



St Patrick's Paynesville

# THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

East Region – Diocese of Sale

BAIRNSDALE, PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW,

OMEO, SWIFTS CREEK AND 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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### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B, March 24, 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.



### Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) March 23-24



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, Ronita, Leaia, and Memory, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow,

*For all future generations.*

**Please donate to Project Compassion**

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



#### WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday: 9.10am

Tuesday: 11.00am Sale Cathedral  
Mass of the Oils

Wednesday: 9.10am (Adoration 8.00)

Holy Thursday: 6.00am to 6.00pm

Healing the Hurts

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
until midnight

Good Friday: 3.00pm Lord's Passion

#### RECONCILIATION

**Tuesday 6.00pm**

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
and Tenebrae**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday: 9.30am St Mary's

11.00am St Canice's

**ROSARY VIA ZOOM**

Monday: 7.00pm

**St Patrick's Paynesville**

Wednesday: Rosary 10.00am

#### 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

#### 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

**St Francis', Benambra:**

4th Sunday: 11.00am

### Easter Sunday of Lent, Year B, March 30-31, 2024

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday		EASTER VIGIL	AS ARRANGED		
9.30am Sunday	N Nash	T Kosmer	P Brown Graham	M Owen	H Van Den Einden S Dean C Tilley
	Cleaning: Fortnight ending: April 6 - H Sampson		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.***

Holy Thursday March 28: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm St Mary's Bairnsdale  
(Please return your Project Compassion Envelopes/Boxes to Holy Thursday Mass)

Good Friday March 29: Stations of the Cross 9.30am St Mary's, Bairnsdale  
11.00am St Canice's, Lindenow

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm St Mary's, Bairnsdale and Immaculate Conception, Omeo

Holy Saturday March 30: The Easter Vigil 7.30pm St Mary's, Bairnsdale

Easter Sunday March 31: Masses 8.00am St Patrick's, Paynesville  
9.00am St Francis of Assisi, Benambra  
9.30am St Mary's, Bairnsdale  
11.00am St Canice's Lindenow and Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek  
5.00pm Vietnamese Mass St Mary's Bairnsdale



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

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 việc tại 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.

Chương 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



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.

READINGS:

Sunday of the Resurrection

March 30-31, 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43  
Responsorial Psalm:  
Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel: John 20:1-9

COLLECTIONS:

March 16-17, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 833.00
DD and Cards	\$ 615.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 862.15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 1072.60
Pay Wave	\$ 200.00
Church Tours	\$ 1128.05

2nd Rite of Reconciliation Tuesday March 26, 6.00pm

Fr Joseph, Fr Mark and Fr Hiep

Dear Parish Friend,

Thank you so much for your encouraging prayers for our children who celebrated the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation last Tuesday night. I had the wonderful privilege of witnessing the sacredness of parents blessing their children from the Holy Water fountain, as a reminder of their Baptism, where they were cleansed from sin and born again through water and Spirit. This left me especially in awe and wonder knowing on a deeper level, the greatness of God's love and forgiveness received on that special evening. This beautiful gift of healing grace received by our children will help them to continue to grow in relationship with God and each other. Therefore, I would like to invite you to find a way to heal your own wounds, hurts, seeking forgiveness and make your own personal relationship with God right. So, you are warmly encouraged to participate at our St Mary's Parish Reconciliation Liturgy this week. This communal gathering begins with listening to the Word of God; the homily emphasising our need for repentance and the infinite mercy of God. During the examination of conscience, we reflect together on where we have fallen short of our baptismal commitment to follow Christ. Individual confessions and absolutions are heard by the Priest who stands 'in Persona Christi,' meaning that he is in the person of Christ. Jesus comes to heal you and the whole Church! May you be encouraged to experience this light with fellow brothers and sisters who also seek healing and forgiveness. We pray for each other so that we will know the fullness of God's grace and mercy. Once you have participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you are invited to remain in Church and partake in a moving and prayerful Tenebrae. This liturgy features distinctive symbolic elements of Christ's passion and death using candles, which are gradually extinguished. Tenebrae is designed to serve as a powerful, reflective experience for the faithful ahead of the Easter Triduum. The representation of the darkness of sin and death serve to call the faithful to embrace the light of Christ, who has conquered death. God Bless you. Michelle Grimsted.





### 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.

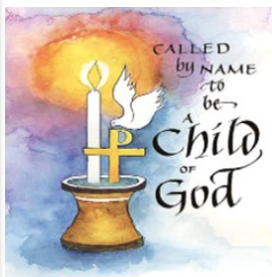
### Childrens Worksheets Available for Collection



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:

- ♦ Who are the people who love you?
- ♦ What special things do they do for you?
- ♦ Jesus suffered and died because he loved us.
- ♦ Who are the people who are in need or in pain?
- ♦ How can we show God's love to these people?
- ♦ Today is the beginning of a special week of celebrations.
- ♦ How can we participate in Holy Week?



**We welcome into our Parish  
family through the  
Sacrament of Baptism**

***Violet and Vance***

**children of Brianna and Mark Jolley**

### 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](mailto: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.

**Funerals:** Please contact your preferred Funeral Director for arrangements.

**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



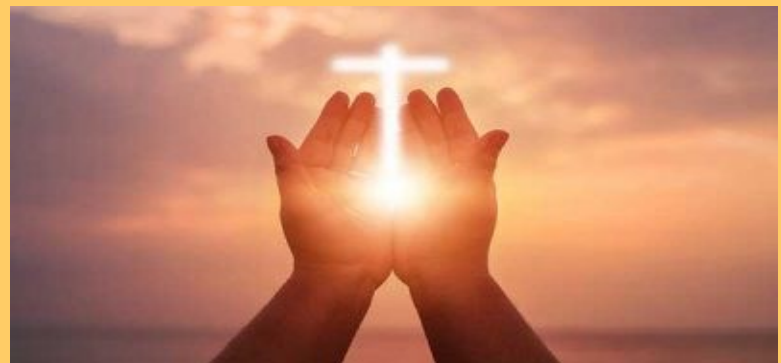
**Divine Mercy Sunday April 7**

**Mass in St Mary's at 3.00pm**

### Healing the Hurts

As dawn breaks at 6.00am on Thursday March 28, St Mary's Church Bairnsdale will open to commence 12 hours of prayer and silent reflection to show our compassion and support for the children, women and men in our society who have been abused by those in whom they placed their trust.

A Roster will be available in the Vestibule before and after Mass.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Lawrence Mooney, Rob Brennan, victims of natural disasters, COVID-19, terrorism, war, conflict, poverty, Family Violence, Asylum Seekers and all others who have passed away

**ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** David Eldridge, Agnes Gibson, John Confait, John Tilley, Joe Minniti, Robert Kilpatrick, Frank Wardley, Betty Kirwan, Rosa Lamanna, Ron Hannaford, Michelle Grumley, Marguerite Leone, Joan Browne, Terry Boyd, Lorraine O'Brien 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."***

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK:** 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.**

## **Palm Sunday**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

### **Responsorial Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24**

**R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 15:1-39**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**(The Gospel will be displayed on the Overhead)**

*Jerusalem Bible ©Liturgy Brisbane*

### **Scripture Reflection**

Today's readings remind us that God's ways are not our ways, and that sometimes we must be willing to let go of our own expectations and trust in God's plan. Jesus' death on the cross was not the end, but rather the beginning of a new hope and a new life. It was through his sacrifice that we are saved, and it is through our own willingness to surrender our own desires and follow him that we can experience true freedom and salvation.

Let us reflect with humility and openness, recognizing our own limitations and weaknesses, and trusting in the infinite wisdom and love of God. May we be willing to let go of our own expectations and desires, and follow Jesus with faith and courage, even when the road ahead seems uncertain or difficult.

*Young Catholics*