



Sacred Heart
Swifts Creek

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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C—September 11, 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 to Friday: 9.10am

Paynesville

Wednesday Rosary: 10.00am

Reconciliation is available each

Friday: after 9:10am Mass

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



First Holy Communion

Candidates for September 10-11



Jack Anderson

William Counihan

Ben O'Reilly

Jett Anderson

Charlotte D'Amore

Indianna Penglase

Lisa Annells-Evans

Grace Dunbar

Robert Reid

Tyson Baldock

Jasmine East

Thomas Walsh

Jett Beams

Clementine Eddie

Luca Webster

Layla Beveridge

Ryder Froud

Alex Whateley

Meika Brodribb

Murphy Glover

William Whateley

Jacob Brooks

William Gray

Cooper White

Kellai-Jade Callaway

Bonnie Hurley

Jude Wilson

Lila Chila

Hannah Kelly

Fernanda Zevallos-Fortunio

Violet Cloak

Charlotte Moore

Guillermo Zevallos-Fortunio

Confirmation Candidate:

Jobie Beveridge

Please keep these young people in your prayers.

Roster for Masses – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 17-18, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister	Offertory Procession
6:00pm Sat	D Reefman	J Peachey	P Reefman	B O'Kelly	
9:30am Sun	S Dean	A Chila	N Nash	R David	M Grimsted & T Kosmer
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: September 17 — H Sampson <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.**



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

SEPTEMBER

For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region



We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January, 2023 to work with disadvantaged young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31, 2022. Send us an inquiry: www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION

The Foundation is most grateful for your support of our Priests and Deacons. THANK YOU for your generous contributions to the Priests' Welfare Foundation. The amount given so far is \$1203.15. 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. Donations are still being accepted.



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Envelopes containing information relevant to our current Stewardship Program are ready for collection and distribution. Please pick up yours from the foyer at Mass this weekend.

Our aim is to provide this information for every Catholic household of our Parish, which depends on us having accurate contact details. If your envelope isn't provided, please contact the Parish Office.

The Stewardship Program gives us the opportunity to take stock of our progress since the last program in 2019 and set goals for the next three years. Your engagement is an expression of your belonging. Fr Michael

PLENARY COUNCIL

Extract from Bishop Greg Bennet's letter on the Plenary Council

The Second Assembly ended with the endorsement of the Decrees which will move toward promulgation. They set a course for us to heal, to listen; to form hearts and minds in Christ; to welcome all and those on the peripheries; to accompany other Christians and those from other faiths and so much more. It is a beginning point for the entire Church in Australia as she seeks to embody what has emerged into pastoral initiatives so that we can become more mission orientated and more Christ-like.

I encourage you to reflect on the Decrees found on our website: www.cdsale.org.au



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. The Parish of St Mary's Bairnsdale and Omeo and the Diocese of Sale are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people, and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported; and recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people can feel that safety and support.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

September 17-18, 2022

Readings: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 112:1-2, 4-8

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:10-13

Collections: September 4, 2022

Envelopes \$ 1640.00

DD & Cards \$ 2992.00

1st Collection \$ 621.35

2nd Collection \$ 860.20

Priests' Welfare Fund \$1203.15

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: Communion Rite-Lord's Prayer**

The Church has offered sacrifice to God and brought to Him gifts of bread and wine, which symbolising God touching these gifts with the power of the Holy Spirit, transfiguring them into the Body and Blood of Christ. We move into the Communion Rite, the sacrifice becomes the feast. The Lamb we have offered to God, He now hands back to us, as His Son. We pray the Lord's Prayer. We have no words or gifts of our own to bring. The words that we bring are words which Jesus Himself has given. 'Thy Kingdom come', so that the communion which we now share with God, will be a communion that embraces the whole world, which is fractured and fragmented, but a world still able to sit down with God. 'Deliver us Lord from every evil' acknowledging the truth that we celebrate this feast in the midst of that which is not the feast. That which is evil. We are always under pressure and there's always a threat that the feast will die. In the midst of this we ask God to give us His peace, save us from sin and distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour. We are focused on past, present and future. As we join this feast, we look to another banquet which will be the banquet of heaven at the end of time. The Messianic banquet – the Banquet of the Lamb as it's called in the New Testament.



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

"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 September 16.

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

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**



Palms Australia

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Murphy, Lenny Cavone, Wayne Millard, 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: Helen Gagalowicz, Chris McKenna, James Duggan, Mary Keady, Fr Ted Cooper, Nicolina Tedeschi, Pasquale Tedeschi, Jack Donchi, Fr Joe Pulis SDB, Pina Ciaglia, Maureen Sheehan, Manfred Ratzman, Bill Greenwood, 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: Fred Crea, Philip Cerini, Marie Ayres (S-I-L of Pat Coloe), Michael Counsel, John Spirason, Paul Fitzgerald, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Mark & Elizabeth Rashleigh, Maree Elbourne, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Arthur & Denise Roberts, Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe.

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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C September 4 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

The Opening Prayer

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart.

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 Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" The Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

My sacrifice, a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**

A reading from the first letter to Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-10

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

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Scripture notes:

On one level, it is understandable that the pride-filled scribes and Pharisees would look for anything they could to condemn Jesus. They were on a sort of "witch hunt," so to speak, seeking to find any fault they could with our Lord. So, out of the fullness of their malice, they attempted to make it look like Jesus was an awful sinner due to the fact that He spent time with sinners and welcomed them.

From a perspective of the pure truth, however, the jealousy, envy, manipulation and deception of the scribes and Pharisees are clear. The "condemnation" they uttered against Jesus was no true condemnation at all. It was a fabrication and a twisting of the truth. The truth is that Jesus' kindness to those who were sinners was a living out of His countless virtues. He was understanding, merciful, compassionate, patient, forgiving and the like. He saw troubled hearts and reached out to them in their need, especially when He could tell they were sorry, open and humble.

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