



St Canice's Lindenow

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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, October 1, 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.



On Sunday October 1, the 9.30am Mass will have a special focus on St Vincent De Paul whose Feast Day occurred on Wednesday September 27. A member from 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 might have .

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday: 9.10am

Tuesday: 9.10am

Wednesday: 9.10am

Thursday: NO MASS

Friday 9.10am

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year A, October 7-8 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	M Schumann	B O'Kelly	K Flannery	M Saunders	
9.30am Sunday	B Marshall	H Sampson	L Urban	K Cassidy	B Payne, N Rooney, B Marshall

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: October 14 - B and A Cattapan 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 Sunday, October 1.
Join us and spend time with your fellow Parishioners.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

OCTOBER

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



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 9.30am offered by Fr Hiep.

The day will finish following lunch at 1.00pm.

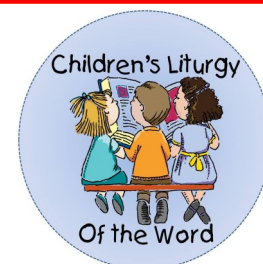
Our ladies are catering for lunch, so we request those coming to RSVP to Margaret: 0487 654 521 by Monday October 2.

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:

- In today's Gospel how many sons did the father have?
- What did he ask them both to do?
- What did the first son say?
- But what did he do?
- What did the second son say?
- But what did he do?
- Which son was good?
- Jesus says it is better to have a change of heart than pretend to do what is right.
- Can you think of times when we may not have done what we said we would do?
- How can we have a change of heart and do what is right?

READINGS:

October 8-9, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

COLLECTIONS:

September 23-24, 2023

Envelopes \$ 681.00

DD & Cards \$ 135.00

1st Collection \$ 544.40

2nd Collection \$ 908.90

Pay Wave \$ 150.00



**Next GLOW
Saturday 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
Fr. Mark or Michelle Grimsted 5152 2942

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE.

Thank you everyone for all your love, support, and prayers during this very difficult time in our lives on the sad passing of our beautiful angel Carmen Katharina. There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy you have extended to our family during this period of grief. Your enduring kindness, thoughtfulness and messages of hope will always be remembered. They provided us with the strength we need to overcome our heartache. Also, thank you to all those who volunteered at the wake and brought the delicious food. Your generosity didn't go unnoticed as we remembered and celebrated who Carmen was and how much she has touched our lives. Thank you for sharing the experience with us.
God Bless You. The Golonski and Grimsted Families.

*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

Madeline 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

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

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: Frank Schlitz, Colleen Murphy, 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: Dick Pepper, Elizabeth 'Betty' Merlo, Margaret Kelsey, Luciano Brovedani,
Vince Capobianco, Agnes Nelligan, Kathleen Currie, Fortunato Desio, Frances 'Jose' Hickling, Pasquale Morelli. 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.

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

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Opening Prayer

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Jerusalem Bible ©Liturgy Brisbane

Scripture notes

Which of the two sons are you most like? Are you keenly aware of your weaknesses and sins? Can you humbly admit them to yourself and to God? Or do you present yourself as one who is holy and does not need to repent? Never be afraid to admit your sin. Never pretend to be someone you are not. Never allow yourself to be drawn into self-righteousness. We are all called to a life of ongoing conversion. Seeing that fact, admitting to it and striving for conversion will win for us the glorious Kingdom of Heaven. Reflect, today, upon the many ways you have initially said “no” to the will of God. Sometimes we do so in grave matters, and sometimes in less serious ways. The humble truth is that we all refuse to fully embrace the will of God every day. The invitation we have been given to obey Him is much more than a black-and-white, yes-or-no answer. God’s call to obedience goes deep and is a call on a continuously deepening level. Keep looking into your soul and confess the ways you reject the will of God. The more clearly you see your sins and confess them, the more fully you will be able to say “yes” to the will of God with all your heart.

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