



Sacred Heart
Swifts Creek

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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5TH Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, 6th February, 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

Feast Day of Saint Josephine Bakhita – Tuesday February 8th

St Josephine Bakhita is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and the people who volunteer and work to eradicate this crime.

For more information and resources contact:

ACRATH – Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans



The deafening noise of war and conflict is intensifying.
All can work together to build a more peaceful world
starting from the hearts of individuals all the way up
to relationships between peoples and nations.

POPE FRANCIS - WORLD DAY OF PEACE MESSAGE 2022

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH'S 2021 SAFEGUARDING REPORT

In late December last year the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia published their fourth annual progress report on efforts undertaken to improve child safety. The report has been issued yearly since 2018 on recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The annual report details national initiatives of the Church to embed child and adult safeguarding practices, including through the establishment of ACSL, through to initiatives being undertaken at the local level of dioceses and religious institutes across the country. Read the report [here](#). Hard copies are available at the Parish Centre.

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

Roster for Masses - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th/13th February 2022

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	G Dooley	J De Boer	S Gibson	B O'Kelly
9:30am Sun	G & K Cassidy	H Van Den Einden	S Tilley	J Delany

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 19th February: G Cannizzaro **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.

The Synodal Journey 2021-2023

February Focus - **Mission**

As the diocesan consultation phase for the Synod 2021-2023 continues in the universal Church in this month of February, we focus on Pope Francis' third theme for the Synod – **Mission**. Walking together enables us all to accept our mission to share the Good News. Do we take this mission seriously? What stops us from being active in mission? We have only three weeks left of the consultation period, which will end on 27th February.

Go to our Diocesan Synod page

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>

to download Discussion resources,

Coffee Conversations and prayers. You are encouraged to gather in small groups, in pairs or in larger gatherings and share your reflections, selecting a couple of the questions listed in the conversation resource. Then have your say and submit your response online

<https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay>

or scan this QR code to get access to the submission portal from your mobile device.



OTHERWISE -

As the Diocesan Consultation period for the Synod 2021-2023 continues until the end of this month, you are invited to join in one or more of the virtual gatherings organised by the *Gaudium et Spes Diocesan Plenary team*.

We are hosting three conversations, one for each of the Synod themes of

Communion, **Participation** and **Mission**.

Join one or more conversations

Conversation on **Communion**

Tuesday 8th February at 7.30 pm

Conversation on **Participation**

Thursday 17th February at 1.30 pm

Conversation on **Mission**

Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30 pm

Please register at

<https://www.trybooking.com/BXFJB>

If help is required, please call into the Parish Centre - Michelle or Pattie will be able to help you.

St Mary's Social Justice Group will meet quarterly on the 3rd Thursday of the month -

17 Feb, 19 May, 18 August and 17 Nov 2022 at 2pm in the Parish Centre. All parishioners with an interest in Social Justice, Human Rights, the Environment, Reconciliation, the Homeless, Refugees etc are very welcome to come along to our first meeting of the year,

Thursday 17th February, 2pm in the Parish Centre.



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.

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

"I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security."

Evangelii Gaudium, 'The Joy of the Gospel' (#49)

We are missionary disciples (Evangelii Gaudium 119-121; 48-49)
To encounter Jesus is to be sent forth to proclaim him joyfully: "We have found the Messiah!" (Jn 1:41). This is evangelisation: sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in my life. Pope Francis makes the point that evangelisation is not to be left to the "professionals" while the rest of us are passive recipients. Through baptism every Christian is challenged to be actively engaged in evangelisation, and there is a certain urgency about this calling. (EG 120) *Indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. (EG 120)* Think of St Paul. After his encounter with Jesus he "immediately proclaimed Jesus" (Acts 9:20).

"So, what are we waiting for?" asks Pope Francis (EG 120)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for 2022

February

For religious sisters and consecrated women.

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



Readings: 13th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading:
Jeremiah 17:5-8
Responsorial Psalm: 1: 1-4
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians
15:12, 16-20
Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Collection for 30/01/22

Envelopes	\$ 1060.00
DD & Cards	\$ 2220.00
1 st Collection	\$ 467.10
2 nd Collection	\$ 585.45
Church Tours	\$

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, Amanda Vowels & Jacinta Da Costa. Ex-officio members: priests, principals and Pattie.

A Parish Directory: is available at the Pastoral Centre. **St Mary's Primary School:** 5152 3706 **Nagle College:** 5152 6122

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 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

Once the Introductory Rites are complete, we begin the first of the two great sections of the Mass - **the Liturgy of the Word**—which is the Word of God speaking to the heart of God's people and doing so primarily through scripture. The Bible was composed by human beings, not dropped magically from some pink cloud. What we say, is that in these human words, is contained the Word of the God who always takes flesh even in the words of a book. So, if we really listen, a voice can be heard which is the voice of God. In this moment, God wants to enter into a conversation with His people. He speaks to us a word that is old but always new. We have to listen with the ears of faith and enter into the conversation. The first reading is usually taken from the Old Testament. Sometimes, in calling it the Old Testament we can give the impression that it's really old and worn out. But that's not true. The Old Testament, is as much the Word of God to us here and now as it ever was, addressed to people thousands of years ago. Once God speaks to us through that first reading, we listen, and then we respond with the Responsorial Psalm- our response to the word that God has spoken, continuing the conversation. Then the second reading continues the conversation. Again God speaks, now through one of the texts of the New Testament – one of the letters of St Paul. The words are St Paul's, but at a deeper point there is God's voice, (Jesus Christ's voice), through Paul. We then sing the Alleluia preparing to hear the words of Christ Himself. Alleluia simply means "Praise God" for the gift of the words Christ speaks to us in the Gospel. This is the epicentre of this Liturgy of the Word.

Scripture Notes

The first reading tells us of Isaiah's call to the charism of prophecy after God reveals himself, evoking in Isaiah a sense of his own sinfulness. Then cleansed of his sins he responds without hesitation. In the second reading Paul defends the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection is not described as it was realised that it was a happening beyond our experience.

Peter was profoundly moved by the miracle, declared himself unworthy, but symbolises what can be achieved with Jesus' help.

This story is about God's call-a call to a life of sacrifice and service of others. The quality of people's lives is affected by what is asked of them. A vocation means serving others.

The disciples were ordinary sinful people like us all, but Jesus would not allow them to opt out because of this, He saw potential in them and called to their strengths. Peter and his companions had their failures as we do too. But we must not allow ourselves to be discouraged by our weaknesses or demoralised by our failures. All we need is some of that trust in the Lord that Peter had.

Flor McCarthy SDB Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies

Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit 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. Maybe one simple action would be to have the Bible sitting in a 'place' in the house/flat/unit/bedsit/caravan where you are instantly reminded of its importance in your life. May it be the first thing you see in the morning and the last thing at night.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Helen Websdale, Julie Hussey, Keith Dunn, 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...

Patricia Farquhar, Genovetta Calvi, Giosue Calvi, John Graves, Alan Bills, Jack Clark, Gwen Morgan, William (Bill) Kyte, Roger McCombe, Noel Bills, Norm Bowers, John Flannery, Catherine Cullen, Joseph Zagami, Jim Murphy 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:

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, Paul Hawker, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Michael Flynn, Mark & Elizabeth 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 come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

The Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 prophet Isaiah (6:1-8)

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (15:1-11)

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. **Alleluia!**

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (5:1-11)

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.