



St Francis of Assisi
Benamabra

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.

Parish Priest: Fr Michael Willemsen

Presbytery:

23 Pyke Street Bairnsdale Phone 5152 3106

Email: stmarysbairnsdale@gmail.com

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)

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C, 15th 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 Auntie 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

Those at the Op Shop.

Those at the Vinnie's Conference.

Those who help with Mass.

Those involved in Parish groups.

Those who graciously give

their time for the benefit of others.

NATIONAL 16-22 MAY 2022
VOLUNTEER
Better Together WEEK

Roster for Masses – 6th Sunday of Easter 21st & 22nd May

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	P Reefman	M Saunders	D Reefman	P Elliot
9:30am Sun	T Kosmer	J Coverdale	A Vowell	S Dean

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 28th May — J & D Fallon **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.



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

Laudato Si' Week, a
celebration of Pope Francis'
encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a
call to action for
Catholics around the world.



For further information go to [https://
socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/03/21/laudato-si-week-
resources/](https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/03/21/laudato-si-week-resources/)



St Mary's Social Justice Group

meets quarterly on the 3rd Thursday of the
months of Feb, May, August and Nov 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 next,
**Thursday 19th May, 2pm in the
Parish Centre.** For further information
phone Chris 0418 148 657

Sale Diocese-Diocesan Facilities Co-ordinator

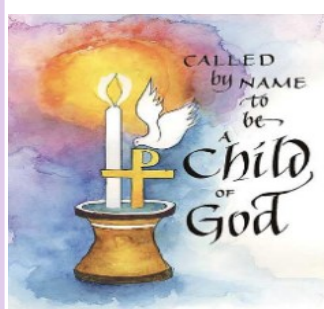
The Bishop of Sale is seeking to appoint a Facilities Coordinator on a part time basis
of 4 days per fortnight (0.4 FTE) to assist Parishes in the management of Parish Church
facilities. The appointee will be responsible to the Bishop of Sale through the Business
Manager. The Facilities Coordinator has responsibility for working with Parishes to
ensure the maintenance of Church buildings and other Parish facilities, ensure compli-
ance with essential safety, have a process to identify hazards, and compliance with
Occupation Health and Safety in the maintenance of Church properties. The success-
ful candidate will ideally commence early to mid-June with a handover from the cur-
rent Facilities Co-ordinator who is retiring. The appointee is expected to demonstrate
a commitment to, and support of the mission of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of
Sale and a commitment to the safety and wellbeing of children. A high level of profes-
sionalism, capacity to work autonomously, initiative and superior communication
skills is required in this key role. Ideally the successful candidate would have experi-
ence in the building industry, engineering, or project management

Applications: A Position Description, Application Form, and other relevant in-
formation is available. Please email dos@sale.catholic.org.au to receive this
pack.

HymnFest: Pentecost

Bairnsdale Uniting Church
Corner Great Alpine Road & Lanes Road, Lucknow
Sunday May 29th 2022 2.00 - 4.00pm

Register with Ian Conabere 0408 761 080
ianconabere@gmail.com by May 15, 2022



***We welcome into our Parish family
through Baptism
Illiana
daughter of Madison Marek and
Joshua Rawlings***

Readings: 22nd May

6th Sunday of Easter Year C

1st Reading:
Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29
Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6
2nd Reading:
Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20
Gospel: John 14: 23-29

Collection for 8/5/2022

Envelopes	\$ 968.00
DD & Cards	\$ 1730.00
1 st Collection	\$ 428.70
2 nd Collection	\$ 891.85
Special Collection	\$ 720.45

Refugees released from detention

In early April the remaining men imprisoned in Melbourne's Park Hotel were released into the community. Over the 2nd, 7th and 8th April, it is estimated that 44 others have also been released from detention centres around Australia. Advocates continue to implore the Federal Government to release the remaining estimated six people who were transferred from offshore detention for medical reasons.



Many who were released from the Park Hotel had spent over nine years in arbitrary immigration detention. They have reported to the media that they are looking forward to starting their 'new life'. Some will be provided with a Final Departure Bridging Visa, with temporary transitional support, while others will be released into community detention.

Some of the released men were provided with a one-off payment and up to three-weeks of temporary accommodation – then they are expected to support themselves.. For many, the ability to work and earn an income is compounded by ongoing physical and mental issues; many of which have been exacerbated by their prolonged detention.

Former Park Hotel detainee Mehdi has expressed his concern that these decisions were politically motivated as we approach a Federal Election – instead of being motivated by human rights obligations. Mehdi and his cousin Adnan were only 15 years old when they were first detained within Australia's offshore processing system. They were recently released, aged 24

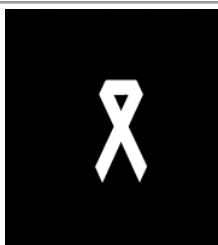
'SHINING A LIGHT' WORKSHOP

St Mary's Bairnsdale is hosting a workshop on Family Violence, presented by Catholic Social Services Victoria. Many of us will either know, or come into contact with, someone who is living with Family Violence. You could well be the first person they confide in, and it is very important to know what to say or where to direct them.

When: 1.00 - 4.00pm, Saturday May 28, 2022

Where: St Mary's Parish Centre, Bairnsdale

The workshop aims to give people an understanding of what constitutes Family Violence, the signs telling us it is occurring, how to support someone and where they get help. I recommend the workshop to you and hope you will help to 'shine a light' on what is a very dark and, unfortunately, prevalent issue in East Gippsland. Fr Michael You can register your interest in attending by emailing: stmpattipruscino@gmail.com Or contact Michael Flynn on 5152 2942. RSVP: Tuesday May 24.



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

You are invited to put your hand together and thank the millions of volunteers around Australia.



Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone.

National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you.

Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joyce Collins (mother of Cheryl Heaton-Harris), Rosemary Zaher (mother of Father Paul), 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 Fisher, Caterina Calabro, Brendan Deery, Rick Lightowler, Noreen Godridge, 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: Darryl Browne, John Saunders, Frank Field, 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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C 15th May 2022

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

The Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.

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 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age **R.**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new'.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

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Scripture Notes

Jesus' commandment to love one another, is only new in that it sets a new standard; to love one another as Jesus has loved them, and by doing this all will know that they are his disciples. St John says that God is love, and that we are made in his image, which is the most important thing that the bible has to say. This means that each of us has an innate capacity to love. The image of God is at its best and brightest in us when we love – we become like God. Loving makes us joyful, and is a call to life. Love both demands and brings out the best in us. Being loved by others, as well as loving others, gives one surprising courage and energy. Jesus spoke about love at the Last Supper, 'Greater love no one has than the one who lays down their life for their friends. However, it is probably only later, that the apostles appreciated the extent of his love for them. Then they finally understood the greatness of the challenge facing them when he said, 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Flor McCarty SDB New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Year C