



Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

East Region – Diocese of Sale

BAIRNSDALE, PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW, OME O, 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

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St Mary's Parish Pastoral Centre:

135 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale Phone 5152 2942

Website: www.stmarysbairnsdale.net

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, Year C, 8th 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

Celebrating Reconciliation Week 2022

@The Abbey Raymond Island

Gathering, Yarning, Telling Stories, Eucharist, Sharing Lunch
Together With Rev Canon Aunty Phyllis Andy and Rev Kathy Dalton
1-25 First Parade Raymond Island 3880

12 noon, Friday 3 June 2022

ALL WELCOME

Please RSVP: info@theabbey.org.au



We acknowledge the Gunaikurnai people as the original custodians of the land on which The Abbey now stands and pay our respects to Elders - past, present, and emerging.

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.



Roster for Masses – 5th Sunday of Easter 14th & 15th May

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

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.

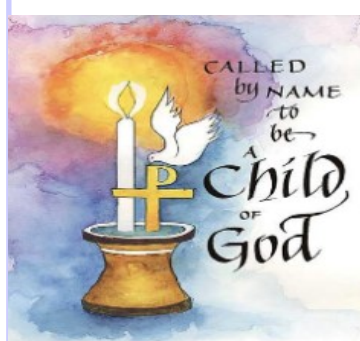


Walking in the Spirit National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council

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/walkinginthespirit



We welcome into our Parish
family, through Baptism
Summer Su-Fern Wimbey
Daughter of
Frances and James

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
or call the Parish Centre on 5152 2942.

Happy Mother's Day

**To all the mothers in our Parish, we love
you, we cherish you and we thank you.**

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.

50th Wedding Anniversaries

Nancy and Malcolm Bagnato

5.05.1972

Denise and John Fallon

6.05.1972

Congratulations to both couples



**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 0408 761 080

ianconabere@gmail.com by May 15, 2022

Readings: 15th May 5th Sunday of Easter Year C

1st Reading: Acts 14: 21-27

Responsorial Psalm: 144: 8-13

2nd Reading: Revelation 21: 1-5

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

Collection for 1/5/2022

Envelopes	\$	941.00
DD and cards	\$	1890.00
1 st Collection	\$	602.70
2 nd Collection	\$	690.85
Church Tours	\$	994.65
Project Compassion boxes still being accepted		

FORMATION OF FUTURE SHEPHERDS

DONATIONS WELCOMED

As we look forward to the ordination of Deacon Mark Hughes as priest soon, our Diocese currently has no one in formation at Corpus Christi College in Carlton, the provincial seminary. Please continue to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest in the Diocese of Sale (Mt 9:38). Currently, we are supporting a young man from Vietnam, who is discerning his vocation to the priesthood for our Diocese, by sponsoring his English language course in Ho Chi Minh city. He is Anthony Nguyen and your donation to the Bursary Fund enables us to provide support to Anthony as he journeys through this important preparation phase. While God continues to call people to be Shepherds, we pray that, like Anthony, they will be moved to hear the call. And, respond generously, trusting that this will be a fulfilling way for them to live their response to God's love for them.

Fr Michael Willemsen (Vocations Director)



MAY IS FAMILY/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

In 2016 the Catholic Bishops of Victoria released a statement committing themselves to the elimination of domestic and family violence in which they say:

Our goal must be a society where all people are safe in their home, families and close relationships; where violence and abuse are not acceptable; and where all relationships respect the equality and dignity of each person. This is part of the Gospel vision of love and respect. With domestic and family violence on the rise, we are all called to work in ways to eliminate this type of violence.

The contents of this statement remain relevant as domestic and family violence incidents have increased since 2016. This month, you are invited to read the Bishops 2016 statement to learn more about a Catholic response to Domestic and Family violence. To read the statement, visit: <http://>



SHINING A LIGHT

A Workshop about Family Violence

Saturday May 28, 1.00-4.00pm

St Mary's Parish Centre

RSVP by May 26

stm.pattipruscino@gmail.com

Questions? Phone Michael: 5152 2942

Presented by Catholic Social Services Victoria

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

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

We've said we believe what we have heard, we've professed our faith and then our faith becomes a prayer. We sometimes call this the 'Prayer of the Faithful' – those who have put their faith in the word they have heard. This prayer is a prayer of priestly intercession, as the whole community of the faithful is a priestly community and part of priestly service is to intercede for the people and for the world. This is a prayer that looks to the church, to ourselves and to our families, whatever the needs might be, but it is the priestly people – the Church – interceding with God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, in the power of faith, for the whole world. God wants us to enter into dialogue with Him in prayer. He has spoken to us, now we speak to Him. He wants us to be part of bringing peace out of violence, bringing joy out of sorrow, bringing life out of death. He wants us to work with Him. Our prayer of intercessions recognises, that the God who has called us to Himself, is the God who listens to our prayer and wants us to work with Him for the salvation of the world. Normally there is an intention, for the church in every place on earth and then a silence and then the prayer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joyce Collins (mother of Cheryl Heaton-Harris), Rosemary Zaher (mother of Father Paul), Rita Buteyn, 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: Rita and Phillip Luby, Paul Garro, Bernard Coloe, Gerard Coloe, Lance Bills, David Bull, 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), 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: John Saunders (Mary Saunders brother), Frank Field (Maureen Saunders brother), 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C 8th May 2022

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

The Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (13: 14, 43-52)

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to the synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God has given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth. 'It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse (7: 9, 14-17)

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (10: 27-30)

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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Scripture Notes

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is one of the loveliest ones that we have, and how he described himself. He promised that those that belonged to him, would never be lost and would be safe with him. He also promised to lead them to the pastures of eternal life. Belonging to Jesus, being known and loved by him is enormously comforting and reassuring. He will take care of us in life and death. However, the relationship is a two-way thing, we have to choose to belong and this entails: believing in him; listening to him by heeding his teachings; and following him by doing his word. This does not guarantee us an easy life, the opposite may often be true. Being part of a 'flock' (community), is fundamental to Christianity. Our faith community serves to keep us on track, support us in times of need and provide us with opportunities to serve others.