

# 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 St Mary's Parish Pastoral Centre:

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#### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, YEAR B, 6TH JUNE, 2021

Welcome to all who have joined us as we celebrate Mass.

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: 8am
St Canice's, Lindenow

Sunday: 11am

#### Weekday Masses for 7th - 11th June

Monday: 9:10am - St Mary's Tuesday: 9:10am - St Mary's Wednesday: 9:10am - St Mary's Thursday: 9:10am - St Mary's Friday: 9:10am - St Mary's

# Monday to Friday @ St Mary's

Morning Prayers: 8:45am
Rosary: after 9:10am Mass
Paynesville: Rosary 10am Wednesday

**Reconciliation** is available on **FRIDAY** following 9:10am Mass.

#### **SATURDAY**

9:30am - 10:00am and 5:30pm to 5:50pm

# Congratulations and continued blessings for the children

who, this weekend, are receiving the

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Elíjah Alleaume Anna Banson Jobie Beveridge

Lucy Bradley Míla Brodríbb Lexí Capobíanco

William Callaway Rosalie Cawood Siobhan Duffy

Molly East Hudson Froud Jemma Gibbons

Sebastian Gray Sophie Groves Jessie Hurley

Roxie Jackson Joshua Kool Liam Kool

Hyde Ljujíc Jillian McKenna Tyler McLellan

Nicholas O'Kelly Jack O'Reilly Jack Paterson

Shae Strickland-Cohen Russell Stubbs Cooper Taylor

Charles Tijo Hudson Wallis



#### Roster for Masses 11th & 12th June 2021

Welcomer Commentator Reader Special Minister
6:00pm Sat J De Boer C Marriot-Smith C Kenyon J De Boer
9:30am Sun M Owen H Van Den Einden M Grimsted M Owen

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.

#### 47th MASS AND PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF ST ANTHONY SUNDAY 13TH JUNE 2021 ST MARY'S CHURCH BAIRNSDALE 11AM

Mass and celebration of St Anthony of Padua concelebrated by Bishop G Bennet, Frs F Bertagnolli SDB, M Willemsen and other priests at St Mary's. A procession will take place after Mass, followed by Benediction, blessing and distribution of bread and Holy Pictures. All welcome to attend a social gathering in St Mary's Pastoral Centre following the event.

Please bring a plate to share.

#### DOMENICA 13 GIUGNO 2021 ORE 11.00

Messa e celebrazione di Sant'Antonio da Padova concelebrata da Vescovo G. Bennet, Padres F. Bertagnolli SDB, M Willemsen e altri sacerdoti al St. Mary's. Dopo la messa si svolgerà una processione, seguita da benedizione, benedizione e distribuzione di pane e immagini sacre. Tutti benvenuti a partecipare a un incontro sociale nel Centro Pastorale di Santa Maria dopo l'evento. Per

#### LIFE IN THE SPIRIT' SEMINAR

The Diocesan Service of Communion of the Charismatic Renewal is conducting a Diocese-wide Renewal Seminar for everyone in the Diocese of Sale. This follows the advice of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who encourages all Catholics (and all Christians) to embrace this spiritual renewal program. Bishop Greg has blessed this initiative. It will be an exciting moment with the Holy Spirit, please do not miss this opportunity. Looking forward with great excitement to catching up with you all (Fr Francis). The final seminar will be held as follows:

Venue: St Ita's, Drouin Time: 10.30 am

**Date:** Saturday, 19 June, Community in the Lord; Commissioning Mass with Bishop Greg

Other seminars will be organised on Prayer Group/Parish levels. Details to follow. "May our Diocesan Life in the Spirit Seminar be an opportunity for us to fan into a flame the gift of God anew (1 Tim 1:6) and renew the gift of our baptism which calls us forth in missionary service." (Bishop Greg Bennet, Sale Diocese).

#### ST MARY'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

If you would like to know more about this prayer group, please make contact with Maureen Saunders 0428 522 344. With 'things' as they are, they are taking one week at a time.



#### ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

The Parish Centre has recently received calls regarding housing/rentals in Bairnsdale.
One is a lady relocating to Bairnsdale, she will

arrive at the end of July but her new home will not be ready, so is looking for temporary accommodation in the interim. She does have a small 'therapy' dog. She may require accommodation for maybe 6-8 weeks. The second is a mother and son (& cat) currently living in Buchan. They need to move to Bairnsdale for health reasons ( are unable to drive) trying to buy but no luck so far. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Pattie at the Parish Centre and she will give you more information and a contact number.

Please keep them in your prayers that they will be successful in finding accommodation.

#### Readings for 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 13th June 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

# Collections for weekend

 30th May:

 Envelopes
 \$ 0.00

 DD & Cards
 \$ 1,830.00

 1st Collection
 \$ 20.00

 2st Collection
 \$ 20.00

 Church Tours
 \$ 145.95

### **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.

#### **FAN THE FLAME**

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:

Towards Assembly One October 2021 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many'

Mark 14:12-16,22-26



The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ. And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! [W]e all have a duty to do good. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others ... we will make that culture of encounter.

(Pope Francis Homily, May 2013)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/

People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at:

#### www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/

Some 'hard' copies of the above have been printed off and are available from the Parish Centre which can be used for personal use in praying for the success of the Plenary Council. With Covid 19 and what has just happened in Victoria, the Plenary Council needs the support of us all. So, when the opportunity arises, pick up a copy of a prayer process that you can follow at home. The Plenary Council calls us to be a joyful, hope-filled, servant community. We pray that the spirit of joy and hope will fill our hearts and overflow to all we meet.

OR each morning as you start your day or as you come to the end of the day - offer up all those who will be involved in this gathering in October, that they may remember they are the voices for ALL Australians and may the Holy Spirit be present within each one of them to give them courage and guidance as they listen to and consider the submissions that are shared at this time.

**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:** Michael Flynn and Angela McKail (Co- Chairpersons) Angelo D'Amore, Rita Bowers, Marylin 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 <a href="mailto:stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com">stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com</a>

**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 Mary's Primary School: 5152 3706 Nagle College: 5152 6122

St Vincent de Paul Conference/Centre: 5152 6687 St Mary's Op Shop: 51522088



# Bishops Back Call for Indigenous Voice

"The models proposed for the National Voice should include the involvement of the widest variety of First People organisations, including religious faith-based groups like NATSICC.

National voice for the First Peoples

Faith and spirituality are an essential part of the lives of many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and so should not be excluded from the National Voice structure. "The structure should reach as many First People as possible and provide a very clear and open pathway for people to contribute their views to local, regional and national consultation processes

Co-signed by Bishop Columba MacBeth-Green OSPPE, Chair, Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Bishop Vincent Long OFM (Conv), Chair, Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, the submission supports the views of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC)

#### ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

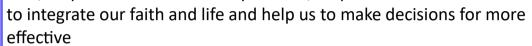
More information and Applications Forms are available on our website https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html

#### A Prayer Response

Lord Jesus, help me and all who receive You in Holy Communion to grow in greater trust and love, so we may receive You more tenderly. Lavish Your graces out upon us. May our communion with You truly be a common-union-in-Christ" and give You great joy.

#### The Bairnsdale CLC (Christian Life Community)

group comes together weekly for prayerful reflection on the events of our week in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us. Our prayer meetings are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius which are designed to help us to respond more fully to God; help us find God in our experience; help us



action. Ignatius saw the Spiritual Exercises as the opportunity for "ordering one's life" (Spiritual Exercises 21). He firmly believed that our gifts need to be used, to be put into action. If you would like to know more about CLC please contact Chris Power 0418 148 657.

#### **NEW APPOINTMENTS**

Bishop Greg has appointed Fr Edwin as the Parish Priest of Maffra-Heyfield, effective July 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Fr Edwin. Fr Siju will go to Leongatha to live in residence there while extending his Canon Law studies online. Fr Edwin's replacement will be Fr Hiep Nguyen (ordained Dec 2018), currently the Assistant Priest at St Michael's, Berwick. We look forward to welcoming Fr Hiep on July 7.

# <u>The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network</u> (Apostleship of Prayer) June UNIVERSAL INTENTION -

Intention for evangelization - The beauty of marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jean McNeill, Lily Warner (nee Zaia), Brian (Barny) Counihan, Paul McFarlane, victims of mental health issues; of Covid-19; terrorist attacks, war and conflict, asylum seekers, of family violence and poverty.

#### ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES occur at this time...

Anne Reinhardt, Bob Seehusen, Peter Morgan, Ruth Fraser, Bill Ffrench, Joe Ainsworth, Tony Zagami, Brian Keady, Jim O'Brien, Theresa Conway, Agostino Calvi, Cath Lees, Don Ainsworth, Amanda Otuonye, Gerardas Baleisa Andrew Carty, Bernard Leahy, Lillian Bills, Robert Bills, Brian Keady, Bill McNeill, Brendan Prendergast, Kath McAuley, Roger Reinhardt, Olwen Stephens, David Roberts, Glad Stray, 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:

Arthur Roberts, Margaret O'Reilly, Mary Johnson, Maree Elbourne, Paul Hawker, Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Ella Ford (NZ), Andrew Kenworthy, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Victoria Shaw, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Damian Greaves, Jim Quigley, Craig Counsel, Roma Greig, Linton Smith, Andre Buxton, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic & Thelma Smythe, John Pruscino, Julie Frew.

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.

#### THE MOST HOLY BODYAND BLOOD OF CHRIST 6th June 2021, Year B

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

#### A reading from the book of Exodus (24: 3-8)

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

**R.**I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. R.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. R.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people R.

#### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews** (9: 11-15)

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (14: 12-16, 22-26)

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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#### **Scripture Notes**

The theme of the covenant dominates all three readings. In the first reading the covenant was sealed with the blood of animals. Sprinkling of the people with blood symbolises that God is sharing his life with them.

In the second reading, by the sacrificial death of Christ, God has entered into a new and eternal covenant with his people. The Gospel describes the preparation and celebration of the Passover meal Jesus celebrated with his disciples before he died, thus forming a new covenant with us in Christ.

Covenant is the word most frequently used to describe God's relationship with his people. It is not used much in present day language. A covenant, unlike a contract, is based on love and friendship. God is always faithful and his love for us is unchanging. But the faithful do not always keep the covenant. In and through Christ, God has formed a bond with us, a bond that can never be broken. This is what we celebrate when we gather for the Eucharist. It is a perpetual reminder of the new and eternal covenant God has formed with us in Christ.

Participation in the Eucharist allows us to weave the story of Jesus' death and resurrection into our lives, each time we celebrate it. However, there is always a danger with anything repeated over and over again that it may become just ritual. Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist so that we may give ourselves to others. Having received from Jesus we are expected to give something in return. The Eucharist is the heart of everything but it can never be separated from the 'washing of the feet'. The relevance for us is that of being in communion with Jesus enables us to be in communion with each other.

Flor McCarthy SDB -New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies. Year B