



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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, 23rd January, 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 each month:
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 to Friday: 9:10am

Paynesville

Wednesday: 10am Rosary

RECONCILIATION is available each

Friday after 9:10am Mass

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

WHAT FOLLOWS A NATIONAL CENSUS?

Answer: A National Church Life Survey.

Every 5 years, churches around Australia are invited to participate in a survey that *produces a profile for pastoral planning*. You may remember participating in these before. On a dedicated Sunday, we pause during Mass to fill out the survey, which takes 15-20 minutes. The responses we give are processed and reports produced that provide statistics on a range of demographic measures, more specific to Parish life than what we filled out on Census night last August.

Please be ready to participate in the survey, which will be held during Sunday Masses on the weekend of 12-13 February.

Having your own pen would help. 😊

Vietnamese New Year

TẾT CỔ TRUYỀN VIỆT NAM

Cha Phao Lô Hiệp Nguyễn, linh mục đang phục vụ tại East Gippsland, Victoria trân trọng kính mời cộng đồng người Việt Nam đang sinh sống và làm việc tại Giáo Phận Sale và vùng Miền Đông Victoria tới tham dự buổi gặp mặt nhận dịp tết cổ truyền của người Việt tại nhà thờ St Mary Bairnsdale vào chiều tối ngày Thứ Hai Ngày 31/01/2022.

Chương trình gặp mặt:

6:30pm Giải Tội

7:00pm Thánh lễ Tết Niên

Sau thánh lễ sẽ gặp mặt và ăn tối

Rất hân hạnh được đón tiếp mọi người.

Kính Mời

Linh mục: Hiệp Nguyễn

Roster for Masses - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th/30th January 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	J De Boer	B O'Kelly	M Saunders	P Elliott
9:30am Sun	R David	D Atkins	P Brown-Graham	S Tilley

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 5th February: S Gibson

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.

SYNOD 2021 -2023 Let's Walk Together!

Companions on the Journey.



The purpose of the Synod is "to plant dreams", to "journey together" following the course of the Church in the third millennium with a truly synodal mentality. **Join us!**

Of those in our Church, who do we walk with and who is forgotten? What about those outside the Church, who is not included or welcomed? Have your say <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay> or use the QR code. Introductory video, prayers and resources at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>

Journey of the Synod 2021-2023

4. OUR DECISION MAKING

Our aim is to make decisions by discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community.

- How well do we do this and which Catholic discernment and decision-making methods include everyone?
- How can we do better?

Share your experiences and offer your responses to the Synod consultation that is currently going on in each diocese around the world. Let's hear your voice in the conversation. We want to hear what matters to you.

Have your say <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay>

"Humility is admiration

**for the gifts God has given to others,
reverence for God in others,
and recognizing and developing our own
gifts for others."**

<https://uscatholic.org/articles/202201/to-ease-social-strife-practice-social-humility/>

Reflection on Scripture

Now the body is not a single part, but many.

You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

1 Cor 12:27

- We give thanks for the spiritual gifts that bind us together and the family of God. We are called to be one people, one body in Christ, enabled and sent out for service.
- How are we, both communally and personally, using our gifts to serve others in Christ's name? How can you, along with your fellow-believers, enable the church to bring good news, freedom and liberation to others?
- Which gifts of yours have you been hiding? Who might need you to use it?
- Last week we reflected on our gifts. Which people appreciate you for those gifts? And which people don't?
- When has your faith in Christ and your awareness of his presence with you brought you joy and a sense of power?
- Are we making decisions with the heart and mind of Jesus?
- What are the factors that might impede our communal discernment and decision-making and how can we minimise them?

Some of the reflection points have been sourced and adapted from <https://teamrcia.com/>

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.



QUOTE OF THE DAY ON SYNODALITY

Courage must also be the foundation for the process by which the People of God discern and dialogue towards clarity, welcoming all contributions and working together to reveal the truth of the Spirit.

Synod of Bishops Preparatory Document, no. 30;
Vademecum (Handbook) nos. 2.3, 5.3

Authority and Participation:

A synodal Church recognizes the call of God to foster co-responsibility in pursuit of the mission. The People of God must examine, together, how authority is exercised within the Church and what practices of teamwork can be taken to better promote the unity of the diverse people of faith.

Synod of Bishops Preparatory Document, nos. 1, 30;
Vademecum (Handbook) no. 5.3

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Sacramental Program 2022

St Mary's Parish Sacramental Program for 2022 begins soon. If you would like your child to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (usually grade 3 or over), enrolment to the program closes on the 11th February. To discuss this further, please contact me at the Parish Centre on 5152 2942 or via email stm.michelleg@gmail.com

Blessings always, Michelle Grimsted
Parish Sacramental Coordinator

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

A reminder of our banking details.

BSB: 083-879 ACCOUNT: 48919 4022

ACCOUNT NAME: St Marys Parish Bairnsdale/Omeo

Ref: Your Name and Envelope Number or
marked 1st or 2nd Collection. Thank you for your continued financial support of our Parish.

Readings: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading:
Jeremiah 1: 4-5,17-19
Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 70:1-6,15,17
2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 12:31 -13:13
Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

Collections for 16/01/22

Envelopes	\$	951.00
DD & Cards	\$	465.00
1 st Collection	\$	530.95
2 nd Collection	\$	596.65
Church Tours	\$	816.10

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:** Wilma Collier, Marylin Elliott, Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons, Peter McMahon & Jacinta Da Costa. 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

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

4. Introductory Rites - Opening Prayer or Collect

The Opening Prayer concludes the arc of the Introductory Rites, and it is one of the most important prayers of the Mass. The Opening Prayers contain everything that the Church believes and teaches. They're incredibly rich and dense. The priest begins by saying, 'Let us pray,' he summons the whole community to enter into prayer. And then a moment of silence. What's happening in the silence? Everyone is praying in their hearts and in that silence having been drawn into the presence of God. And then out of the silence the priest gathers up the prayer of everyone in the community, and that's why the traditional name for the Opening Prayer was 'the Collect' - because the priest collects the prayers of everyone there into a single voice and a single prayer. We who have been drawn into the life of the Trinity as we open our hearts in prayer. The structure of the opening prayers, looks back to the kind of prayer that you would have heard in Ancient Rome, and it's a structure which early Christianity inherited and then baptised it. These little prayers are deep and rich. They gather up the prayer of the entire Church in every time and in every place as well as the prayer of this particular community, joining with the Church in Heaven, so the Mass in that sense celebrates the marriage of Heaven and Earth.

Here is this week's Opening Prayer/ Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
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.

Lord,
You speak to us in many ways, through rushing wind or still small voice,
in Scripture's Word or through your Grace and we in turn find many ways,
to hear the world's insistent voice break through the silence and take your place.
Forgive our sin.
Help us hear your voice above the clamour of this world,
recognise the difference and follow only you. Amen

2016 John Birch in Praying through the Lectionary - Prayers for Year C



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Peter Rankin SDB, 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...

Benny Lamanna, Karen Skeen, Jenny Scott, Patricia Wood, Eileen Ebert, Vittorio Saulle, Fr Bill Shanahan, Maria Parisotto, Maria Pukal, Sr Maria Terese, Fr John O'Kelly, Keith Murray, Syd Clarke, Frank Melrose, Kerrie Sroczynski, Faye Pruscino, Joe Garro, Lena Neligan, Paul Rowe, Annunziata Rettino, Jack Deery, Lawrence Liccione, Beryl Seib, 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:

Lyn Donchi, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Victoria Shaw, Paul Hawker, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Michael Flynn, Mark Rashleigh, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur Roberts, Margaret O'Reilly, Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Craig Counsel, Linton Smith, Andre Buxton, 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.

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

A reading from the book of Nehemiah (8:2-6, 8-10)

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,/it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,/ it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,/ they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,/ it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,/ abiding for ever./ The decrees of the Lord are truth/ and all of them just. **R.**

May the spoken words of my mouth,/ the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,/ my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (12:12-30)

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (1:1-4; 4:14-21)

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight,

to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'