



Immaculate Conception
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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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C—October 16, 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 September

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



THIS YEAR, SOMETHING SPECIAL IS HAPPENING ON MISSION SUNDAY October 23, 2022

St Mary's Social Justice Group is organising a Special Food Collection for Neighbourhood House. **(Margarine/Butter or Long Life Milk)**

Neighbourhood House is totally reliant on food donations.

They do not receive any Government funding for the services they provide to the disadvantaged in our community. including: delicious Lunches Tuesday & Thursday, 12pm Dinner Friday 5-6pm in the Community Café. An Opportunity Shop, Toy Library, Community Garden Tuesday mornings 11am-1pm and the Food Room distributing healthy food to those experiencing hardship. Inspired by the Gospel -

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

At the Masses next weekend October 22-23 we invite you to bring a tub of margarine or butter or Long Life milk along to Mass.

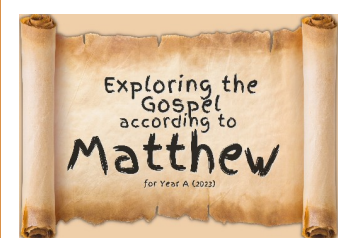
EXPLORING THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

We begin a new Liturgical Year on the 1st Sunday of Advent and will be hearing excerpts of Matthew's Gospel at Mass.

You are invited to this

free Zoom presentation hosted by the Diocese of Sale.

Date: Monday, November 7, 2022, 7.30 – 9.00pm



Speaker: Fr Chris Monaghan CP

Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSYD>

Your Zoom link will be sent to you on booking.

Teachers may apply for RE accreditation. Please contact Sophy Morley (smorley@sale.catholic.org.au) if you have any questions.



Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

Thursday 9.10am ONLY

Other masses in Lakes Entrance and Orbost, see inside bulletin.

Paynesville

Wednesday Rosary: 10.00am

Reconciliation

In Fr Michael's absence please contact St Brendan's Lakes Entrance 5155 5232

THE PASTORAL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY OCTOBER 17

Roster for Masses – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 22-23, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister	Offertory Procession
6:00pm Sat	C Marriot-Smith	J De Boer	J Peachey	K Flannery	
9:30am Sun	S Tilley	T Kosmer	P Brown-Graham	M Owen	H van den Einden, S Dean, C Tilley

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: October 15th — B & 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 via the Parish Centre 5152 2942; or Police 5150 2600; or Towards Healing 1800 816 030.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for OCTOBER
Missionary Disciples



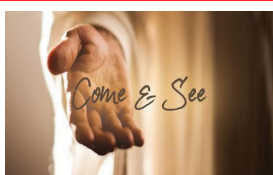
We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHEETS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT MASS

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 for this week's Gospel with your son/daughter could be: in today's Gospel the widow kept pestering the judge:

- ◇ What did she want him to do?
- ◇ What did the judge do?
- ◇ Jesus wants us to pray to God and not give up.
- ◇ Who are some of the people we need to pray for?
- ◇ What are some ways that you can pray for these people this week?

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 and See in our Parish**. For more information please contact: Michelle Grimsted 5152 2942 or email stm.michelleg@gmail.com



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

'Inverting the Ecclesial Pyramid 60 Years after Vatican II: Evolution of a Synodal Church in Australia under Pope Francis'
On Tuesday October 25 at 6.30pm,
 via Zoom, you are invited to the **Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture 2022**



UCA (Pallottine Family)
 The Orator, **Bishop of Parramatta Diocese**
Vincent Nguyen Van Long OFM Conv.

Bishop Vincent, who came to Australia as a refugee, is Chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. He is much respected and renowned as an inspiring speaker. As the Church goes forward after the Australian Plenary Council, it will be worthwhile listening to his perspective. Please contact Mary Saunders 0427 525 962 For Zoom login details



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN
IN PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The East Gippsland Parish Community invites you to this Rosary prayer event, via Zoom, during October, 7.00pm – 7.30pm,
 If you would like to join us, email Michelle: stm.michelleg@gmail.com or ring St Mary's Parish Centre on 5152 2942 to leave your contact details.

Fr Michael is on annual leave to the Holy Land and will be away for the next 4 weeks. Fr Herman Hengel will be here to replace Fr Michael for weekend Masses only.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AND VENUES:

9.30am Tuesday October 18 @ St Brendan's - Lakes Entrance
9.30am Wednesday October 19 @ St Colman's - Orbost
9.10am Thursday October 20 @ St Mary's - Bairnsdale
9.30am Friday October 21 @ St Brendan's - Lakes Entrance

THE MASS SERIES – by Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Every 2 weeks we will, together with Archbishop Mark, share with you each part of the Mass. The series can be found on YouTube>Archdiocese of Brisbane/playlist>The Mass Series **Liturgy of the Eucharist: Rite of Peace**. After the Lord's Prayer, we pray for peace; that which only God can give and that this feast signifies; sitting down at table with each other. To sit down with God, is to anticipate the peace that will come when all is transfigured. So, we pray for peace as we come to share the feast, and then share that peace with each other, and with God. When we offer each other the sign of peace it is not just a handshake. It is so much more. It is saying that I believe that you and I are united in the body of Christ. Because of what God has done, all barriers between you and me are down and we share life in the Body of Christ. In sharing this feast, which is the Body of Christ, I am saying that I believe that you are the Body of Christ and you are saying the same to me. The Priest says: 'the Peace of the Lord be with you.' And we reply 'and with your spirit'. We recognise the truth of each other before we come to share the feast together which is the Body of Christ. The sign of peace recognises this truth, because of what God has done, and us acknowledging this in one another. This is not just bread and wine.-This is the Body and Blood of Christ, because of what God has done.

30th Sunday in OT October 23-24

1st Reading: Sirach 35:
 12-14, 16-19
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32:
 3, 17-19, 23
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:
 6-8, 16-18
 Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Collections October 1-2, 2022:

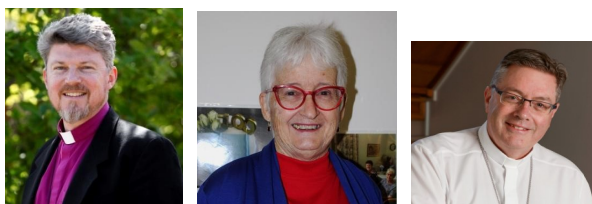
Envelopes	\$	740.00
DD & Cards	\$	1100.00
1 st Collection	\$	490.60
2 nd Collection	\$	632.70
Pay Wave	\$	100.00
Church Tours	\$	143.00

VICTORIA WELSH CHOIR

When: Sunday October 23 at 2.30pm
Where: St Mary's Church.
Tickets: \$25.00-available at **Visitor Information Centres in Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance**



Ecumenical Advent Conversation



The Conversation will be led by Biblical Scholars from the University of Divinity, Melbourne: **Professor Mary Coloe** PBVM (Yarra Theological Union), and **The Reverend Dr Fergus King** (Maynard Lecturer in Ministry Education, Trinity College Theological School). There will be opportunity for those present to participate in the question time and dialogue following each address.

Friday November 18, 2022 10am – 3.30pm

Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation – a seasonal study of Matthew for Year A of the Lectionary Cycle alongside some of the great Advent themes.

Morning tea and a light lunch will be served

Catering charge \$20 per person

1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island 3880

RSVP November 11, 2022.

Booking essential for catering purposes

Phone: The Abbey on (03) 5156 6580

Email: info@theabbey.org.au

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

Congratulations Fr Mark Hughes: We pray for Fr Mark who will be ordained to Priesthood this weekend.

As he walks in the path chosen for him, may he be blessed abundantly in his Priestly ministry within the

Diocese of Sale.

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)

CDF Pay

Have you heard the Good News?

CDF is supporting parishes to accept offerings in a safe way.

Anyone physically attending your church, or visiting your website/online services, should be able to give an offering in a way that is easy, secure and safe. Just view our QR Code with your phone camera to locate our St Mary's Parish site to see how it works.



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

To donate, please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine

or phone: 1800 101 201.

Prayer Cards and Donation Slips are available in the Church foyer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Paul Fitzgerald, Philip Cerini, Sr Maureen Philp RSJ, Jim Quigley, Rodney Seebeck, Kevin Young,, 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: Valentina Baleisa, Joan Shanahan, Helen Bons, Ria Reefman, Lucy Mann, Joseph Raudino, Nerine Schiwy, Thomas Keyte, Nicholas Dooley, Laurie Hodgkisson, Daphne Moore, Daphne McKersie, victims of the 2002 Bali bombings 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: Flo McMahon, Jim Duggan, George Burton, Fred Crea, Marie Ayres (S-I-L of Pat Coloe), John Spirason, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Maree Elbourne, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, 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.

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

The Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help?

My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard.

No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade, at your right side he stands.

By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. **R.**

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active, it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily.

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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Scripture reflection:

Jesus urges us in the Gospel to pray continually and never lose heart. Prayer does make a difference. It sustains us. Those who pray never lose heart. Prayer clarifies our hope and intentions. It helps us to distinguish between the important and the trivial. It teaches us what to aspire to and instils in us the ideals we ought to cherish. Prayer is not a substitute for action. It is like a beam thrown from a flashlight before us into the darkness. It helps us to go forward and encourage us to act. Prayer is not an escape from life but a journey into the heart of life. We learn to stand on our own two feet before God and the world, and to accept full responsibility for our lives. Its main purpose is to foster our relationship with God. Prayer is its own reward. It enriches us and enables us to live more spiritually, more deeply, more fully and, more authentically.

New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Flor McCarthy SDB