



St Canice's, Lindenow

# 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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Facebook: [St Mary's Church Bairnsdale](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchBairnsdale)

### 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year C, 24th April, 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 -

January, March, May, July,  
September and November.

##### Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

4th Saturday: 6:30pm

##### Immaculate Conception, Omeo

4th Sunday: 9:00am

##### St Francis, Benambra

4th Sunday: 11am

#### Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

**Monday: 9.10am**

**Tue-Fri: No Mass**

**Annual Sale Clergy Retreat**

#### Paynesville

**Wednesday: 10am Rosary**

**RECONCILIATION** is available each

**Friday** after 9:10am Mass

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

**You are invited to a  
Diocesan Celebration**

## Let's walk together

Sunday : 1st May 2022  
Time : 2.00 pm  
Venue : St Kieran's Church,  
2/4 Wirraway St, Moe  
Bookings : Your Parish office  
RSVP : 26th April, 2022

**Liturgy followed by afternoon tea.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
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Please contact the Parish Centre by 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 to register your interest in attending or go directly to <https://www.trybooking.com/BYLXM>. Bookings are necessary for catering purposes. We look forward to seeing you there!



### MASSES FOR WEEK COMMENCING APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> (ANZAC DAY)

Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's on Monday  
(ANZAC Day) at 9.10am.

Mass will not be celebrated for the remainder of the week (Tuesday to  
Friday) as all the Priests in the Diocese will be on a retreat.

### Roster for Masses – 3rd Sunday of Easter 30th April & 1st May

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	J De Boer	B O'Kelly	M Saunders	P Elliott
9:30am Sun	A Chila	T Kosmer	S Tilley	J Delany

**Cleaning:** Fortnight ending: 30th April — M Saunders **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.**

### 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.***



### **Walking in the Spirit National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council**

People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from 3-9 July.

We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is leading us.

Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit)



### **Bishop Greg's Easter Message**

Bishop Greg's Easter Message has been placed on our website.

Hard copies available at the Parish Centre. There is also a video link available:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIDK4-7Mhj8>



### **ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BAIRNSDALE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022**

Enrolments are now being taken for candidates to participate in the Sacrament of Confirmation, to be celebrated on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Children who have already celebrated their First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and are in Year 6 or over may be enrolled. For further information please contact Michelle via email [stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com)

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions — APRIL**

#### ***For health care workers***

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

#### **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.



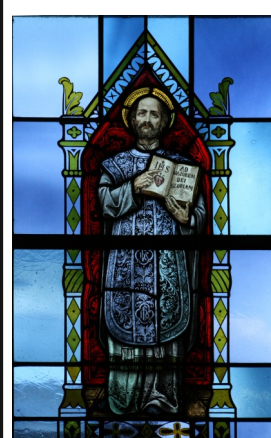
### **EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE**

The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is conducting an emergency appeal to support the Church in Ukraine.

Funds are being sent to clergy and religious orders who are on the ground assisting the Ukrainian people.

To donate, please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine](http://www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine) or phone: 1800 101 201.

Prayer Cards and Donation Slips are available at St Mary's Church.



### **International Ignatian Ecospiritual Conference.**

An Invitation to Ecological Conversion as we Celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Conversion of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. This takes place on 25-30 April 2022.

*"Creation is of the order of love. God's love is the fundamental moving force in all created things."* (LS, n. 77)

There is a video link available:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7I3pwSLiTV4>

Congratulations to not one but **two** happy couples who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 23rd April:

*Robert and Shirley Tanner*

&

*Brian and Mary Rowe*

A truly wonderful achievement



### **Readings: 1st May Third Sunday of Easter Year C**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Responsorial Psalm:

29: 2, 4-6, 11-13

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14

Gospel: John 21: 1-14

### **Collection for 17/4/22**

Envelopes \$ 1366.00

Caritas \$ 3817.40


1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 1459.15

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 118.65

Easter Offerings \$ 625.00

**Project Compassion boxes  
still being accepted**





The group meets on the first Thursday of the month, so the next meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in the Parish Centre (entry from Nicholson Street). If you would like to know more about the Loss and Grief Group, please phone Michael at St Mary's Parish Centre on 5152 2942.

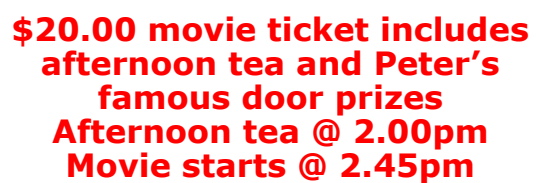
## FEDERAL ELECTION

Please read the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Download a copy from [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)



## **Film Fundraiser for St John's Anglican Church Bairnsdale**

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>- Bairnsdale Sun Cinema**  
*The Drover's Wife*



Tickets available at St John's  
Office or phone Peter:  
0400 655 318

## St Mary's Op Shop Garage Sale

**When:** Sat April 30<sup>th</sup>, 8.00AM - 12 noon

**Where:** 22 Lawless Street, Bairnsdale (last shed on the right).

Huge variety of household and variety items as well as kids' books & toys, knick knacks etc. at cheap prices.

**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**

## 8. Liturgy of the Word - Prayers of the Faithful

We've said we believe what we have heard, we've professed our faith and then our faith becomes a prayer. We sometimes call the 'Prayer of the Faithful' – those who have put their faith in the word they have heard. This prayer is a prayer of priestly intercession, as the whole community of the faithful is a priestly community and part of priestly service is to intercede for the people and for the world. This is a prayer that looks to the Church and to ourselves, our families, whatever the needs might be, but it is the priestly people – the Church – interceding with God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the power of faith, for the whole world. God wants us to enter into dialogue with Him in prayer. He has spoken to us, now we speak to Him. He wants us to be part of bringing peace out of violence, bringing joy out of sorrow, bringing life out of death. He wants us to work with Him. Our prayer of intercessions recognises, that the God who has called us to Himself, is the God who listens to our prayer and wants us to work with Him for the salvation of the world. Normally there is an intention, for the Church in every place on earth and then a silence and then the prayer.

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

Chris Sroczynski, Stephen “Michael” Dwyer, Angela D’Amelio and Barbara Shea, Joan Merritt (mother of Pattie Pruscino), Brendan Earles, 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:**

Barry Brindle, Bob Carrick, Peter Ross, Domenico Schiafone, Pat Bills, Vicki Hall, Don Ward, Kerry Terranova (Flynn), Ray Cook, Peter Duggan, John McMahon, Veronica Saunders, Lucy (Lucia) de Moel, Guise Duong Van Ho 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 ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:**

Kath Gillies, Leo Russell, Michael Counsel, John Spirason, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Lyn Donchi, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Victoria Shaw, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Mark & Elizabeth Rashleigh, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Craig Counsel, Margaret O'Reilly, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur Roberts, Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic Smythe.

***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.***

## **2nd Sunday of Easter Year C**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,  
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

### **The Opening Prayer also known as the Collect**

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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 Acts of the Apostles** (5:12-16)

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. **R.**

### **A reading from the book of the Apocalypse Revelation** (1:9-13, 17-19)

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's Day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John** (20:19-31)

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained. 'Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked, and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.