



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.

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

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C—November 13, 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 and 4th Sunday: 11:00am

Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra

November, December to be advised

##### **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

**Remembrance Mass-Tuesday November 15 at 6.00pm**  
Refreshments available in the Parish Centre after Mass

#### Blessing of the Crib Mass

#### St Mary's Church Bairnsdale

#### Sunday November 27, 9.30am Mass

You and your family are invited to bring your nativity scene to this Mass which celebrates the first Sunday of Advent, and marks our preparation time for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas.

Spirituality and learning about God is closely woven within the very existence of love in a faith family.

This is found in living our ordinary family life with the Lord Jesus at the centre of it all.



##### Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

**Monday–Friday: 9.10am**

**Tuesday: Remembrance Mass**  
**6.00pm**

**Paynesville**

**Wednesday Rosary: 10.00am**

**Reconciliation** is available each

**Friday:** after 9:10am Mass

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



##### Advent Reflection Mornings

You are warmly invited to attend at

St Brendan's Lakes Entrance or St Mary's Bairnsdale

Taking time to quieten ourselves and reflect on the readings of Advent Year A.

More information on times and dates in next weeks Bulletin.

#### Roster for Masses – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe— November 19-20, 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister	Offertory Procession
6:00pm Sat	C Shanahan	M Saunders	B O'Kelly	K Flannery	
9:30am Sun	D Atkins	G Neesom	P Browne-Graham	H Sampson	J & D Fallon, J Delaney

**Cleaning:** Fortnight ending: November 26 — 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 via the Parish Centre 5152 2942; or Police 5150 2600; or Towards Healing 1800 816 030.**

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for NOVEMBER



### 'For children who suffer'

We pray for the children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education, and the opportunity to experience family affection.

## 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. The Gospel today speaks about bad things that happen but Jesus says that we are not to be afraid. What shouldn't we be afraid of?



- ♦ **What did Jesus say he will give us so that we know what to say during difficult times?**
- ♦ **Jesus says that we are safe because we belong to Him and believe in Him.**
- ♦ **Let us pray for wisdom when we find things are hard to understand or when difficult things happen.**



## St Mary's Social Justice Group

meets quarterly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the months of February, May, August and November at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. All Parishioners with an interest

in Social Justice, Human Rights, the Environment, Reconciliation, the Homeless, Refugees etc are very welcome to come along next, **Thursday November 17, at 2.00 pm in the Parish Centre.**

For further information phone Chris 0418 148 657.



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

We remember all those who have served and died as a result of war



## 'Cuppa with Mary'

The Mary MacKillop Museum tells the story of Mary and the SOSJ's. Entry is free. While in Melbourne, walk the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and see Mary's place of birth. Consider organising a Parish group and have a 'Cuppa with Mary'. Group bookings which include a presentation, tour of Museum and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, cost \$15 per person.

**Contact Kate on 9926 9300**

**'Open Day' - Saturday November 26, 2022 (10.00am - 4.00pm)**

Fr Julian Tenison Woods co-founded the SOSJ with Mary MacKillop. The exhibition will explore Tenison Wood's work as a missionary priest, his advocacy of Catholic education for the poor, as well as his scientific endeavours and his eco-spirituality. His life was lived to the full, intertwined with faith and science. Julian is a role model for us today in prayer and sustainability. Join us for:

- Guided tours of the Museum
- A Mary MacKillop Walking Tour @ 11.00am
- Mass @ 1.00pm in the Chapel where Mary prayed
- Refreshment options available for purchase

Book online on the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Website

## Mary MacKillop Gift Shop

Consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a present from the Museum Gift Shop or a

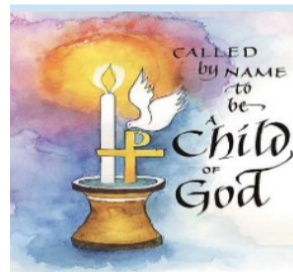
**2022 Josephite Calendar.** The shop stocks communion &

confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items

## Accommodation@MMHC

When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne.

Contact Kate on 9926 9300.



## Baptisms at Lindenow

**Edward Christopher & Hazel Jane**

children of

**Madeline and Daniel Eastman**

**Isabel Kathryn** daughter of

**Aubree and John Eastman**

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

The series can be found on YouTube>Archdiocese of Brisbane/playlist>The Mass Series.

The Communion Rite comes to its high point as we share the feast that God provides- to eat the bread (His body) and drink the wine (His blood), and in doing so, we show that we are at one with God and each other.

'The Body of Christ', is a simple phrase, but has a number of meanings.

- The bread is the body of the crucified and risen Christ.
- Saying 'Amen', says I believe this and also that I am part of the body of Christ as a single body, and the whole church community.

Singing a hymn at this point is not just creating an air of festivity, it also unifies our many voices into one voice. It is a foretaste of the world to come, where God will be all in all, and we will all take part in the heavenly banquet of the Lamb. After Communion there is often a time of silence where we allow the gift to resonate within us. The post Communion prayer gathers up the prayer of all the people present, asking God that this gift will be a power in our lives both individually and in the Church community. That it will bear fruit in this life and in eternity. 'Amen' completes the Communion Rite.

The Liturgy of the Word, the Eucharist and the Rite of Communion are the three essential pillars on which the Mass stands.

## November 19-20, 2022

**Readings: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 121:1-5

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

## Collections:

### November 5-6, 2022

Envelopes \$ 1546.00

DD & Cards \$ 2075.00

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 569.95

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 674.65

Pay Wave \$ 150.00

Church Tours \$ 168.95

**Requiem Mass for Flo McMahon to be held at 1.30pm Thursday November 17 at St Mary's Bairnsdale**

**Starting in December, each month we will be highlighting a country experiencing conflict . So often these countries are in the headlines for a few weeks and then disappear from view, while the people it affects may be forgotten.**



### 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 10.00am – 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](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)**

### Community Connections East Gippsland

invites you to join local **Seasonal Workers for a Christmas BBQ**

12 noon Sunday November 27

at the Seventh Day Adventist Church,  
973 Princes Highway Lucknow.

**Special Guests :** Victorian Community

Connections Coordinator:

Rev Randall Prior,

Sewing Teacher Jenny Arms (Jenny has been teaching some of the local seasonal worker women how to use a sewing machine), English Teacher Kathy Boland (Kathy has been helping the seasonal workers to improve their English),

The Bicycle Man Peter Flahive

(Peter has been sourcing and making sure bikes are in good order for the seasonal workers to use).

Santa will arrive about 3.00pm

**RSVP: By November 22, everyone needs to register their attendance individually by contacting Wendy 0438 516 322 by SMS or phone.**



### 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](mailto: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

### BECOME AN EARTHCARE PARISH / FAMILY

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote his environmental encyclical

**Laudato Si'** in which he implores us to protect our common home.

To escalate the implementation of **Laudato Si'**, Pope Francis has now established the **Laudato Si' Action Platform** with its

**7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years.**

Our **Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22,**

**'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'** reinforces the call to care for all

creation and invites us to join them in taking action and committing to the **Laudato Si'** goals. Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for Parishes & families to take up the Bishops' invitation by developing a process to assist you on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living **Laudato Si'** communities. Become a Catholic Earthcare Parish/Family at

<https://catholicearthcare.org.au>

or contact St Mary's Social Justice Group at the Parish Centre

Phone: 5152 2942

### EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE



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  
in the Church foyer.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Flo McMahon, Giovanni 'John' Scionti, 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:** Sue Stewart, Norm Mann, Robert Bills, Huyhn Van Tuan, Ellen Delaney, Michael Dudley, John Clark, Pietro Carioli, Matt Verde, John McCormack, Bridget Ross, Silvana La Porta, Kathleen Marshall, Peter O'Donohue, 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:** Mary Johnson, Cherie Morgan, John Atkins, Rick Harney, 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.***

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C November 12-13, 2022**

**Entrance Antiphon**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**The Opening Prayer**

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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 3:19-20**

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evildoers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R.. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder, the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness **R.**

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-1**

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**Lift up your heads and see, your redemption is near at hand. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19**

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen, but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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**Scripture Reflection:**

In a world of so much social and political turmoil, people of faith may be looked on as naïve, ineffectual or irrelevant. However, we must try not to be afraid of the sceptics and cynics, but trust that God will give us the strength to stay strong in our faith. Faith often seems to thrive in adversity. Jesus said to his disciple, 'Do not be frightened', but we would not be human if we didn't feel fear when danger threatens. "A person without fear is no hero; the person who overcomes fear is" (Solzhenitsyn). The Gospel encourages us not to lose heart in difficult times. Our faith does not rest on human institutions or structures, but on the love and power of God. Jesus looked on tragedies and disasters as opportunities for his disciples to bear witness to him and the Gospels. These are times when Christian witness is needed. In times of darkness- light is needed; times of falsehood – truth is needed; times of hatred- love is needed. Faith gives us the conviction that goodness will triumph in the end and that God will have the last say. 'A person with a grain of faith in God never loses hope' (Gandhi).