

St Mary's Bairnsdale

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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Jesus Christ, Universal King 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 21st November, 2021

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

Sunday: 11:00am

Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

Monday: 9:10am

Tuesday: 9:10am

Wednesday: 9:10am

Thursday: 9:10am

Friday: 9:10am

Paynesville

Wednesday: 10am Rosary

RECONCILIATION

is available on

Friday after 9:10am Mass
and

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



Advent means 'Coming'

This is the coming of Jesus into the world.

We use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. ... Despite the routine preparations taking place, e.g. buying presents and going to parties etc - **our outer world**.

Advent reminds us to remember and prepare for the birth of Jesus.

ADVENT GROUPS give us the opportunity to focus on **our inner world** -
*to take some time to sit quietly and think about where and how God is working
with and through us?*

CLC and Tuesday Prayer Group are offering to lead Advent Groups commencing

Tuesday 23rd November 2.00pm Parish Centre or

Tuesday 7.30pm via Zoom

Other times can easily be arranged please contact Pattie 51522942

Booklets with daily reflections which can be used singly or in a group.

These can be obtained at the Parish Centre during office hours for a gold coin donation.

EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

The Victorian government now allows "religious ceremonies at places of worship with no capacity limits or density limits" for people aged 12+ who are fully vaccinated. Our smaller churches **where no more than 50 people** gather, does not require vaccination status to be known. This includes regular conditions, please contact the Parish office, or email Fr Michael (stm.michaelw@gmail.com).

All related correspondence will be treated confidentially. *Fr Michael*
In essential things, unity. In non-essential things, liberty. In all things, charity. (St Augustine)

Roster for Masses 27th—28th November 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	B O'Kelly	J Peachey	D Reefman	K Flannery
9:30am Sun	Mark Owen	D Atkins	H Van Den Eiden	M Owen

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: 27th November: K Cassidy **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.

MORE NEW YEAR APPOINTMENTS

After nearly six years in East Gippsland, I am very happy to announce Bishop Greg has reappointed me as Parish Priest of Bairnsdale/Omeo, Lakes Entrance & Orbost for a further six years.

Fr Mark Godridge will be a regular visitor to the High Country. I'll need his help because **Fr Hiep** has been appointed Priest-in-Residence for Lakes Entrance and Orbost.

These appointments are in addition to those published last week, which included **Fr Avinash** becoming Administrator of Koo Wee Rup and Iona/Maryknoll. And, they all take effect on January 12 next year.

I thank God for the outstanding Parish staff I have been blessed with. Please pray and consider who God might be calling to take on the Pastoral Worker role to allow Pattie to retire. And, thank-you for your ongoing support. **Fr Michael**

NEW MEMBERSHIP FOR PPC

Parish Pastoral Council – keeping you posted.

The Parish Pastoral Council has called for Recommendations for new members. These have been handed in. A letter and a phone call will be made to each candidate to connect/invite them to an Information Meeting on 26th November at the Parish Centre 5:30pm.

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.



Invitation: Ecumenical Advent Conversation

Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation – a seasonal study of Luke, titled

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Ecumenical Reflections on the Advent readings in Year C’.

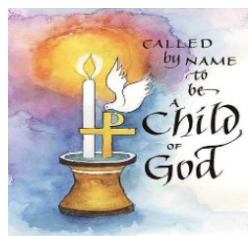
The Conversation will be led by The Rev'd Dr Robert Derrenbacker & The Rev'd Francis Obo (parish priest of St Michael's Traralgon). **WHERE:** The Abbey, 1-25 First Parade, Raymond Island **WHEN:** Friday 26 November, 2021 **TIME:** 10:30am to 3:30pm A light lunch will be served. Catering charge \$20 per person.

RSVP: 19th November, booking essential for catering purposes. Phone:– The Abbey (03) 5156 6580 or Email:– info@theabbey.org.au

We welcome into our Parish family this weekend

Alexa Rose Aloisio

Daughter of Amanda & Francesco
(Frankie)



NOVEMBER - Month of Remembrance -

is the month when we take special time to remember our loved ones who have gone before us. There is a large cross beside the

Altar, where you can pin up the names of those you have loved. Pens, pins and the 'purple crosses' can be found nearby.

POPE FRANCIS' Universal intention - November

People who suffer from depression.

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Readings: 1st Sunday Advent Year B

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Collections for

Week ending 14/11/21

Envelopes \$ 1,416.50

DD & Cards \$ 1,280.00

1st Collection \$ 489.20

2nd Collection \$ 588.65

Thánh Lễ cuối tuần và ngày thường tại Giáo xứ St Mary's Bairnsdale

Các nhà thờ đã được mở cửa nhưng phải theo yêu cầu của chính phủ tiểu bang áp dụng luật giãn cách **4 mét vuông và chứng minh đã tiêm đủ hai liều Vaccin**. Nhà thờ St Mary có sức chứa không gian cho 110 người tham dự trong 1 thánh lễ. Các nhà nhỏ trong vùng chúng ta thường có dưới 30 người tham dự một trong thánh lễ, sẽ không yêu cầu trình xuất chứng nhận vaccin. Điều này cũng áp dụng cho các thánh lễ ngày thường từ thứ 2 đến thứ 6.

Theo luật yêu cầu, chúng tôi sẽ kiểm tra giấy chứng nhận vaccin của bạn trước khi vào nhà thờ.

Cho đến khi luật thay đổi, giáo xứ sẽ sắp xếp một thánh lễ cho những người chưa nhận đủ hai liều vaccin hoặc từ chối xuất trình chứng nhận COVID vaccin tại vùng East Gippsland căn cứ vào số lượng người đề nghị.

Mọi đề nghị của bạn xin vui lòng gửi qua email cho tôi: stm.michaelw@gmail.com

Hoặc điện thoại tới Trung Tâm Mục Vụ Giáo Xứ (51522942). Tất cả những đề nghị của bạn sẽ được bảo mật.

BAIRNSDALE ng ST MARY – WEEKENDS

Ang ating mga simbahan ay bukas nang naaayon sa alituntunin na ipinapatupad ng Estado bilang apat na kwadrang metro (4sqm) at katibayan nang dobleng bakuna.

Ang Parokya ng Santa Maria ay limitado sa isang daan at sampung (110) katao. Sa mas maliliit na simbahan (halimbawa: Paynesville o Lindenow) kung saan hindi lalampas ng tatlong (30) ang nagtitipon ay hindi kinakailangang magpakita ng pruwera ng bakuna. Kabilang na dito ang mga misa tuwing araw ng Lunes hanggang Biyernes.

Hanggang ang naturang alituntunin ay hindi na ipinatutupad, maaring magorganisa ng misa para sa mga parokyano ng East Gippsland na hindi pa nakakatanggap ng dobleng bakuna o hindi nagnanais na magpakita ng estado ng kanilang bakuna sa COVID, makipag ugnayan lamang sa parokya.

Kung nagnanais na makipag ugnayan ay maaring mag-email sa stm.michael@gmail.com o tumawag sa opisina ng parokya (5152 2942). Lahat ng pakikipag ugnayan ay mananatiling kompidensyal.

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:** Michael Flynn and Angela McKail (Co- Chairpersons) Angelo D'Amore, Marilyn Elliott, Rita Bowers, & Wilma Collier. Ex-officio members: priests, principals and Pattie. **A Parish Directory:** is available at the Pastoral Centre. **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 Mary's Primary School: 5152 3706 **Nagle College:** 5152 6122
St Vincent de Paul Conference/Assistance Centre: 5152 6687 **St Mary's Op Shop:** 5152 2088

SYNOD 2021-2023 WALKING TOGETHER Diocesan Workshop

Pope Francis invites the entire Church on the way of synodality, in walking together as a pilgrim people. In our Diocese of Sale, we have experienced acting this journey of walking with each other when we joined the conversations for the Plenary and the 2019 Diocesan Assembly. We have seen how we can be united in working together to build up our community and we have witnessed ideas emerging from conversations that are grounded in prayer. Despite the lockdowns and great difficulties brought upon us by COVID, fruits have already emerged from our efforts and will continue to do so in the future. Find out more <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>



The Mass Series with Bishop Mark Coleridge of the Archdiocese of Brisbane ***Penitential Act and Gloria***

As the people of God, gathered by God, we have entered the life of the Trinity – with the sign of the cross and the greeting. Having entered the presence of God, we stand before the truth of ourselves and we all acknowledge, that we have sinned. That's really what the Penitential Act, (but not all) does.

Because the first thing we say is 'I have sinned', the second thing we say to God, : but You are an infinite mercy far, far greater than any of our sins. So the acknowledgement of our sins gives way to acclaiming God's mercy and that combination is crucial. To say that we have sinned means that we are very, very small in the presence of God.

But when we acclaim God's mercy we recognise that this God stoops down to pick us up and make the little ones great. So the truth of God and of ourselves is that once we have entered the divine presence, although very small, we are not nothing, and the mercy of God makes us unbelievably great. We don't become God but we become human beings possessed of a unique and magnificent dignity because of the mercy of God. The Penitential Act has two aspects but, in reality it's all about the truth that we only discover once we enter the presence of God, once we enter the sacred space and the sacred time of the Trinity.

Once we have acknowledged and acclaimed the mercy of God, the cry that breaks forth, on more important feasts, is the Gloria, where we take up the song of the angels. "Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth". Peace will only come to all of us – if we discover that truth, that we have sinned but there is mercy. In a world that denies that there is sin and denies the possibility of mercy there can be no peace. We save our high praise of the Gloria for the seasons that are not penitential. The Gloria falls silent in Lent and Advent, not because we don't understand the mercy, but we're focusing upon sin more than the mercy that provokes the great praise of the angels and the Church in the Gloria.

So the acknowledgement of sin, the acclamation of mercy and entering into the great song of the angels, are all part of a single dynamic that leads us more deeply into the mystery of God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kayla Hayles, Sue Stewart, Edna Hebbard (mother of Kaye White), Anthony Titulaer (son of Bill & Joan), Margo Kerby (Lakes Entrance), 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...

Sarah Traynor, Fr Tim McInnes, Robert Rhodes, Gioconda Capobianco, Barry Rowe, Rick Bourke, Sue D'Amelio Domenico Rettino, Helen McBride, Graham Rowe, Jim Dwyer, Alex Bain, 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:

Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Terry Flannery, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Michael Flynn, Mark Rashleigh, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Arthur Roberts, Paul Hawker, Margaret O'Reilly, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Damian Greaves, Victoria Shaw, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Jim Quigley, Craig Counsel, Linton Smith, Andre Buxton, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic Smythe, John Pruscino.

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.

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Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

A reading from the prophet Daniel (7: 13-14)

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **R.**

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Apocalypse (Revelation 1:5-8)

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (18:33-37)

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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Scripture Notes

Jesus was crucified on the charge of being a messianic pretender, the title 'King of the Jews' on the cross makes that clear. During his interrogation by Pilate, Jesus declares he is indeed a king, but not the kind understood by the world. He has come into the world as the bearer of divine revelation, refuting recent attempts to portray Jesus as a political revolutionary.

Today's idolatry occurs when one holds any value higher than God and morality: money, possessions, pleasure, success, fame, power, self-idolatry, to name a few. Idols command and rule through fear; Christ invites, bringing freedom and life.

Political power can coerce others to do one's will, unrelated to goodness or wisdom, and we have many examples before us today. Spiritual power resides entirely within the individual and often resides in those without wealth and political authority.

Christ is the hope of the human race, showing us who God is and how we keep God at the centre of our lives.

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