



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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#### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 17th October, 2021

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

**Monday:** 9:10am - St Mary's

**Tuesday:** 9:10am - St Mary's

**Wednesday:** 9:10am - St Mary's

**Thursday:** 9:10am - St Mary's

**Friday:** 9:10am - St Mary's

**Paynesville:** Rosary 10am Wednesday

##### RECONCILIATION

is available on

**Friday** after 9:10am Mass

and

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

At the Vatican last Sunday, Pope Francis commenced proceedings towards the worldwide Synod of Bishops in 2023. The theme is *Communion, Participation, Mission*. Today, the journey is being launched in Parishes right around the globe. This traditional prayer has been used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years and adapted for the Synod on Synodality in 2023.

***We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.***

***With You alone to guide us,***

***make yourself at home in our hearts;***

***Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.***

***We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.***

***Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path***

***nor partiality influence our actions.***

***Let us find in You our unity***

***so that we may journey together to eternal life***

***and not stray from the truth and what is right.***

***All this we ask of You,***

***who are at work in every place and time,***

***In the communion of the Father and the Son,***

***forever and ever. Amen***

**Bookings are essential for weekend Masses as we are only allowed 20 people per venue with the current restrictions. To book, please phone the Parish Centre 5152 2942.**

#### Roster for Masses 23 –24th October 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	G Dooley	B O'Kelly	P Reefman	Not required
9:30am Sun	S Dean	J Coverdale	A Vowell	at the moment.
<b>Cleaning:</b> Fortnight ending: 30 <sup>th</sup> October: B Mahony			<b><u>Please</u> find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.</b>	

#### **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 Bairnsdale CLC (Christian Life Community) would like to share the Ignatian Year.....

The **Ignatian Year** marks the 500th anniversary of St Ignatius.

The Ignatian story began when he was wounded in Pamplona ..... that fateful day when Ignatius the soldier, struck by a cannonball, began his transformation into Ignatius the pilgrim.

The experience of Ignatius in Pamplona speaks to us of breaks and disruption, of forced changes in plans, of confinements.

Recognising ourselves in the midst of this experience, (particularly during COVID lockdowns) can also be a moment that opens us to conversion, to rediscover God, and to renew our hopes, dreams, and desires for new life.

It is a time to turn this "storm" into an opportunity for growth and deepening in God.

It is not about going back to the old, but about building something new.

Take time to reflect on — the 'cannonball' moment — and discover spiritual insights for your own life.



20 MAY 2021 – 31 JULY 2022

Ignatius  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE CONVERSION  
OF IGNATIUS

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

As an initiative of our Liturgy Team, 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



The word "Mass" itself comes from the dismissal – "Go, the Mass has ended". Because in Latin that was: "Ite, Missa est". Keep in mind the

Mass was in Latin for a very long time. Its original language was Greek and then, eventually it went into Latin. At the end of Mass, the priest said: Ite, Missa est" which means "Go, you are sent" so the word "Missa" in Latin became the Mass. The word Mass really means a sending out.

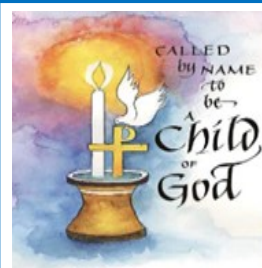
So, the Mass is that moment where God calls his people together to speak with them and to feed them in a way that will equip them to go out on mission. The important thing to notice is that it's something primarily which God does. Now we do all sorts of things in the Mass. We can be very, very busy. We speak, we sing, we kneel, we stand and so on. But really the Mass is what God does before anything we do.

In what we call the Liturgy of the Word, the first part of the Mass, God speaks to us and we respond. So there is a dialogue between God and God's people.

And then in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the second part of the Mass, we bring to God the gifts that He has given us. So, again, the initiative belongs to God. He's given us the gifts and we bring those gifts to Him. And then the word of God is spoken over those gifts to transform them into the body and blood of Christ so that those gifts transformed become the feast where God sits down with us and shares a meal of Communion. The feast of love.

So what has begun as a dialogue or a conversation between God and God's people, becomes a feast where we sit with each other but we also sit with God to share the feast that God has provided.

Then, having shared the feast, God blesses us and sends us out. Ite Missa est: Go the Mass has ended. Because now I have spoken to your heart, I have shared the feast with you, you have everything that you need to undertake the mission which I entrust to you.



We welcome into our parish family this weekend

*James David, Annie Grace & Max Peter*

*children of Katie & Simon Hunter*

### ST. MARY'S OPPORTUNITY SHOP An opportunity to meet and make a difference.

We are looking for more volunteers to help in the shop. Our opening hours are Mon. to Fri. 10am - 3pm, Sat 10 – 12. If you can spare a day or a few hours we would really appreciate your contribution. There are a variety of different jobs to be done, and a very friendly and supportive team. Please ring **5152 2088** during our opening hours and speak to the Day Manager.

**ROSARY IN OCTOBER** Don't forget Rosary is being offered at 7pm each night during the month of October via Zoom. Please email: stm.michelleg@gmail.com or phone 5152 2942 for the link. Along with many personal intentions that we may pray for, we are also praying for this Pandemic that we are in the midst of. So join us any evening at 7pm, we would love to have your presence and prayers.

The Parish has put aside 2.5% of Planned Giving receipts for local, national, and international needs. **Thank you** to those who made submissions regarding the disbursement of accumulated funds. **The Social Justice Group will meet, 4pm on Thursday 21st October at the Parish Centre** to draw up a list of recipients who will receive financial assistance from St Mary's Parish, pending Fr Michael's approval.



### POPE FRANCIS' Universal intention - October

Intention for evangelisation -

**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.



### STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

A reminder of our banking details.

**BSB:** 083-879 **ACCOUNT:** 48919 4022

**ACCOUNT NAME:** St Marys Parish Bairnsdale/Omeo

**Ref:** Your Name and Envelope Number **or**

Marked 1st or 2nd Collection. We thank you for your continued financial support of our Parish.

#### Readings:17/10/21

#### 24th Sunday in O T, Year B,

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm: 125

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 5:1-6

#### Collections for

#### Week ending 3/10/21

Envelopes \$ 1,421.00

DD & Cards \$ 515.00

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 369.15

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 270.00



**Parish Pastoral Council:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Please submit items for the Agenda to the Parish Centre by 10.00am Tuesday the week before. **Members:** Michael Flynn and Angela McKail (Co- Chairpersons) Angelo D'Amore, Marilyn Elliott, Rita Bowers, & 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](mailto: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/Assistance Centre:** 5152 6687 **St Mary's Op Shop:** 5152 2088

### **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.***



### **Conclusion of First Assembly of the Plenary Council**

Last Sunday saw the close of the First Assembly with a Mass livestreamed from St Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane. Some of you will have been following the Plenary podcasts, livestreams and also our regular updates and video blogs from our own Plenary Council Members on our Diocesan Facebook page. It was an intense week of prayer, deep listening, respectful sharing, intense conversation and celebration, all the more amazing since it was held in an entirely virtual online mode. The Holy Spirit was certainly alive and active among the Members, in their deliberations and their prayer.

*Sophy Morley*

#### **From the Concluding Statement of 1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the Plenary Council – The Journey so Far –**

*'As we conclude the First General Assembly of Australia, the process of discernment continues. From the opening Mass to the closing of the Assembly, our prayer has been "Come, Holy Spirit." The call to hear afresh the Good News of Jesus Christ through a spiritual posture of 'deep listening' has been a central element of the preparation of the Plenary process and a distinctive feature of this week. We adopted a regular pattern of prayer and spiritual conversation throughout each day. This slow process of deep listening allowed space for still nascent dreams and visions to come to greater maturity.'* It finishes with *'With the closing of this First Assembly, the Plenary Council process now enters a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development. This will involve continuing reflection by the Members of the Council, and consultation with the wider Church community, as we develop propositions for presentation to the Second Assembly of the Council next July. This will be coordinated with Australian preparations for the 2023 Synod, For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. In faith, hope and charity, we entrust all these tasks to the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Our prayer remains, as always: 'Come, Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit of the great South Land'.'*

**Copies of the full 'Concluding Statement' are available at the Parish Centre; or click on this link <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>**

### **Launch of Synod 2023: Communion, Participation, Mission**

This week in the Vatican, Pope Francis launched the commencement of the Synod on Synodality 2023 – the theme being *Communion, Participation, Mission*. This Sunday, the Synod journey will be launched in the universal Church in every diocese and parish across the world. This is the beginning of an extensive consultation process which is certainly being conducted on a much broader scale and at a deeper level than any previous Synod. Pope Francis urges all of us to walk together, to journey with each other to create a more 'synodal' People of God that listen and accompany each other in faith and life.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Sr Margaret Daly RSJ, Carlos Martinis (father of Lucy, a Timor Leste worker), Dianne Coventry, 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...**

Danny Cook, Mary Douglas, Barbara Eldridge, Molly Smullen, Marie Traynor, Lucy Mann, Cliff Brammall, Martin E White, Pauline Cocco, Valda Reinhardt, MaryAnne Scott, William Hilder, Antonio Cavone, Pasquale D'Aloia, Noel (Sam) Currie, Concetta Pruscino, John Shanahan, Helen Bons, Ria Reefman, Thomas Keyte, Joseph Raudino, Nerine Schiwy, David Minchin, Jeanne Jones, 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:**

Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Michael Flynn, Mark Rashleigh, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Arthur Roberts, Margaret O'Reilly, Paul Hawker, Maree Elbourne, Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Ella Ford (NZ), Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Victoria Shaw, Jim Quigley, Craig Counsel, Roma Greig, Linton Smith, Andre Buxton, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic Smythe, John Pruscino.

***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.**

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 17th October 2021

### **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.

### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah** (53:10-11)

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you **R.**

### **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews** (4:14-16)

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

**Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark** (10:35-45)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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### **Scripture Notes**

The disciples generally seemed to have been in a state of psychological denial, unable to hear and take on board what Jesus told them about his impending death. They were preoccupied with other concerns and their original unity in danger of collapse. Their concern of 'specialness', of being placed at the right and left indicating a share of power, surfaces. Their focus on eventual glory and triumph clearly illustrated their deafness to Jesus' emphasis on his coming passion. (Prophets had used 'drinking cup' as a metaphor for suffering.) The other disciples predictably, continued to be troubled by rivalry and power plays. Jesus repeated his message to them even at the risk of them disintegrating further. Once any group expands beyond a certain size, roles and responsibilities need to be determined, one of which is to have particular care for the unity of the group and for the harmonious integration and cooperation of all. Jesus was concerned about how that responsibility would be exercised. In Jesus' community, to rule properly would be to care for others, to serve others to be the slave of all. Within the community envisaged by Jesus, to obey responsibly would not mean to submit one's conscience to the will of another. It would be to recognise the need for individuals within a structure to be helped to cooperate with each other in pursuit of the common good and accept the role of oversight from those in the role. Responsibility would not be a source of greatness. This has been a struggle for the Christian community over centuries, with some at times inflating their own importance. Equally the body of the church may have (unconsciously?) wanted those with authority to tell them what to do, to take from them the burden of forming and following their own consciences. The life of any group tends to move from initial euphoria through competitiveness, struggle, argument, doubt, disillusionment to eventual disintegration, unless deliberate steps are taken to avert this. For disciples of Jesus, the issue is not greatness or power but mutual service relegating pervasive self-interest. In selfless service would lie greatness and glory. The male disciples failed miserably to grasp Jesus point. It was the women in their virtual invisibility, who best embodied the message of Jesus with the example of the mother of Simon, who cured of fever, immediately set about serving Jesus and her companions.

*'Together in Galilee' (Commentary on St Mark's Gospel by John S McKinnon)*