



Immaculate Conception, Omeo

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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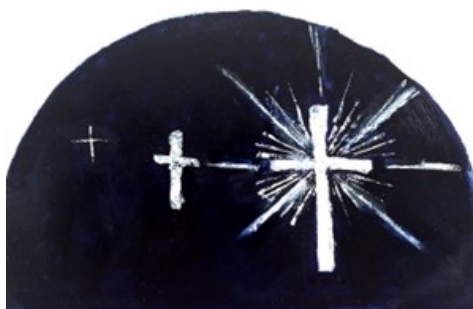
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, November 19th 2023

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.



SHINING A LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WE ARE CALLED TO BE CHILDREN OF LIGHT NOT DARKNESS.

Our Diocese joins together to Shine a Light on the Domestic Violence that occurs behind the shield of the family home. Let us pray for its end.

We can all be prepared to work towards ending domestic violence by listening to people who have been abused without judging or blaming them for the harm caused by another person.

AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND everyone is encouraged to wear white.

White Ribbons are available at the Baptismal Font-gold coin donation. All proceeds go to the White Ribbon Foundation.



Walk to Change the Story

Take steps to end violence against women and children

SATURDAY 25 NOV FROM 10.30 am
Nicholson Street Mall in Bairnsdale

For more information visit
glch.org.au/say-no-to-violence/

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday: 9.10am

Tuesday: 9.10am

Wednesday: 9.10am

Thursday: 9.10am

Friday: 9.10am

St Mary's PS (Year 2'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

No Masses at Paynesville & Lindenow Sunday November 26

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

Feast of Christ the King Year A November 26, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	N Light	D Ball	C Marriott - Smith	K Flannery	
9.30am Sunday	A Veldhuizen	H Sampson	S Tilley	J Delany	R Gray and Family

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: November 25 - P Pruscino 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.



Blessing of the Cribs Mass

St Mary's Church Bairnsdale 1st Sunday of Advent

Dear Parent and Caregiver,

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

The Holy Family is an icon of our Church, where we can learn the meaning and mystery of our faith.

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

Your family is warmly invited to attend the Blessing of the Cribs Mass to be held

Sunday December 3 at 9.30am St Mary's Church – Bairnsdale

To participate in this blessing, please bring along your family nativity scenes to this Mass, which begins the season of Advent. Our time of preparation for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas.

CULTURAL HERITAGE DAY



An invitation to all Parishioners on the Feast of Christ the King.

9:30 Mass Sunday November 26 at 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.

No Masses at Paynesville and Lindenow on Sunday November 26 as we celebrate Cultural Heritage Day at St Mary's-9.30am.

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:



- ♦ In today's gospel how many servants did the master leave in charge?
- ♦ How much money did he give them?
- ♦ What happened when the Master returned?
- ♦ Why was the Master pleased?
- ♦ Jesus asks us to be good and faithful in little things.
- ♦ What little things that we do show that we are good and faithful?
- ♦ We pray that we will do our best with little things this week.

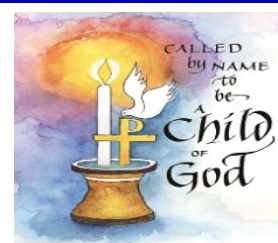
Advent Mini Retreat

Are you seeking to find peace in the midst of flurry as we approach Christmas celebrations? If so, you are invited to join us for 1 hour a week as we enter the season of Advent, quietly reflecting on the coming of Christ. Come be part of this prayerful fellowship with kindred spirits, encountering Emmanuel! You are most welcome.

When: Thursdays November 30, December 7, December 14 and December 21

Where: St Mary's Chapel

Time: 9.45am



We welcome into our Parish family

Jasper Edward

son of

Maddison Trembath & Jackson Cropper

READINGS: November 25-26

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

1st Reading:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:20, 26-28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

COLLECTIONS:

November 11-12, 2023

Envelopes \$ 885.00

DD & Cards \$ 200.00

1st Collection \$ 704.10

2nd Collection \$ 722.05

Pay Wave \$ 260.00

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.

Thank
You

Robert McMahon would like to thank all the Parishioners for their prayers and would like to inform everyone that he is starting to recover from his illness.

GLOW

NEXT GLOW
NOVEMBER 18

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.



For every child peace,
Every child everywhere, has a right to live in a peaceful world.

For every child, a liveable planet
Children have a right to a safe and liveable planet.

For every child, a voice
Children must be listened to and included in all decisions that
affect them.

National Recycling Week November 13-19

Reduce waste - think about whether you really want or need something before you buy it.

Learn about the Australian recycling label - you can improve the impact and sustainability of recycling by making sure your recyclable waste goes into the right bin every time. Think about up cycling - the 'Reuse' part of the message is just as important as the rest. Before you throw anything away, think about whether it could be repurposed. For example, could you use old glass bottles and jars for storage? Could you give a piece of old furniture a new life with a lick of paint?

National Recycling Week 2023 is a great opportunity for us all to get creative in thinking about ways we can reduce our impact on the environment.



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons, Jacinta Da Costa,
Geoff Neeson (Chair), 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



St Mary's Family Christmas Mass Nagle College 7.00pm Christmas Eve

Your child is invited to participate in the Children's Gospel
Dramatisation for the St Mary's Family Christmas Eve Mass.

The following acting parts are waiting to be filled: [Mary](#), [Joseph](#),
[Caesar Augustus](#), [3 Kings](#), [Inn Keeper](#), [Shepherds and Angels](#).

If your son/daughter wishes to participate, there will be a practice
session at the dress rehearsal on Christmas Eve morning at
Nagle College. We will supply costumes for your child to wear.

To register your interest, please email your family's preference by
Friday December 1, 2023 to this address: stm.michelleg@gmail.com



Australian
Red Cross

Volunteers urgently need for
Patient Transport

If you can help please contact Fr Mark for
further details

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Tony Di Palma, Anthony Kuick Sr, John Prior, victims of natural disasters, COVID-19, terrorism, war, conflict, poverty, Asylum Seekers and those with Family Violence or Mental Health issues.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Antonio Pruscino, Pasquale Pruscino, Pat Pruscino, Domenico Rettino, Helen McBride, Graham Rowe, Jim Dwyer Susan Stewart, Flo McMahon, Norm Mann, Bob Bills, Huynh Van Tuan, Ellen Delany, Michael Dudley, John Clark, Pietro Carioli, Kayla Hayles, Matt Verde, 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: Tim Davies (nephew of Frank Brown-Graham) Kieran Hayles, 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.

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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.

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 book of Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5: 1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

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Scripture Notes Using Our Gifts

The Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25 focuses on the idea of stewardship and responsible use of resources. It encourages people to make the most of what they have, rather than hoarding or hiding it. The servants who doubled their talents took initiative and were rewarded, whereas the one who buried his was rebuked.

The message in the gospel for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is about action and accountability. It tells us that what we're given—whether it's money, skills, or opportunities—should be utilized for a greater good. The idea is to grow and multiply these gifts, presumably for the benefit of the community or, in the religious context, for the Kingdom of God.

Young Catholics