



Immaculate Conception,
Omeo

THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

East Region – Diocese of Sale

BAIRNSDALE, PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW, OMEQ, 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

Presbytery:

23 Pyke Street Bairnsdale Phone 5152 3106

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135 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale Phone 5152 2942

Website: www.stmarysbairnsdale.net

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

Third Sunday of Easter, Year C, 1st May, 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 monthly: 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-Friday:

9.10am

Paynesville

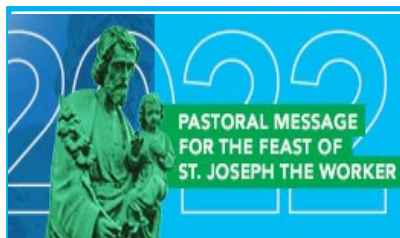
Wednesday: 10am Rosary

RECONCILIATION is available each

Friday after 9:10am Mass

Saturday 9:30am - 10:00am and

5:30pm to 5:50pm



1st May - Feast of St Joseph the Worker

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Commission
for Social Justice, Mission and Service is
highlighting the growing trend of people needing to work
multiple jobs to make ends meet.

Go to <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/04/19/pastoral-message-2022/>
to view Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFM video message .



Please join us for Morning Tea

in the Parish Centre after 9.30 am Mass



Fr. Michael is in Lakes Entrance and Orbost this weekend to farewell Josephite Sisters, Sr. Lynette and Sr. Madeleine, who have been associated with our

parishes in Lakes Entrance and Orbost for many years. Their contribution has been
immeasurable and we are sad to see this association end.



Farewell morning tea will be taking place after
the 9am Mass in Lakes Entrance and
a shared lunch at
St Colemans Church in Orbost.

DIVINE RENOVATION: Do you want to help parishes move from maintenance to mission
Divine Renovation Ministry is hiring! We're currently seeking candidates for 3 Relationship
Guide roles for Queensland, NSW, and Victoria. If you (or someone you know) feels called to
serve the Church through ministry work by accompanying and offering support to priests and
parishes on the renewal journey, we encourage you to check out the position and apply
at www.divinerenovation.org/jobs.
Please contact us at australasia@divinerenovation.org for more information.

Roster for Masses – 4th Sunday of Easter 7 & 8th May

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	D Reefman	J Peachey	P Reefman	C Shanahan
9:30am Sun	R David	D Fallon	F Brown-Graham	J Coverdale

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 14th May — H Sampson **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.**

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.***



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions —MAY

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest;
may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of
discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the
dedication to service

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down
of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is conducting an
emergency appeal to support the Church in Ukraine.

Funds are being sent to clergy and religious orders who are on the
ground assisting the Ukrainian people. To donate, please visit:
www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine or phone: 1800 101 201.

Prayer Cards and Donation Slips are available at St Mary's Church.

Pope Francis' Easter Message

Pope Francis has delivered his
Urbi et Orbi, or message for Rome and
the World for Easter 2022.

He focuses on the importance of peace
in a world at the end of an 'endless' Lent with COVID-19,
multiple wars and a world facing the difficulties of climate
change. "Brothers and sisters, may we be won over by the
Peace of Christ! Peace is possible; peace is a duty; peace is
everyone's primary responsibility." For further information go
to:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/04/19/pope-francis-easter-message/>

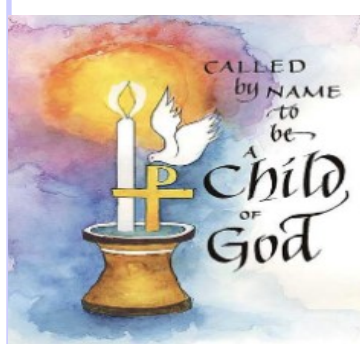


Walking in the Spirit National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council

People across the country are
invited to participate in a
national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia
prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council
of Australia in Sydney from 3-9 July.

We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance and grace for the
Members who will gather and also for ourselves and the
Church, that we may have the courage to follow where God is
leading us.

Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources
at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthspirit



We welcome into our Parish
family, through Baptism
Annabel Mary,
daughter of
Louise McCarthy and
Tony Brazzale.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BAIRNSDALE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

Enrolments are now being taken for candidates to participate in
the Sacrament of Confirmation, to be celebrated on Saturday
30th July 2022. Children who have already
celebrated their First Reconciliation and First
Eucharist and are in Year 6 or over may be
enrolled.



For further information please contact Michelle
via email stm.michelleg@gmail.com

ST MARY'S OP SHOP SHED

The St Mary's Op Shop Shed is open every Thursday morning
from 9.30am to 11.00am.
22 Lawless Street Bairnsdale.
Last shed on the right.

The Gippsland Presbytery of Uniting Church Mission & Education invites you to register NOW for:

HymnFest: Pentecost

Bairnsdale Uniting Church

Gunaikurnai Country

Corner Great Alpine Road & Lanes Road, Lucknow

Sunday May 29th 2022 2.00 - 4.00pm

Learn new hymns and celebrate
some old favorites.

Bring a carload of singers

Register with Ian Conabere 0408761080
ianconabere@gmail.com by May 15, 2022



Readings: 8th May **4th Sunday of Easter Year C**

1st Reading: Acts 13: 14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 99:
3, 5

2nd Reading: Revelation 7: 9,
14-17

Gospel: John 10: 27-30

Collection for 24/4/22

Envelopes \$ 1447.00

Caritas & Peters Pence \$ 4299.70

1st Collection \$ 694.45

2nd Collection \$ 849.00

Easter Offerings \$ 625.00

**Project Compassion boxes still
being accepted**



LOSS & GRIEF GROUP

The group meets on the first Thursday of the month, so the next meeting will be May 5th at 5:00pm in the Parish Centre (entry from Nicholson Street). If you would like to know more about the Loss and Grief Group, please phone Michael at St Mary's Parish Centre on 5152 2942.

FEDERAL ELECTION

Please read the Australian Catholic Bishops' 2022 election statement, *Towards a Better Kind of Politics*, to help you reflect on the good you can do for the community by using your vote for the common good of all. The statement includes a Prayer for the Election and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Download a copy from www.catholic.org.au

Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church. Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.

Donate via our website:

<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>



NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons, Peter McMahon, Amanda Vowell and Jacinta Da Costa

together with Wilma Collier and Marilyn Elliott who are continuing their four year term.

Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, Principals and Michael.

A Parish Directory: is available at the Pastoral Centre.

St Mary's Primary School: 5152 3706

Nagle College: 5152 6122

Sacraments: To request information & 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 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: 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

Film Fundraiser for St John's Anglican Church Bairnsdale

Saturday May 7th - Bairnsdale Sun Cinema *The Drover's Wife*

\$20.00 movie ticket includes afternoon tea and Peter's famous door prizes. Afternoon tea @ 2.00pm, Movie starts @ 2.45pm

Tickets available at St John's Office or Peter: 0400 655 318

Bishop Greg's Easter Message

Dear sisters and brothers, I greet you in the name of the Risen Lord! Alleluia! Our Lenten journey of the past forty days has been marked by our own transformation: prayer, fasting, acts of charity. This Lent has also been marked by war and natural disaster.

The sadness of the invasion of Ukraine has filled us with grief for the destruction, homelessness, fear, turmoil and injury of so many innocent people. The power of evil has cast its shadow of darkness upon so many. In early March many people across NSW and Qld had to endure the devastating floods – unprecedented and becoming all too frequent. The magnitude of the loss of homes, dislocation of so many people, those who died and the mountains of debris stark reminders of our powerlessness against the forces of Mother Nature. So many people have carried the burden of the cross – in their sufferings, losses and the injustices they have carried.

I wear this cross given to me by family at the time of my Ordination. It's symbol that the one cross of Jesus has become the source of hope, life and promise. The paradox of the Cross is both its death and promise of salvation: We Adore You, O Christ, and We Bless You, because by Your Cross You Have Redeemed the World Today as we reflect on the resurrection of the Lord, we are mindful of the first Easter day. Mary Magdala – the faithful friend of Jesus comes to his tomb. She has not deserted him; she comes in search of him.

We think of the many people who have been "Mary of Magdala" for us: our families, friends, our clergy, pastoral staff and parish friends. We recall those powerful images of those who came in rescue of those in time of war and flood – giving life for friend and stranger – not counting the cost, but giving for the richness of human goodness and love. 2 These Holy Days of the Triduum have

taken us on a journey to remember and to celebrate: Holy Thursday – in the memory of the Eucharist and service; Good Friday – the memory of the One who has carries and shares our suffering unto death; Easter Day – the Promise that he is with us always –

accompanying us with his love, hope, joy and promise of resurrection. Courage, sisters and brothers, we do not walk alone, for Jesus Christ Risen from the Dead is with us! Bishop Greg's Easter Message has been placed on the St Mary's website. video link available:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIDK4-7Mhj8>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rita Buteyn, Chris Sroczynski, Stephen "Michael" Dwyer, Angela D'Amelio and Barbara Shea, Joan Merritt (mother of Pattie Pruscino), Brendan Earles, 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: Monica Ainsworth, Cliff Betts, Lena Betts, Glen Dungey, Des Shanahan, Felicia Bagnato, Desio Fortunato, Desio Francesca, Teresa Saulle, Baby John Robert Brooks, Norman Dore, Joe Gwizdek, Maria Capobianco, Pam Hammond, Rick Marshall, Michael McMahon, Sean Dooley - (20th Anniversary), Barry Brindle, Bob Carrick, Peter Ross, Domenico Schiafone, Pat Bills, Vicki Hall, Don Ward, Kerry Terranova (Flynn), 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 ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:

Marie Ayres (sister-in-law of Pat Coloe), Kath Gillies, Leo Russell, Michael Counsel, John Spirason, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Lyn Donchi, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Victoria Shaw, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Mark & Elizabeth Rashleigh, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Craig Counsel, Margaret O'Reilly, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur Roberts, Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, 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.

Third Sunday of Easter Year C 1st May 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

The Opening Prayer

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord Amen

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles ((5: 27-32, 40-41)

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever **R.**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse Revelation (5: 11-14)

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (21: 1-14)

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.'

So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

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Scripture Notes

The first reading tells us of the persecution that the apostles encountered from the Jewish authorities, as predicted by Jesus.

The gospel relates a further appearance of Jesus, with the capture of fish symbolising the mission of the apostles to be catchers of people. We often write off people on the strength of one bad experience, but which of us would like to be judged on a single moment of our lives? One might have expected Jesus to write Peter off as being weak, cowardly and unreliable, after all, Peter, as a leader, had set a terrible example to the others. Yet Jesus did not write him off, he didn't even demote him. Judas' betrayal was a planned, cold and calculating thing. Peter's denial was the result of weakness not malice. Jesus knew there was another and better side to Peter, strength and weakness co-exist in all of us, and Jesus restored a humbler and wiser Peter to his position. Jesus kept no record of Peter's sins, but asked him to love and serve his community. Peter wrote, "Love covers a multitude of sins." Peter learnt a painful truth about himself, that he wasn't as strong or brave as he thought he was. What we are and what we think we are, are two very different things. He also learnt that in spite of his denials, Jesus still loved him. Love brought Peter back to life. The frailties we see in Peter, we recognise in ourselves. We must not judge ourselves or others by momentary lapses, but by commitment over a long time to our beliefs. The challenge facing us today is that we live in a secular society, where faith and religion is not at the centre of our culture. To 'do the right thing (or suffer for one's faith) is the way to the closest companionship with Jesus.

Flor McCarty SDB New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Year C