



St Canice's Lindenow

# 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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#### MISSION SUNDAY, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, 24th October, 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

**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

**Paynesville:** Rosary 10am Wednesday

##### RECONCILIATION

is available on

**Friday** after 9:10am Mass  
and

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

##### **WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THE 80% MARK**

Now that our State has reached 70% double dose vaccinations against COVID-19, 'Victoria's Roadmap' allows for churches to increase from 20 people to 30, if those attending can prove their double dose vaccination status or medical exemption. **St Mary's Bairnsdale Parish clergy and staff have decided we will wait until the 80% trigger for increasing our numbers at regular Masses.** In other words, there will be no change from our current arrangements, until further notice. Both now and at the 80% mark, another thing that is not changing is the Church's welcome to all, to come and be nourished at the table of the Lord. Bishop Greg is encouraging Masses to be provided for all people.

As we transition towards the new mandate of checking vaccination status and adding it to our record keeping (for 28 days), we ask that all parishioners prepare for this in coming days. We will respect the wishes of those unable to be vaccinated, or choose not to present their status, as required by the State.

Please be assured, we are here to support everyone as we all grow in charity and *mature in Christ* (Col 1:28).  
*Fr Michael*



**Bookings are essential for weekend Masses as we are only allowed 20 people per venue with the current restrictions. To book, please phone the Parish Centre 5152 2942.**

##### **Roster for Masses 30-31st October 2021**

	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Special Minister</b>
6:00pm Sat	J De Boer	M Saunders	C M-Smith	Not required
9:30am Sun	G & K Cassidy	H Van Den Einden	S Tilley	at the moment.
<b>Cleaning:</b> Fortnight ending: 30 <sup>th</sup> October: B Mahony			<b>Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot.</b>	

##### **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 MASS SERIES – by Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the Archdiocese of Brisbane

As an initiative of our Liturgy Team, 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



The word “Mass” itself comes from the dismissal – “Go, the Mass has ended”. Because in Latin that was: “Ite, Missa est”. Keep in mind the Mass was in Latin for a very long time. Its original language was Greek and then, eventually it went into Latin. At the end of Mass, the priest said: “Ite, Missa est” which means “Go, you are sent” so the word “Missa” in Latin became the Mass. The word Mass really means a sending out.

So, the Mass is that moment where God calls his people together to speak with them and to feed them in a way that will equip them to go out on mission. The important thing to notice is that it’s something primarily which God does. Now we do all sorts of things in the Mass. We can be very, very busy. We speak, we sing, we kneel, we stand and so on. But really the Mass is what God does before anything we do.

In what we call the Liturgy of the Word, the first part of the Mass, God speaks to us and we respond. So there is a dialogue between God and God’s people.

And then in the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the second part of the Mass, we bring to God the gifts that He has given us. So, again, the initiative belongs to God. He’s given us the gifts and we bring those gifts to Him. And then the word of God is spoken over those gifts to transform them into the body and blood of Christ so that those gifts transformed become the feast where God sits down with us and shares a meal of Communion. The feast of love.

So what has begun as a dialogue or a conversation between God and God’s people, becomes a feast where we sit with each other but we also sit with God to share the feast that God has provided.

Then, having shared the feast, God blesses us and sends us out. Ite Missa est: Go the Mass has ended. Because now I have spoken to your heart, I have shared the feast with you, you have everything that you need to undertake the mission which I entrust to you.



### Catholic Theological College 2021 Knox Public Lecture

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
at 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Professor Eleanor Bourke  
*Truth Telling & the Yoo-rrook  
Justice Commission*

Bookings and Info: [ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture](http://ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture)

Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Phone 9412 3333

Venue: online



### 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 and The Rev’d Francis Otobo (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:** 19<sup>th</sup> November, booking essential for catering purposes.

**RSVP:** Phone:– The Abbey (03) 5156 6580 or Email:– [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)



### **POPE FRANCIS’ Universal intention - October** **Intention for evangelisation -** **Missionary disciples.**

We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



### **AustralianCATHOLICS Magazine**

The summer edition is now out. Pick up a copy if you are looking for a good read. It is the ‘Parish Edition’ with the theme of “Love and Relationships”.

### **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.

### Readings:31/10/21

#### 31st Sunday in O T, Year B,

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalm 17:2-4,47,51

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

### Collections for

#### Week ending 17/10/21

Envelopes \$ 1,061.10

DD & Cards \$ 1,329.00

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 354.70

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 90.00

### **ST MARY NGÀY BAIIRNSDALE - TUẦN**

Thứ bảy: 8 tháng Tám 8 6:00 tối Chủ nhật: 9 tháng Tám 9 9:30 sáng **CUỐN SÁCH ĐƯỢC YÊU CẦU CHO MASSES TUẦN TẠI ST MARY mệnh (Giới hạn 20)**

Vui lòng đặt thứ ba đến thứ sáu 10 giờ sáng - 3 giờ chiều: 5152 2942 Hãy giúp chúng tôi tuân thủ các nguyên tắc sức khỏe. Ví dụ: đăng nhập bằng tên và số liên lạc.

### **BAIRNSDALE ng ST MARY – WEEKENDS**

Sat: 8 Agosto 6:00:00 Araw: ika-9 ng Agosto 9:30 ng umaga

**KINAKAILANGANY MAG-BOOK PARA SA MGA LINGGO NG WEEKEND SA ST MARY'S (Limitado 20)**

Mangyaring mag-book Martes hanggang Biyernes 10:00 - 3pm: 5152 2942 Mangyaring tulungan kaming sumunod sa mga alituntunin sa kalusugan. Halimbawa, pag-sign in gamit ang unang pangalan at numero ng contact.



**Parish Pastoral Council:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

### **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.***



It's that time of year again and St Vincent de Paul Conference members are busy preparing Christmas hampers for needy families. Once again we are looking for people to make some colourful cloth bags to pack toys and Christmas goodies in. The bags need to be a minimum of 50cm X 50 cm and we should have them at the centre by November 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in anticipation.

**Many parishioners would be familiar with the name Fr. Walter Silvester sac, who ministered from Pallotti College Retreat Centre, Millgrove.**



Fr. Wally died 16 years ago, and every year since, there has been a 1 ½ hour free Public Lecture at the Australian Catholic University in his honour. On Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 5:30 – 7pm (AEDT), you are cordially invited to the 'on line' Public Lecture presented by Jason Kelly, a Mutthi Mutthi/Wamba Wamba man, and Fr. Frank Brennan, SJ AO. The Topic is: 'Truth, Treaty and Transformation'.

It promises to be a very informative evening!!

No Registration required.

**Click on the Link:** <https://acu.zoom.us/j/84877950748>

### ***A MORNING PRAYER***

Lord, in this quiet moment of prayer, I can see the day spread out before me, and I know it may be a long while before I think of you again. My days are a whirlwind of activity, and today promises to be another one of those days. But I will try to keep you in my heart whenever I can, and I ask only that you be with me, even if I am too rushed to be aware of it. I praise and thank you for all your good gifts to me. Amen



Please continue to hold in your prayers parents Chris & Kat McMahon and the families of Bill & Liz McMahon and Peter & Cathy McMahon, who tragically lost their 7 year old daughter, granddaughter and grandniece 'Rose' in an accident at Wilson's Prom 2 weeks ago.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Luigi Ciaglia, Rose McMahon, 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...**

Lucy Mann, Elisabetta De Luti, Keith McNairn, Margaret Nugent, Pauline Hamilton, John McCormack, Bridget Ross, Danny Cook, Mary Douglas, Barbara Eldridge, Molly Smullen, Marie Traynor, Cliff Brammall, Martin E White, Pauline Cocco, Valda Reinhardt, MaryAnne Scott, William Hilder, Antonio Cavone, Pasquale D'Aloia, Noel (Sam) Currie, Concetta Pruscino, 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:**

Sue Stewart, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Michael Flynn, Mark Rashleigh, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Arthur Roberts, Margaret O'Reilly, Paul Hawker, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Victoria Shaw, 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.

## **Mission Sunday, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 24th October 2021**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### **A reading from the prophet Jeremiah** (31:7-9)

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves **R.**

### **A reading from the letter to the Hebrews** (5:1-6 )

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

**Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark** (10:46-52)

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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### **Scripture Notes**

The story of Bartimaeus is as much a story of a calling (discipleship) as healing. "Followed him on the road", means that he followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship. Bartimaeus served as a model for those who are spiritually blind, and lacking in direction. Physical sight is indeed a great gift, but Jesus came on earth to lead us from spiritual blindness to faith; a journey from darkness into light.

To believe in Jesus is to have an unfailing lamp for our path. We show that we are following his light by the way we live.

Personal dispositions limit our ability to see. If we are absorbed in ourselves, we won't see what is going on around us. The same applies if we are in a hurry, sad or troubled; if we are prejudiced, angry or bitter; in pain, our vision distorted, we don't see things as they really are. We need to see with insight (the mind), imagination (with vision), the heart (with understanding and compassion).

*Flor McCarthy SDB New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies*