

St Francis of Assisi, Benambra

THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

East Region – Diocese of Sale

BAIRNSDALE, PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW, **OMEO, SWIFTS CREEK AND BENAMBRA**

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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 Pastoral Centre: 135 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale Parish Priest: Fr Joseph Abutu

Phone: 5152 2942 **Assistant Priest:** Fr Mark Hughes

Website: www.stmarysbairnsdale.net **Presbytery:** 23 Pyke Street Bairnsdale Facebook: St Mary's Church Bairnsdale Phone: 5152 3106

Sunday of the Resurrection, Year B, March 31, 2024

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.



EASTER SUNDAY March 30-31





Thank you for your continued support through project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better world tomorrow.



You can still donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, using the QR Code, visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



For all future generations

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday: 9.10am Tuesday: 9.10am Wednesday: 10.30am Bev Broome Requiem Mass Thursday: 9.10am Friday 9.10am St Patrick's Paynesville

Wednesday: Rosary 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

Friday: After 9.10am Mass Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

ROSARY VIA ZOOM

Monday: 7.00pm Contact the Parish Centre for a link

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6.00pm St Mary's, Bairnsdale:

Sunday: 9.30am St Patrick's, Paynesville: Sunday: 8.00am St Canice's, Lindenow: Sunday: 11.00am

> Swifts Creek, Omeo and Benambra Masses held 4th weekend of each month.

Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek: 4th Saturday: 6.30pm **Immaculate Conception, Omeo:** 4th Sunday: 9.00am 4th Sunday: 11.00am St Francis', Benambra:

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B, April 6-7 2024

WELCOMER MASS COMMENTATOR READER SPECIAL MINISTER OFFERTORY PROCESSION

6.00pm Saturday M Schumann B O'Kelly **K Flannery** P Elliot

9.30am Sunday R David **G** Neeson **W** Collier J Delany R Gray and Family

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: April 20 - B and A Cattapan 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 Helen Van Den Einden who can be contacted through the Parish Centre: 5152 2942. Alternatively contact Bairnsdale Police: 5150 2600 or Towards Healing: 1800 816 030.

Easter Blessing



Fr Joseph, Fr Mark, and the Parish staff
wish everyone a blessed,
peace filled and joyous Easter.

May you enjoy time with family and friends,
travel safely and be mindful of others.

May the peace of the Lord be with you all.
Bishop Greg's Easter Message
has been placed on the St Mary's website.

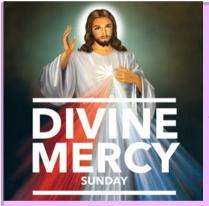


A big thank you to Nagle College students for making the palm crosses for Palm Sunday

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS-MARCH

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



Divine Mercy Sunday Mass

April 7 in St Mary's Bairnsdale at 3.00pm

Loss and Grief Group

Next meeting

Parish Centre Thursday

April 4 at 5.30pm



<u>Altar Servers</u>

We are looking for new Altar Servers, both children and adults are welcome. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister, why not consider the role?

READINGS: Second Sunday of Easter April 6-7, 2024

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4,15-18, 22-24 2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

COLLECTIONS:

March 23-24, 2024Envelopes\$ 1119.00DD and Cards\$ 180.001st Collection\$ 1004.752nd Collection\$ 975.75Pay Wave\$ 140,00

Church Tours



7th April

Morning Tea

after 9.30am Mass at St Mary's Bairnsdale and after 8.00am Mass at St Patrick's Paynesville

Come and join us for a cuppa and a natter

Sacramental Program 2024



St Mary's Parish Sacramental Program for 2024 begins soon.

If you would like your child to participate in the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, enrolment to the program closes on April 19, 2024.

To discuss this further, please contact me at the Parish Centre on 5152 2942 or via email:

stm.michelleg@gmail.com
Blessings always, Michelle Grimsted.

Parish Sacramental Coordinator

Prayer for Peace

As the fever of the day calms towards twilight may all that is strained in us come to ease.

We pray for all who have suffered violence today, may an unexpected serenity surprise them.

For those who risk their lives each day for peace, may their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.

That those who make riches from violence and war might hear in their dreams the cry of the lost.

That we might see through the fear of each other a new vision to heal

our fatal attraction to aggression.

That those who enjoy the privilege of peace might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.

That the wolf might lie down with the lamb, that our swords be beaten into ploughshares and no hurt or harm

be done anywhere on the holy mountain.

'Benedictus' A book of Blessings by John O'Donohue

Parish Pastoral Council

With two PPC members completing their terms, we are looking for Parishioners to take on a leadership role within St Mary's Parish. If you know someone who could contribute to the growth and development of St Mary's, please consider recommending them. Or, if you feel you might be the 'right person', recommend yourself. There is a 'Recommendation Form' with the bulletin, and, as you will see, you are able to recommend more than one person. You do not need their permission, as this is only a preliminary part of the process. Please give this some serious thought.

Recommendations close on Friday April 12.

Please leave them in the 'Collection Plate' or at the Parish Centre.

Childrens Worksheets Available for Collection

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please collect a worksheet for your child to help them deepen their understanding of the Word during celebration of the Mass. A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

- What do you have that is new?
- How do you feel when you have something new?
- Today, Easter Sunday, is exciting because we celebrate Jesus' rising and living among us.
- How can we show that Jesus lives within us in a new way?



headspace Bairnsdale

We would like to thank
St Mary's Parish for the generous
donation of \$500. The funding will
go towards resourcing our
Games Group, a social group of

young people on the Autism Spectrum.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Geoff Neeson (Chair), Madelaine Schumann, Leonie Urban

Ex-officio members: Fr Joseph, Fr Mark, School Principals and Michael Flynn

Parish Directory: available at the Pastoral Centre.

St Mary's Primary School: 5152 3706

Nagle College: 5152 6122

Sacraments: To request information and registration forms

email stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com

Baptisms: Call the Sacramental Coordinator to set a date.

Baptisms are celebrated during or after Mass on the 2nd and 3rd

weekends of each month.

Weddings: 6 months notice required, schedule dates with Priest.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Centre.

<u>Funerals</u>: Please contact your preferred Funeral Director for

arrangements.

Children's Liturgy

Communion to the Housebound /Aged Care:

Call Pattie Pruscino: 0427 232 682

Special Wedding Anniversaries: 3 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

FOR OUR VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

Lễ PHỤC SINH 2024

Cha Phao Lô Hiệp Nguyễn, linh mục quản xứ Lakes Entrance - East Gippsland, Victoria



trân trọng kính mời anh chị em người Việt Nam đang sinh sống và làm việctại Giáo Phận Sale và vùng Miền Đông Victoria tới tham dự buổi gặp mặt nhận dịp mừng lễ Chúa Phục Sinh tại nhà thờ công giáo St Mary Bairnsdale vào tối ngày lễ Phục Sinh 31/03/2024.

Chường trình gặp mặt:

5:00pm Giải Tội

6:00pm Thánh lễ Sau thánh lễ sẽ gặp mặt và ăn tối tại Hội Trường giáo xứ St Mary Bairnsdale Rất hân hạnh được đón tiếp mọi người.m55 Kính Mời Linh mục:

Phao Lô Hiệp Nguyễn

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED</u>: Bev Broome, victims of natural disasters, COVID-19, terrorism, war, conflict, poverty, Family Violence, Asylum Seekers and all others who have passed away.

<u>ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME</u>: Brendon Earles, Dennis Prendergast, Francesca Lanteri, Paolo Lanteri, Lorna Gilchrist, Joan Merritt, Mary Sova, Carmel Brown, William Field, John Saunders, Vera Saunders, Patricia Miles, Angela D'Amelio, Gaetano Calabro, David Eldridge, Agnes Gibson, John Confait John Tilley, Joe Minniti, Robert Kilpatrick, Frank Wardley, Betty Kirwan, Rosa Lamanna, Ron Hannaford, Michelle Grumley, and Priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers 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."

<u>PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK</u>: Russell Wilson, Benny Garro, Gabrielle Carrasco (great-niece of Chris and Sandie Tilley), Terry Smyth, Shane Hayles, Pat Coloe, Bill Tilley, Dennis Collins, Bob Marshall, Kathleen Robertson, Margaret O'Reilly, and Arthur Elbourne.

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.

Easter Sunday

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. R.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. R.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4 Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show! Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Jerusalem Bible ©Liturgy Brisbane

Scripture Reflection

Maybe I light a candle as I prepare to pray. Whether I feel joyful or not, the light can help me focus on today's amazing feast. I breathe gently, allowing the flickering light to awaken my faith and hope. I speak to Jesus of my love and of my joy in his triumph over death. When I am ready, I read the Gospel a few times. I ponder Mary of Magdala. The obstacle she feared has been removed. But how does she respond? Is she even more fearful now, or is she totally confused, still in the dark? How would I respond in this situation? I then consider Peter and John. They too seem shaken and uncomprehending. I note John's deference to Peter. Would I do the same, or rush headlong in? Like them, I examine the cloths: I look at the stone. How do I react? What can block me? I speak to the Lord about how I feel. Like the apostles, do I need to read the scriptures more carefully? I may need to consider this. I turn to the Risen Lord and speak to him of my love and gratitude for all that he has suffered and won for me?

Australian Catholics