



St Patrick's, Paynesville

THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

East Region – Diocese of Sale

BAIRNSDALE, PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW,

OMEO, SWIFTS CREEK AND 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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, September 24, 2023

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.

**FREE TO CHOOSE WHETHER
TO MIGRATE OR TO STAY**

**109TH WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2023



WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday: 9.10am

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
NO MASSES
ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE**

Friday 9.10am
Police Remembrance Service 10.30am
St Patrick's, Paynesville
Wednesday Rosary: 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

Friday:

After 9.10am Mass

Saturday:

9.30am to 10.00am
5.30pm to 5.50pm

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

Swifts Creek, Omeo and Benambra

Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek: 4th Saturday: 6.30pm
Immaculate Conception, Omeo: 4th Sunday: 9.00am
St Francis', Benambra: 4th Sunday: 11.00am

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, September 30-October 1, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	N Light	C Shanahan	J De Boer	P Elliot	
9.30am Sunday	D Atkins	G Neeson	P Brown-Graham	H Sampson	M Owen, C and S Tilley

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: September 30 - J & D Fallon 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 through the Parish Centre: 5152 2942.

Alternatively contact Bairnsdale Police: 5150 2600 or Towards Healing: 1800 816 030.



A Love Story

This is a love story of two.

A story just between You and me

Some may even wonder at how we got together

Especially those who know me, from the past.

Oh, how we love to meditate with You,

Just we three, my soul, spirit, and me.

When the going gets tough and doubts creep in,

Your presence is felt by my soul, spirit, and me.

It's in moments like these Your Love grows strong,

Especially as loneliness seems to creep in.

There's that knock on my heart's door –

I feel it in my soul, spirit, and me.

H (Bill) Davies

Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass at St Mary's and after 8.00am Mass at St Patrick's next Sunday, October 1.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The next set of Planned Giving Envelopes is ready.
They are available in the Church foyer.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER

For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of less importance



Mothers Prayers Group

Mothers Prayer Group is for mothers who wish to pray for their children and grand-children and is for all spiritual mothers. The group was formed in England in 1995 and is now held in over 100 countries.

During preparation for the prayer group, Veronica was guided by scripture and especially Jeremiah 31:16:

'Stop your crying and wipe your tears, all that you have done for your children will not go unrewarded. They will return from the enemy's land. There is hope for the future. Your children will come back home. I the Lord have spoken.'

St Mary's Mothers' Prayer Group-Fridays 10.00-11.30am in the Parish Centre. To find out more contact Madelaine: 0400 576 291.

CWL-Lakes Entrance Retreat



St Brendan's Catholic Women's League ladies have organised a Retreat to be held on Friday October 6 commencing with Mass at 9.30 am offered by Fr Hiep.

The day will finish following lunch at 1.00 pm.

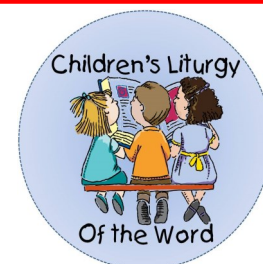
Our ladies are catering for lunch, so we request those coming to RSVP to Margaret: 0487 654 521 by Monday October 2.

Dear Lord,

As we move towards The Voice Referendum we ask that You grant us the wisdom to thoughtfully discern on our decision and the grace to accept the fact there are differing opinions. We ask that You guide our decision as witness to Your compassion and enduring, unconditional love for us. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Worksheets Available for Collection



Dear Parent/Carer,

Please collect a worksheet for your child to help them deepen their understanding of the Word during celebration of the Mass. A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

- **What type of farm is mentioned in today's Gospel?**
- **How did the farmer find workers for his vineyard?**
- **When did the farmer pay the workers?**
- **Why were some of the workers jealous?**
- **Can you think of a time when you were cross because someone got more than you?**
- **Can you think of a time when you received more than others?**
- **How does it make you feel when someone is generous?**
- **God is generous to us, we also need to be generous.**

READINGS:

September 30-October 1 2023
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekial 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

COLLECTIONS:

September 16-17, 2023

Envelopes \$ 751.00

DD & Cards \$ 555.00

1st Collection \$ 512.95

2nd Collection \$ 755.20

Pay Wave \$ 90.00



**Next GLOW
October 7.**

St Mary's Youth Group

**5.00pm Youth Group in the Parish Hall
and 6.00pm Mass for Children's Choir and
Liturgy of the Word.**

For more information contact

POSITION VACANT

St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale Omeo Bookkeeper / Office Manager

Experience in MYOB an advantage.
Supportive Team Environment.
Family Friendly.

Part time – 22.5 hrs (Negotiable)

Call the Parish Office for a Position Description
or further information: 5152 2942

*St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale invites you to a spiritual journey
praying the Rosary with Mary in contemplation with her son Jesus.*

JOIN US FOR PRAYER IN OCTOBER

Register for this free weekly gathering on Monday nights
from 7.00pm - 7.30pm via ZOOM on the
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th October
Join us whenever you can!

If you would like a zoom link to participate, register your
interest with Michelle via email:
stm.michelleg@gmail.com or phone St Mary's Parish
03 5152 2942

*This powerful prayer is the
storehouse of countless
blessings.*

*We are so excited for you to be
part of something amazing and
marvellous.*

*Encountering Jesus by praying
the Rosary with others.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons, Jacinta Da Costa,
Geoff Neeson, Leonie Urban
Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, Fr Mark
School Principals and Michael Flynn**

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



On Sunday October 1, the 9.30 Mass will have a
special focus on St Vincent De Paul
as his Feast Day occurs on the previous
Wednesday, September 27.

A member from the Bairnsdale SVDP Conference will speak about the
work being done in our local community. Members from our
Conference will be available at the morning tea following Mass to chat
with you and answer any questions you may have.

On Sunday October 22, Crashendo, a community focussed musical group is
holding a series of workshops for students at the Bairnsdale Hub, followed
by a concert in St Mary's from
2.00-3.30pm. *Melbourne Strings* will
also be performing.



We have been asked to provide an
afternoon tea, so we are asking for
your help. If you are able to prepare
sandwiches or slices for the day it would be greatly appreciated.
The concert is free, but with a gold coin donation for afternoon tea, which
will go to the St Mary's Church Restoration Fund. If you can assist us please
contact Helen Van Den Einden: 0434 531 504 and let her know what you
are able to provide. Please respond by October 11. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Colleen Murphy, Keith Mullaly, victims of natural disasters, COVID-19, terrorism,
war, conflict, poverty, Asylum Seekers and those living with Family Violence or Mental Health issues.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Luciano Brovedani, Vince Capobianco, Agnes Nelligan, Kathleen Currie,
Fortunato Desio, Frances 'Jose' Hickling, Pasquale Morelli. Mary Field, Owen Gibbons, Jack Spirason, Glenda Moulton, Evan Dungey,
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: Bev Broome, Robert McMahon, Michael Crane, Dennis Collins (brother of Cheryl Heaton-Harris),
George Ward, Sr Angela Ryan CSB, Alepaka Tyrell, Bob Marshall, Sue Minchin, Fran Adamson, Elaine Cook, Peter Hayden, John Hayles,
Denise Roberts, Jan Baxter, Maree Cowell, Hudson Schwab, Adrian Coulter, Josephine Box, Deidree Tickner, Kathleen Robertson,
Stuart Murray, Maria Sticca, baby Ethan, Robyn Finlay, Rick Harney, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne.

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.

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Opening Prayer

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.

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Scripture notes

Only when we comprehend God's goodness and infinite generosity will we be able to overcome our temptations toward jealousy and selfishness. Those who have dedicated their entire lives to the love of God, if it is a genuine love and service of God, will, as a result, take on the perspective of the mind and heart of God. Part of that perspective is the burning desire to generously bestow God's infinite grace and mercy upon everyone who turns to Him. Even the most hardened sinner who has been the source of much hurt in life is a candidate for the fullness of God's grace if they repent. This must be our desire. We must be like the landowner in this parable who rejoices when laborers show up in the last hour and then lavishes a full day's wages upon them. Not only is this fair from the divine perspective, it must become our personal desire as we labor through life. Reflect, today, upon how deeply you desire to see those who have not yet given their lives to God to come to Him and receive the fullness of grace. Look at them within the context of this parable. Examine how you feel about those laborers who have not yet begun their service of God. Examine, also, your feelings toward those who seem undeserving of the fullness of God's grace. If you find that you have jealousy, or judge others from the perspective of earthly justice, work to eliminate that perspective so that your heart's deepest desire is to see God bestow the fullness of mercy upon everyone in this world when they turn to Him with a contrite heart.

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