



**St Francis of Assisi,
Benambra**

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR B, 23rd MAY, 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: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30am

St Patrick's, Paynesville

Sunday: 8am

St Canice's, Lindenow

Sunday: 11am

Weekday Masses for 24th - 28th May

Monday: 9:10am - St Mary's

Tuesday: 9:10am - St Mary's

Wednesday: 9:10am - St Mary's

Maddocks Gardens - 10:30am

Thursday: 9:10am - St Mary's

9:10am -

St Mary's Primary School (Year 3'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



47th MASS AND PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF ST ANTHONY

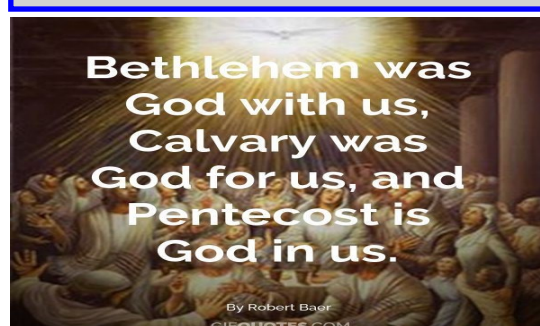
SUNDAY 13TH JUNE 2021

ST MARY'S CHURCH BAIRNSDALE

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 favore porta un piatto da condividere.



PENTECOST
blessings
with peace
and love.



Roster for Masses 29th & 30th May 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	C Power	J Peachey	K Flannery	J Peachey
9:30am Sun	M Owen	H Sampson	M Elliott	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.

WANTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program running over a number of months, exploring different aspects of Church life - what are the Sacraments, what role does Mary play, why does the priest wear the robes that he does, what relevance do Gospel stories have for us today? Anyone wishing to find out more please contact the Parish Centre on 5152 2942.

NATIONAL COUNT IN THE MONTH OF MAY

This is the last weekend of 'counting sheep'. This weekend we are asked to look at age groups. As you come into Mass be sure to pick one coloured piece of paper that goes with your age group and put it in the designated basket. We thank you at this point for your assistance with this matter. We also thank those who helped with the counting each week, very much appreciated.

'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 each day.

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).



ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

The Parish Centre has recently received calls regarding housing/rentals in Bairnsdale. One situation 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 which will have to be considered. She may require accommodation for maybe 6 – 8 weeks. The other family is a mother and son (& a cat) currently living in Buchan. They need to move to Bairnsdale because of health reasons (& because of health reasons neither are able to drive). They are desperately trying to buy in Bairnsdale but to no avail. At the moment, because of their situation, they are finding it hard to view homes while living so far away. 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 30th May The Most Holy Trinity

1st Reading:
Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
Psalm: Ps 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22
2nd Reading: Romans 8:14-17
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Collections for weekend 16th May:

Envelopes	\$ 1,122.00
DD & Cards	\$ 680.00
1 st Collection	\$ 499.35
2 nd Collection	\$ 744.50
Church Tours	\$ 1,202.90
Trinity Families	\$ 782.55

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

Towards Plenary Assembly One,
October 2021

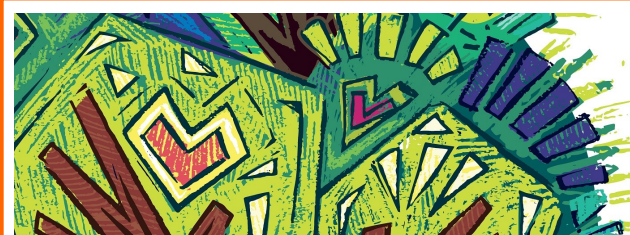
'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' John 20:19-23

"We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, in our parish or diocesan institutions, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel! It is not enough simply to open the door in welcome ..., but we must go out through that door to seek and meet the people!"

(Pope Francis, World Youth Day Homily at Cathedral of San Sebastian, Rio de Janeiro, July 27, 2013)

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:

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/fantheblade/ OR each morning as you start your day, 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.



**BAIRNSDALE WEST
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
invites you to their

Reconciliation Day Assembly

on Friday 28th May at 10:30am in the Nova Hall.

The theme this year is "More than words, Reconciliation takes action." Come along – it is a very small step on our part to hear their stories and to nurture the relationship with our aboriginal brothers and sisters.

Parish Pastoral Council: meets 2nd 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, Marilyn 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 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/Centre: 5152 6687 **St Mary's Op Shop:** 51522088

SOS SOS HELP! HELP!

Church cleaning takes approximately 1 hour each week. If we can find 12 volunteers it will mean doing the job once every 3 months or so. Can you help?

BE ONE OF THE TWELVE. Of course more than 12 volunteers will make the commitment even lighter, almost non-existent! And menfolk! Menfolk! Please remember this is an inclusive parish. The ladies are more than happy to include you in what in the past has been an exclusively female activity. Yes, menfolk, get in touch with your sensitive inner dust-free self. Grab a broom. "Grab a broom for Jesus" (This is the church cleaner's motto). Please give an hour and enjoy the benefits. Please call Pattie on 5152 2942. (This is a serious call for help, currently we have only 2 volunteers). 5 more have come forward - thank you; a few more helpers would make it easier on everyone.



Laudato Si' Week: 16-25 May 2021 is a time to reflect on what the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us and prepare for the future with hope. Laudato Si' Week 2021 will be the crowning event of the Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year, and a celebration of the great progress the whole Church has made on its journey to ecological conversion.

Loving God, open our minds and touch our hearts so that we may attend to your gift of creation ... Now more than ever may we feel that we are all connected and interdependent; enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.



Humility

To humble ourselves and accept our limits. 'Once we lose our humility, and become enthralled with the possibility of limitless mastery over everything, we inevitably end up harming society and the environment.' (LS 224) These virtues help us understand how choices affect the environment and other people. Think about how we could change our habits and our actions.

Our actions, though small, have an impact and influence others.

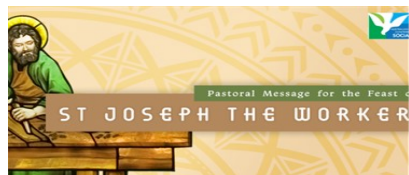
We need to care for God's creation because it is on loan to us, until we pass it to future generations.

'SETTING FORTH' A Pentecost letter from Bishop Greg

Bishop Greg has written a Pentecost Letter. You can pick up a 'hard copy' from the foyer of the church or find it at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/setting-forth-pentecost-2021>

ST MARY'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

meet on Monday evenings in the Resource Room at the Parish Centre, entry Nicholson Street. Doors open at 7:00pm. Everyone welcome. For more information contact: Maureen Saunders 0428 522 344.



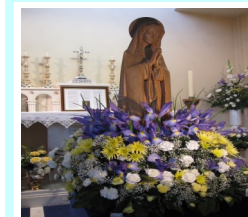
St Joseph the Migrant Worker

"Have you ever imagined St Joseph as a migrant worker?"

Would he have taken with him as many tools of trade as he could carry when he fled with Mary and the child Jesus into Egypt?

What would it have been like for him trying to find work in a foreign land to support his family?

Would anyone help them, or would these 'outsiders' be exploited or left to fend for themselves?"



ROSARY BEFORE MASS

During the month of May Rosary will be offered at 9am BEFORE 9:30am Mass. You are most welcome to come along and join in.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network **(Apostleship of Prayer)**

UNIVERSAL INTENTION - The world of finance.



Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Daniel Holford, Daryl White (b-i-l of Donna Nash), Bob Hindle, Paul Garro, Bill Plozza, 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...

Berna Carroll, April Herrick, Domenico Capobianco, Leo Cahill, Nicodemo Tedeschi, Lindsay Pepper, June Bennett, Grace Calabro 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:

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 Feast of Pentecost 23rd May 2021, Year B

Entrance Antiphon

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11)

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians (5:16-25)

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (15:26-27; 16:12-15)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

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Scripture Notes

St Paul talks about the 'fruits of the Spirit' (Gal 5:22). He says that if we allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit, our lives will be characterised by such things as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Pauls puts **Love** first as in the words of Jesus, "Everyone will know you are my disciples by the love you have for one another." For Christians, love is meant to be the identifying characteristic of their religion.

Joy, is an overflowing heart. The amount of joy we have is in proportion to the amount of love we share with others.

Peace, was Jesus' farewell gift to his apostles. It is internal. Peace results when we trust in God, and when the desire to please Him is the dominant thing in our life. This is something we can have in the midst of turmoil, conflict, unresolved problems and a pandemic.

Patience, involves the ability to wait, to trust and to endure. These are now almost the polar opposite to life today. But waiting is part of life and many things are ruined by rushing.

Kindness, The kindness of Jesus shines in the pages of the Gospel. It calls for awareness, sensitivity, and self-forgetfulness.

Faithfulness, is one of the greatest and most necessary things in life, though it is costly. It demands unselfishness and a spirit of sacrifice, but even here on earth it can bring great rewards of growth, serenity and joy. As Jesus' disciples we are tasked to be faithful, not successful.

Gentleness, 'Blessed are the gentle, they will inherit the earth.' (Mt5:4). It is often seen as a form of weakness. If you love you are gentle and there are certain tasks that can only gentleness can accomplish.

Self-control, is probably the hardest. It means being in control of oneself. Paul warns us against self-indulgence which can produce cruelty, meanness, revenge and overindulging behaviours. These are ugly things which make life miserable. The more we renounce ourselves and walk in the Spirit, the more fruitful our lives will become.

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