



Sacred Heart,
Swifts Creek

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.

Parish Priest:	Fr Michael Willemsen	St Mary's Parish Pastoral Centre:
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 7th November, 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 @ St Mary's

Monday: 9:10am

Tuesday: 9:10am

Wednesday: 9:10am

Thursday: 9:10am

Friday: 9:10am

Paynesville:

Wednesday: 10am Rosary

RECONCILIATION

is available on

Friday after 9:10am Mass
and

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

4 SQUARE METRE RULE AND DOUBLE VACCINATED

Everyone has been keenly anticipating our economy opening up and provision for visiting loved ones again. However, with that comes some anxiety now that we are moving towards 'living with COVID'.

Our churches are open according to the State government requirements of the 4 square metre rule and double vaccination. Our smaller churches where **no more than 30 people** gather, does not require vaccination status to be known. This includes regular weekday Masses.

If there are parishioners who are not provided for under the current conditions, please contact the Parish office, or email Fr Michael (stm.michaelw@gmail.com).

All related correspondence will be treated confidentially.

Fr Michael

In essential things, unity. In non-essential things, liberty. In all things, charity. (St Augustine)

NEW MEMBERSHIP FOR PPC

As our **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** prepares for a renewal of membership, the most important part of this process is PRAYER. We ask everyone to pray that this process results in a membership that continues to foster the spiritual growth of parishioners and lead us all to respond actively.

1. The current PPC are seeking Recommendations for New Council Members. Forms can be found in the church or at the Parish Office.

- You don't need to ask the person whom you recommend, to accept. IT IS NOT A NOMINATION.

2. Recommendations close on 16th November. Forms can be returned by:

- Placing on the collection plate
- Or handing in at the Parish Office.

3. All recommended persons will be invited to attend an **Information Meeting on Thurs 25th November** to:

- Outline the Pastoral Council's Role and Function.
- Include details of expectations and responsibilities of Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) members.
- Ask participants whether they accept or decline nomination.

4. If there are more nominations than vacant positions, the PPC will prayerfully discern all nominations. The aim is to have a council with members who together provide a wide range of charisms and be broadly representative of our baptised community.

Roster for Masses 13th–14th November 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	P Reefman	C Marriot-Smith	D Reefman	C Power
9:30am Sun	G Neeson	N Nash	D Fallon	K Bennett

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 13th November: P Pruscino **Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.**

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 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



Introductory Rites – Greeting

The first thing we do really even before the Introductory Rite, is prepare ourselves, to move into sacred space and sacred time, into the presence of God. You see this in the great basilicas of Rome where you move through different spaces before you enter the Holy of Holies, as it were. Even physically. At Mass we prepare ourselves beforehand, in prayer. But then when the community gathers, we begin with the sign of the cross. Now we begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, as a way of saying we are entering into sacred space and sacred time. We're not exactly leaving our everyday life but we're entering into another depth and the depth we're entering into is the depth of the Trinity because, again, it's God who gathers us. We might decide to go to Mass but, in the end, it's God who is calling us to share His own life. And the life of God is what we call the Trinity which is perfect communion – a love that is completely unshadowed. And then the priest greets the people who have entered that sacred space and sacred time, the presence of God, with words taken from the New Testament. And so much of the language of the Mass is biblical. The words of scripture are sacred words. They're words born of the Trinity. So therefore the priest, who isn't just himself, when he puts on the vestments he becomes something more than himself – he remains himself but he becomes a figure of Christ in the midst of God's people, and speaking words that are not his own, words that are given to him to speak, from the New Testament: "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you." And the people respond: "And with your spirit." This is the language of Communion, it's the language born of the Trinity. And that's where we start.

Invitation: 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 Luke, titled 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Ecumenical Reflections on the Advent readings in Year C'.

The Conversation will be led by The Rev'd Dr Robert Derrenbacher & The Rev'd Francis Otopo (parish priest of St Michael's Traralgon). **WHERE:** The Abbey, 1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island **WHEN:** Friday 26 November, 2021 **TIME:** 10:30am to 3:30pm A light lunch will be served. Catering charge \$20 per person. **RSVP:** 19th November, booking essential for catering purposes. **RSVP:** Phone:– The Abbey (03) 5156 6580 or Email:– info@theabbey.org.au

ST MARY'S OPPORTUNITY SHOP

An opportunity to meet, help and make a difference.

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



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Do you have the charism/gift of HELPS, HOSPITALITY, SERVICE - making scones, sandwiches and a cup of tea, serving others? We are, once again being asked to cater for funerals. If you are able to help in any way we would love to hear from you. Please phone the Parish Centre: 5152 2942 and leave your name & phone number.

POPE FRANCIS' Universal intention - November

People who suffer from depression.

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Readings: 14th November 2021 33rd Sunday in O T, Year B,

1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 15:5,8-11
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18
Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Collections for Week ending 31/10/21

Envelopes	\$ 1,333.00
DD & Cards	\$ 3,790.00
1 st Collection	\$ 391.65
2 nd Collection	\$ 20.00

Thánh Lễ cuối tuần và ngày thường tại Giáo xứ St Mary's Bairnsdale

Các nhà thờ đã được mở cửa nhưng phải theo yêu cầu của chính phủ tiểu áp dụng luật giãn cách **4 mét vuông và chứng minh đã tiêm đủ hai liều Vaccin**. Nhà thờ St Mary có sức chứa không gian cho 110 người tham dự trong 1 thánh lễ. Các nhà nhỏ trong vùng chúng ta thường có dưới 30 người tham dự một trong thánh lễ, sẽ không yêu cầu trình xuất chứng nhận vaccin. Điều này cũng áp dụng cho các thánh lễ ngày thường từ thứ 2 đến thứ 6.

Theo luật yêu cầu, chúng tôi sẽ kiểm tra giấy chứng nhận vaccin của bạn trước khi vào nhà thờ.

Cho đến khi luật thay đổi, giáo xứ sẽ sắp xếp một thánh lễ cho những người chưa nhận đủ hai liều vaccin hoặc từ chối xuất trình chứng nhận COVID vaccin tại vùng East Gippsland căn cứ vào số lượng người đề nghị.

Mọi đề nghị của bạn xin vui lòng gửi qua email cho tôi: stm.michaelw@gmail.com

Hoặc điện thoại tới Trung Tâm Mục Vụ Giáo Xứ (51522942). Tất cả những đề nghị của bạn sẽ được bảo mật.

BAIRNSDALE ng ST MARY – WEEKENDS

Ang ating mga simbahan ay bukas nang naaayon sa alituntunin na ipinapatupad ng Estado bilang apat na kwadrang metro (4sqm) at katibayan nang dobleng bakuna.

Ang Parokya ng Santa Maria ay limitado sa isang daan at sampung (110) katao. Sa mas maliliit na simbahan (halimbawa: Paynesville o Lindenow) kung saan hindi lalampas ng tatlong (30) ang nagtitipon ay hindi kinakailangang magpakita ng pruwera ng bakuna. Kabilang na dito ang mga misa tuwing araw ng Lunes hanggang Biyernes.

Hanggang ang naturang alituntunin ay hindi na ipinatutupad, maaring magorganisa ng misa para sa mga parokyano ng East Gippsland na hindi pa nakakatanggap ng dobleng bakuna o hindi nagnanais na magpakita ng estado ng kanilang bakuna sa COVID, makipag ugnayan lamang sa parokya.

Kung nagnanais na makipag ugnayan ay maaring mag-email sa stm.michaelw@gmail.com o tumawag sa opisina ng parokya (5152 2942). Lahat ng pakikipag ugnayan ay mananatiling kompidensyal.

Parish Pastoral Council: meets 2nd 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
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.



30th Anniversary Dili Massacre, Timor-Leste:

On November 12, 1991, 271 unarmed and peaceful protesters were massacred by Indonesian troops at Santa Cruz Cemetery in Dili, Timor Leste. 250 people are still listed as missing. Timorese protesters attended Mass at Motael Church on the morning of the massacre to honour and remember Sebastião Gomes, a fellow protester, who had been killed by the Indonesian military on October 28.

The protesters then walked two kilometres in procession to Santa Cruz Cemetery where they were met by an unprovoked assault with automatic weapons.

Those who were not killed in the initial attack were bayoneted. People who fled to nearby houses for shelter were hunted down and murdered. In the following days, Indonesian security forces arrested suspected protesters, and many were tried and imprisoned. Others were tortured and killed.

We pray: for the young Timorese who died for freedom in the Santa Cruz cemetery 30 years ago, for their families and for all the Timorese people.

The Fifth Annual World Day of the Poor 14th November

"The Poor will Always Be With You."

Pope Francis says,

A different approach to poverty is required. This is a challenge that governments and world institutions need to take up with a farsighted social model capable of countering the new forms of poverty that are now sweeping the world and will decisively affect coming decades. If the poor are marginalised, as if they were to blame for their condition, then the very concept of democracy is jeopardised and every social policy will prove bankrupt.

With great humility, we should confess that we are often incompetent when it comes to the poor. We talk about them in the abstract; we stop at statistics and we think we can move people's hearts by filming a documentary. Poverty, on the contrary, should motivate us to creative planning, aimed at increasing the freedom needed to live a life of fulfilment according to the abilities of each person.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Luigi Ciaglia, Rose McMahon, 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...

Robert 'Bob' Bills, Huynh Van Tuan, Ellen Delany, Michael Dudley, John Clark, Pietro Carioli, Matt Verde, Antonio Pruscino, Pasquale Pruscino, Pat Pruscino, Concetta Pruscino, Silvana La Porta, Kathleen Marshall, Peter O'Donohue, Norm Mann 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:

Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Terry Flannery, Sue Stewart, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Michael Flynn, Mark Rashleigh, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Arthur Roberts, Paul Hawker, Margaret O'Reilly, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Damian Greaves, Victoria Shaw, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Jim Quigley, Craig Counsel, 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.

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Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

A reading from the book of Kings (17:10-16)

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (9:24-28)

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (12:38-44)

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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Scripture Notes

It is always a professional hazard that some with an important role in a society expect the respect due to the role to accrue to them personally. Some of the scribes were no exception. Their role was significant as they were interpreters of religious law.

Jesus strongly criticised those among them who let the importance of their roles go to their heads, singling them out particularly for their power over the poor. For spurious reasons of piety, they encouraged the poor to contribute well beyond their means to the wealth of the temple, and disgusted Jesus. His comment was not a commendation of the poor woman, generous as she was, but a cry of distress at the exploitation she suffered at the hands of the professionals.

Some would interpret the woman's contribution as a foreshadowing of the total gift that Jesus was soon to make of himself in his death. However, Mark's placing of this incident at such a distance from Jesus' arrest and execution would advise against this reading.

"Together in Galilee" A Pastoral Commentary on the Marks Gospel.