



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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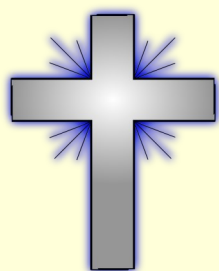
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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, November 5 2023

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.



NEWS FROM FATHER MICHAEL

Dear Parishioners:

On Tuesday (Oct 31), Bishop Greg released a new set of Parish appointments for 2024 (effective January 17). Since the retirement of Fr Peter Slater, the Warragul and Drouin Parishes have waited 12 months for the announcement of their next Parish Priest. Fr Brendan Hogan has now been appointed there and I've been asked to replace him at

Narre Warren. After almost 8 years here in East Gippsland, I will go, content in the knowledge that as a labourer in the vineyard of the Lord, he can send me to any of the fields and I will happily serve the people there in his name. Fr Joseph Abutu (currently PP of St Agatha's Cranbourne) will replace me at St Mary's Bairnsdale/Omeo and Fr Hiep Nguyen (currently assistant priest for Lakes Entrance and Orbost) has been promoted to Parish Priest of St Brendan's and St Colman's in a fitting vote of confidence. Fr Mark Hughes will remain at St Mary's. To complete the set of new appointments as Parish Priest, Fr Antony Rebelo will go to St Agatha's Cranbourne and Fr Confidence Masvosva to Yarram. I look forward to visiting each community in East Gippsland in my remaining weeks here.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday: 9.10am
Tuesday: 9.10am
Wednesday: 9.10am
Thursday: 9.10am
Funeral Prayers Aileen Callinan
St Patrick's Paynesville 1.30pm
Friday: 9.10am
St Mary's PS (Year 6's) 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

Masses held 4th weekend of each month.
Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek: 4th Saturday: 6.30pm
Immaculate Conception, Omeo: 4th Sunday: 9.00am
St Francis', Benambra: 4th Sunday: 11.00am

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year November 12, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	G Dooley	J De Boer	S Gibson	P Elliott	
9.30am Sunday	S Dean	J Coverdale	N Nash	R David	M Grimsted, T Kosmer, P Pruscino

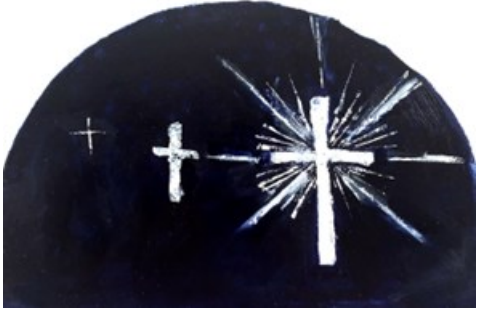
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: November 11 - B Mahony Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.

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.

SHINING A LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



St. Paul talks about love in terms of gentleness and sharing, yet in many relationships love has been replaced by control and domination resulting in financial, physical, psychological, emotional, verbal, religious, and sexual abuse.

From November 16 to 19, the Parishes across the Sale Diocese unite in 'Shining a Light' on Domestic Violence and praying for its end. Everyone is encouraged to wear white to Mass that weekend and all are invited to attend a special liturgy in one of these Parishes.

November 16 at 7.00 pm (St. Michael's Traralgon); November 17 at 4.00 pm (Sion House Warragul); 5.00pm (St Mary's Yarram); 6.00pm (St Mary's Bairnsdale); 7.30 pm (St. Michael's Berwick).



CULTURAL HERITAGE DAY

An invitation to all Parishioners of St Mary's, St Patrick's, and St Canice's
Sunday November 26-St Mary's Church

Come in your national dress.

Bring your national flag and join the procession into the Church.

Bring food from your culture to share with others.

Gather in the Parish Hall afterwards to celebrate our cultural diversity.

COMMUNITY CONNECT – SEASONAL WORKERS BBQ

A BBQ for all seasonal workers will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 455 Princes Highway, Lucknow
Sunday November 12 at 12 noon. All workers are welcome. Ring Paul Heaton-Harris for more information 0418 377 076.

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:



- ♦ **Who are some great people that you know?**
- ♦ **Why are they great?**
- ♦ **Jesus says that the greatest people are those who serve others.**
- ♦ **How do you serve others?**
- ♦ **Jesus asks us to be humble. What does it mean to be humble?**
- ♦ **How do we show that we are humble?**
- ♦ **We pray that we will be humble and serve our family, friends and those in our school and parish communities.**

READINGS:

November 11-12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-8

2nd Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

COLLECTIONS:

October 28-29, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1690.20

DD & Cards \$ 213.00

1st Collection \$ 652.70

2nd Collection \$ 888.45

Pay Wave \$ 230.00

Mission Sunday \$ 1508.75

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Tuesday November 14 at 6.00pm in St Mary's

Purple crosses are available in the Church foyer.
You can write the name/s of your departed loved ones on them and pin them on the Cross at the Altar



Sacramental Preparation

FIRST COMMUNION | FIRST RECONCILIATION | CONFIRMATION

St Mary's Parish is preparing the Sacramental Program for 2024. If any parents/caregivers wish their child/ren to be involved in the programs for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation, please contact Michelle Grimsted at the Parish Centre on 5152 2942 or email: stm.michelleg@gmail.com Sessions begin in February 2024.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER — For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



**NEXT GLOW
TONIGHT NOVEMBER 4**

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.

Alpha Corner



Keep your eyes and ears open
for when the next program will
begin.

Pray for those close to you that
they may accept the invitation
to COME.



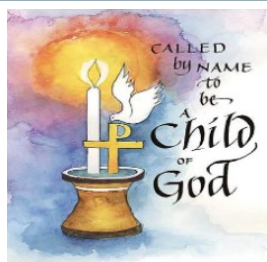
St Mary's Social Justice Group
Submissions for the annual
distribution of the
Parish Welfare Fund are

NOW OPEN

The Parish puts aside 2.5% of Planned Giving
receipts for local, national, and international needs
of those who are neglected by society. Your
suggestions are warmly invited for this year's
disbursement of accumulated funds.

Please leave your written suggestions at the
Parish Centre by November 10.

The submissions are discussed at a subsequent
meeting and a list of recipients is prepared for
Fr Michael's approval.



Welcome into our Parish family

Alexander Michael

Son of Vanessa and Andrew Savige



Morning Tea after Masses this
Sunday November 5 at St
Mary's and St Patrick's.

Come and join us!

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

ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION

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 the Psalms and Canticles
of the Lectionary Cycle alongside some of the great Advent
themes.

The Conversation will be led by biblical and theological
scholars from the Yarra Theological Union, a college of the
University of Divinity, Melbourne: **Dr Mary Reaburn, Lecturer**
in Biblical Studies and Dr Ross Fishburn, Academic Dean.

Thursday November 23, 2023 10.00am – 3.30pm.

Morning tea and a light lunch will be served \$25.00 per
person . Bookings essential. RSVP November 17.

The Abbey, Raymond Island: info@theabbey.org.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Aileen Callinan, Bob Boland, Pat Bourke, John Phelan, 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:): Bridget Ross, Silvana La Porta, Kathleen Marshall, Peter O'Donohue
Noel 'Sam' Currie, Concetta Pruscino, Rosa Lanteri, Elisabetta De Lutis, Keith McNairn, Margaret Nugent, Pauline Hamilton 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: John Prior, Elizabeth Steere (USA-niece of Pat Walsh), Sandra Brooks, Bev Broome, Michael Crane,
Robert McMahon, Dennis Collins, Alepaka Tyrell, Bob Marshall, Sue Minchin, Fran Adamson, Elaine Cook, Peter Hayden, John Hayles,
Maree Cowell, Hudson Schwab, Adrian Coulter, Deidree Tickner, Kathleen Robertson, 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

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Opening Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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 Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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Scripture notes

One of the greatest weaknesses of churches, parties and individuals is the discrepancy between word and deed. The Pharisees did not practice what they preached. 'Do as I say not do as I do! If we practise what we preach, live by our beliefs, we will be the first to benefit with richer lives, be happier and our words will carry more weight. Christ's harshest words were directed at religious people such as the scribes and Pharisees, not at sinners. He was very patient with them. but eventually he was forced to expose their hypocrisy, by effectively holding up a mirror in front of them so that for the first time they might see their true image. Aside from not practising what they preached, they made life impossible for ordinary people by multiplying rules, demanding observance of those rules to the letter without offering any help to those finding them burdensome. They sought their own honour rather than the honour of God, and they lacked charity and compassion in their dealings with others. The scribes and Pharisees were not unique. For the most part they were good and sincere people. They could be any group or religious people anytime and anywhere. Which of us can truly say that our deeds match our words?

Piety is no substitute for goodness.

Flor McCarthy New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies