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au



ST MARY'S SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

The Parish puts 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 3rd September.** These suggestions are discussed at a subsequent meeting and a list of recipients is drawn up for the Parish Priest's approval.

Roster for Masses 4th—5th September 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	T Flannery	B Calabro	M Saunders	P Elliott
9:30am Sun	H Sampson	D Fallon	P Brown-Graham	J Fallon
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 4th September: H Sampson			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) AUGUST

Intention for evangelisation - **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.



Confirmed in Christ



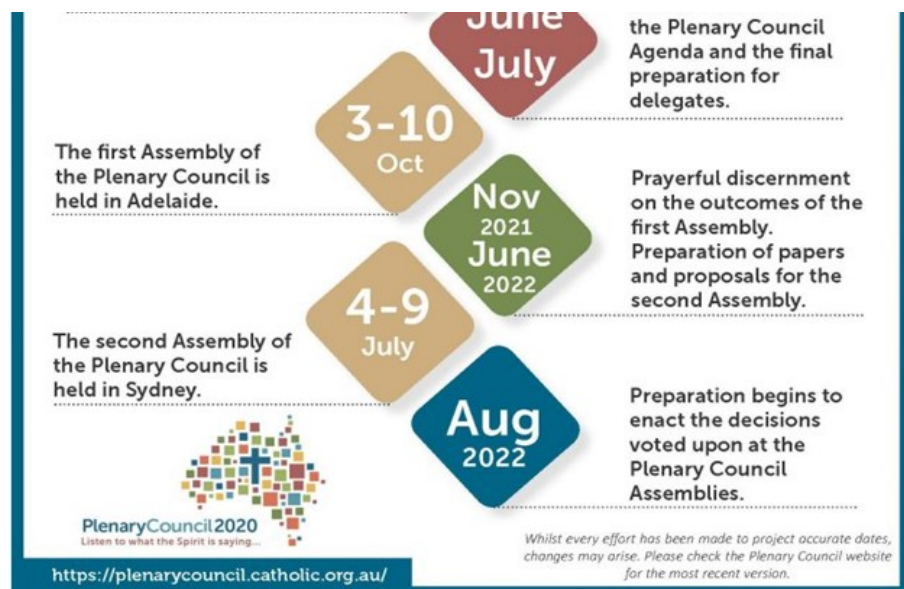
We have 38 candidates preparing, over the next few weeks from our community, to deepen and take more responsibility of their faith in readiness to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Saturday 11th September. Let us keep them, their families and educators in our prayers as they journey together.

Are you searching for a relationship with God? Do you want to learn more about the Catholic way of life? Are you interested in becoming a Catholic Christian? If so, you're invited to **Come & See** in our Parish, August 2021. For more information, please contact Michelle Grimsted on **0409 006 051**.



Plenary Snippet: One Plenary Council, 2 Assemblies.

The Plenary Council will take place over two assemblies, or sessions, October 3 – 10, 2021 and July 4 – 9, 2022. The expectation is that the first assembly will generate new bold ideas, some of which will be chosen to act on. As the partial Plenary timeline shows, the time between the two sessions will be used to prayerfully and carefully research and develop these ideas into activities that can be actioned. At the second assembly, firm ideas or proposals will be reviewed and voted upon. Once Plenary Council concludes, preparation for enacting the decisions will start. This is what is expected, but we, the Australian Church, are asking the Holy Spirit to direct the actions of the Council, so anything could happen.



Readings:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Year B, 4 & 5/9/21

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7
Psalm: Ps 145: 7-10
2nd Reading: James 2: 1-5
Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

Collections for

Week ending 22/8/21

Envelopes	\$	00.00
DD & Cards	\$	300.00
1 st Collection	\$	20.00
2 nd 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.



FAN THE FLAME

Towards Plenary Assembly One

October 2021

**'This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.'**

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes and disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present and future journey?

(Pope Francis, Meeting with the Bishops of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, 28 July 2013)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

Plenary Council Agenda:

The agenda is made up of 16 questions covering the six topics that came out of the listening and discernment process. The second theme is about **Prayer** and there are two questions we are all asked to pray about and consider:

- How might we become a more contemplative people, committing more deeply to prayer as a way of life, and celebrating the liturgy of the Church as an encounter with Christ who sends us out to "make disciples of all the nations"?
- How might we better embrace the diverse liturgical traditions of the Churches which make up the Catholic Church and the cultural gifts of immigrant communities to enrich the spirituality and worship of the Church in Australia?

Prayers for the success of the Plenary Council are deeply appreciated. Your issues, concerns, reflections or questions about the Plenary or the agenda items are important, and you are welcome to contact the Sale Diocese members:

Bishop Greg bishop@sale.catholic.org.au
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Explore the Plenary Council Agenda and other resources at
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.

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

APPOINTMENT FOR FR BERNARD BUCKLEY

Bishop Greg announced on Tuesday that Fr Bernard Buckley, is well enough to take up a new Parish appointment. He writes, "The prayers of so many have accompanied Fr Bernard throughout recent years as he confronted and attended to serious health concerns. At this time Fr Bernard is in a position to resume ministry. He is mindful of the precautions required of him to ensure he does not put at risk the achievements made through the medical care he continues to receive." The appointment is to St John's Trafalgar, beginning at the end of this month. The current Parish Priest there, Fr Bernie Krotwaar, will retire due to ongoing health issues. It was his silver jubilee of ordination on Tuesday. Bernie is just 64. We hope and pray he has a fruitful 'third stage' of priesthood, as he provides a pastoral presence for the residents and staff at Andrews House in Trafalgar.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: 5 SEPTEMBER 2021

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

In light of the above information regarding 2 of our priests we are quite rightly reminded that they, the priests and deacons of our Diocese, require our financial support. This Fund supports the priests and deacons of our diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be over \$200,000. Donations can now be made by clicking on

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation>

The foundation is most grateful and appreciative of your support for our priests and deacons in these difficult times. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Your donations may also be made through your local parish.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

The Spring edition of this magazine is now out. It is celebrating 200 years of Catholic education. As usual it is a great read. There are many articles about education in our schools - what is it that draws people to our schools? Pick up a copy and ENJOY.

PRAYER:

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
The bush grown more silent, The birdsong less vibrant,
The stream's sluggish ripple. Have mercy and open our ears.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
The soil depleted, The sky smudged,
The oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed.
Have mercy and help us to see

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see:
The workers who struggle to get by, The women subjected to violence,
The people who are excluded.
Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear:
The sound of hungry children, The distress of the mentally ill,
The silent pain of homeless women and men.
Have mercy and open our ears.

Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight,
To restore our hearing,
And to reclaim your reign of justice for all people
And peace for creation.

AMEN

The things within

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.

Excerpt from Liturgy Help

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Vittoria Battista, Joyce (Jean) Rankin, 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...

Jack Donchi, Fr Joe Pulis SDB, Pina Ciaglia, Manfred Ratzman, Bill Greenwood, Helen Gagalowicz, Shirley Stoddart, Carmela & Giuseppe Cannizzaro, Neil Wigg, Leo Bills, Mark Morgan, Francesca & Francesca Aloisio, Geoff Downie, Jan Feltham (Ross), Nicolina & Pasquale Tedeschi, 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:

Michael Flynn, Pat Walsh, Tony Hutchins, Mark Rashleigh, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Arthur Roberts, Margaret O'Reilly, Maree Elbourne, Paul Hawker, Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Ella Ford (NZ), Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Victoria Shaw, Damian Greaves, Jim Quigley, Craig Counsel, Roma Greig, Linton Smith, Andre Buxton, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic 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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 29th August

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.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (4:1-2,6-8)

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?/ He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice/ and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**
He who does no wrong to his brother,/ who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,/ but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**
He who keeps his pledge, come what may;/ who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent./ Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St James (1:17-18, 21-22, 27)

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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Scripture Notes

The Pharisees saw evil as something outside themselves- in things and especially in other people. If evil was outside themselves then they could protect themselves from it by avoiding contact with people, or where this was not possible then with ritual washings. They were a sincere people. However, their focus was on outer cleanliness and neglect of cleanliness of heart. Jesus said that the source of evil is within us. We can't guard ourselves from it by separation from others. The seeds of all those evil things he lists are within us all, and what makes us unclean in God's eyes. This truth is disturbing and a great problem of our time – a failure to know ourselves; to recognise and deal with it within ourselves.

Today there is a huge preoccupation with body image at the expense of attending to what is within our hearts.

Similarly, people can be present in church in voice only so their worship becomes mere lip-service. Real presence has the heart at its centre and spoken words flow from there. If forgiveness and peace are not spoken from the heart they will not result in true reconciliation and peace.

Flor McCarthy SDB New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies