



St Canice's Lindenow

# THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

## Eastern 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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<b>Presbytery:</b>	23 Pyke Street Bairnsdale Phone 5152 3106	

#### 4th SUNDAY OF ODINARY TIME, YEAR B, 31st January 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.

#### Reconciliation

**Friday** following 9:10am Mass

**Saturday** 9:30am—10am and 5:30pm—5:50pm.

Saturday: 6pm  
Sunday: 9.30am

**St Patrick's, Paynesville**

Sunday: 8am

**St Canice's, Lindenow**

Sunday: 11am

**Monday:** 9:10am  
**Tuesday:** 9.10am

**Wednesday:** 9:10am  
**BUPA Aged Care:** 10:30am

**Thursday:** 9:10am

**Friday:** 9:10am

#### ST MARY'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

will meet again on Monday evenings beginning on February 1st, 2021. The group meets in the Resource Room of the Parish Centre, enter by the Nicholson Street entrance. Doors open at 7:15pm. Everyone is most welcome. For more information contact Maureen Saunders 0428 522 344.

#### A THANKYOU FROM FR PAUL ZAHER

I would like to thank the parishioners in welcoming me back to the great Parish of Bairnsdale. This has been a fantastic experience to celebrate my first month as a priest with you.

Thank you for your help and support. Fr Zaher



#### MEDITATIONS ON THE ROSARY FOR PARISH RENEWAL

In the Catholic Tradition the Communion of Saints does not just mean the present community of the baptised here and now but refers to all who have gone before us and are "in Christ." They are models, teachers and intercessors. Our Blessed Mother is the primordial model of what it means to follow Jesus. She is the one who teaches us to "do whatever he tells you," (John 2:5) and she is the intercessor par excellence. For this reason, all parishioners in the East Region of our Diocese are invited to seek her intercession for the missionary renewal of our Parishes by the frequent praying of the Mysteries of the Rosary. We can do this by meditating on aspects of the lives of Jesus and Mary and to pray for a specific grace for the renewal of our local Parish community. You can join us via Zoom every Wednesday night at 7pm for 30 minutes or you may pick up a hard copy (from the St Mary's Parish Centre) of the Mystery and Intention to pray in your own time. To receive a Zoom link or collect a hard copy, please contact either Pattie or Michelle at the Parish Centre – 5152 2942. We hope you can join us, to renew and enrich our faith communities.

#### Roster for Masses 6th and 7th Feb 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	C Baldiserra	C. Marriot Smith	J de Boer	
9:30am Sun	M Owen	D Fallon	P Brown-Graham	J Fallon

#### 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.

## Allocation of Funds from the Parish Welfare Account 2019-2020

The following were accepted as worthy recipients to receive \$500 each for the 2019-2020 financial year allocation from the Parish Welfare Fund.

**Local Needs:** St Vincent de Paul Conference Bairnsdale towards Christmas hampers.

East Gippsland Rotary Clubs  
Regeneration Project - bushfire recovery.  
Seniors Care Police/Ministers Fellowship  
Project - Christmas hampers.

Headspace Bairnsdale

**National Needs:** Mary MacKillop Today

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project  
Aboriginal Literacy Foundation,  
Melbourne

**International Needs:**

St Elizabeth Hospital Hyderabad,  
Pakistan

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

May Christ inflame the desires of all people to break through the barriers which divide them, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another and to pardon those who have done them wrong. Through his power and inspiration, may all peoples welcome each other to their hearts as brothers and sisters, and may the peace they long for ever flower and ever reign among them.

(Pope St John Paul II, *Pacem in Terris*)

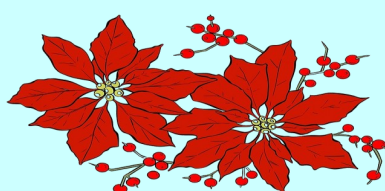
**COLUMBAN CALENDARS** are now available from the Parish Centre for \$12.

## THE HEART OF LIFE AS A CATHOLIC www.sienna.org

The Catherine of Sienna Institute was founded in 1997. A programme of the Western Dominican Province, they seek to further the mission of the Church to the world by ensuring that lay Catholics (who are 99% of the Church) have access to the formation they need to effectively carry out their unique and essential part in this mission.

Every baptised Christian receives from Christ a unique and specific call, therefore every Christian needs the kind of preparation that the Church offers to those seeking to fulfill a specific mission. The Church calls such preparation 'formation', and states that 'formation is not the privilege of a few but a right and duty of all.

- It is lay in approach, spirituality and focus
- Deeply rooted in tradition and teaching of the Church
- Fosters integration of faith, work and relationships
- Takes seriously the gifts given by the Holy Spirit
- Enables each person to discern God's unique call to them
- Prepares one to be an effective, creative apostle
- Geared to the real lives of working adults



## 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.

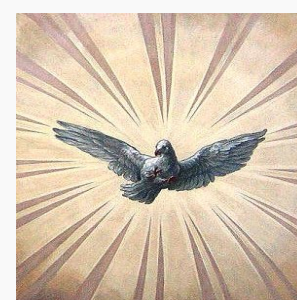
Give us the courage to tell our stories  
and to speak boldly of your truth.

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.***



**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 7/2/2021**

**Job 7: 1-4, 6-7**

**Psalm 146: 1-6**

**1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23**

**Mark 1: 29-39**

## Week ending 24th January

Envelopes	\$1,423
D/ D & Cards	\$ 325
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 870
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 593

**Congratulations to  
Chris Shanahan**



**Pope's Worldwide  
Prayer Network**

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service.

## JANUARY

Intention for evangelisation - Human fraternity . May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



27<sup>th</sup> January is designated by the United Nations as the annual International Day of Commemoration of the Victims of the Holocaust. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp at Auschwitz -Birkenau by Soviet troops on 27 January 1945. UNESCO pays tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to counter antisemitism, racism, and other forms of intolerance that may lead to group-targeted violence. The Holocaust profoundly affected countries in which Nazi crimes were perpetrated, but also had universal implications and consequences in many other parts of the world. <https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/holocaustremembranceday>



**Parish Pastoral Council:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Please submit items to the Parish Centre by 10.00am Tuesday the week before. **Members:** Angela McKail & Michael Flynn: co—Chairpersons; Angelo D’Amore, Rita Bowers, Marilyn Elliott and 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](mailto: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.

**Funerals:** PContact your preferred Fyneral Director for arrangements. **Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish Centre.

**Communion to the Housebound /Aged Care:** Call Pattie Pruscino 51522942 or 0427 232 682

**Special Wedding Anniversaries:** 6 months’ notice is needed to organise a Papal Blessing for parishioners.

### WORD OF GOD



In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God in his Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis* to encourage the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. While most countries will celebrate the day on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February each year, starting with February 7 in 2021. Fr Michael promoted it last week. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Ralph Waldo Emerson was a hugely influential lecturer, essayist and poet, becoming one of America’s most vital voices. He was a fierce foe of slavery and political corruption. In one of his essays he highlights something of great relevance to today’s Gospel: “Only so much do I know as I have lived. I learn immediately from any speaker how much he has lived. One person speaks *from within*, or experience, as a possessor of the fact; another speaks *from without*, as a spectator, or as acquainted with facts on the evidence from a third person. It is no use to preach to me from without. I can do that myself.” Jesus’ teaching made a deep impression on the people because, unlike the scribes, (official teachers, who did not express any opinion of their own), he taught from within, with authority, transparency and freshness in a degree that transcended all others. It is important to distinguish between authority and influence on one hand, and power and control on the other. Some of the people with the greatest moral authority are quite powerless, and the most influential have no need to control those they influence. One can have all the authority in the world, and still fail as a teacher. We hear a cry numerous times in the Gospel from people who believe they were possessed by devils. ‘Don’t meddle with us. Leave us alone. Don’t try to change us.’ They recognised that change is painful. Whether they were actually possessed by devils we do not know. But what we do know is that they were sick, broken, isolated, unloved people, who had no dignity or self-worth. There are many such people in our world today, in prisons, psychiatric units, refugee camps and so on. Any one of us can be caught in a desperate situation. The man in the synagogue did not try to hide how he was. In the cry, ‘Leave me alone’ Jesus heard a cry for help, and he cured him. People find it hard to admit that they can’t manage their problems. Recognising the problem is the first step towards rehabilitation. It is the courageous that ask for help or go for counselling. When we have the courage to face our problems, new creative energies become available to us. Fear, shame and guilt often make us stay in isolation. It is by showing our wounds, by allowing ourselves to touch and be touched that we are healed. It is in our brokenness, our woundedness, that God heals us - if we give Him the chance. Flor McCarthy SDB

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Baby Lisiatie Tuliakiono (great grand child of Aunty Marion Pearce), Chris Wyld (cousin to Maureen Saunders), Barry Darmody, Dennis (Danny) Phelan, Jan Cosse, Robert Coleman, Sr Isla Kealy PBVM (also known as Sr Gregory); victims of mental health issues; of Covid-19; victims of terrorist attacks, war and conflict and asylum seekers, and victims of family violence and poverty.

**ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time...** Sofia Mazzei, Noe Zoppe, Bill Keyte, Jim Murphy, Roger McCombe, Noel Bills, Norm Bowers, John Flannery, Catherine Cullen, Patricia Farquhar, Vittorio Saulle, Kath Byrne, Karen Skeen, Rod Nicholson, Jenny Scott, Eileen Ebert, Patricia Wood, Fr Bill Shanahan, Maria Parisotto, Maria Pukal, Jack Clark, Gwen Morgan, 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:

Damian Greaves, Mary Kirsner, Jim Quigley, Paul McFarlane, Craig Counsel, Linton Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, John Butler, Arthur Elbourne, Roma Greig, Andre Buxton, Rick Jones, Marcie Hayles, Lorraine O’Brien, Alan Wilson, Vic & Thelma Smythe, Trish & Karl Henderson, Brian Rowe, John Pruscino, John Graves, Julie Frew, John Buck.

**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, if you would like to keep someone on the list after this time, please contact the Parish Centre.

**4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy** (18: 15-20)

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

*The word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R.** If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!' Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Messiah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians** (7: 32-35)

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

*The word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark** (1: 21-28)

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Jerusalem Bible*

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**World  
Wetlands Day**  
2 February 2021  
Wetlands and water



Social Justice Trends is a publication of the Office for Social Justice, an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It is distributed monthly and aims to provide news of interest.

It marks the anniversary of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) in Ramsar, Iran, on 2 February 1971. Since 1997, World Wetlands Day has been used to: raise public awareness of wetland values and benefits and promote the conservation and wise use of wetlands. The 2021 theme is 'Wetlands and Water'. This highlights the role wetlands play in: clean water, water supply, ecosystem resilience, sustainable livelihoods and jobs, biodiversity conservation, storm protection, carbon storage, climate change adaptation, health and well-being and tourism and recreation. For further information or if you have any feedback for the Office for Social Justice, please contact our Editor Sandie Cornish at [sandie.cornish@catholic.org.au](mailto:sandie.cornish@catholic.org.au).

# OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We commit to making our Church a safe place for children and young people and protecting them from harm.



You are special and will always be welcome in our Church.



What you think and feel is important to us.

We will make sure our leaders and helpers understand their responsibilities to keep you safe.



We respect you just the way you are.



If you feel unsafe or are worried about someone else's safety, we will listen and take this seriously.



We will help you to be safe. This means that if you are being hurt or are in danger of being hurt, we will speak to the Police or another person who can help you.



## St Marys Parish Bairnsdale Omeo

Confidential help is always available. Ph 5152 2942

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