



St Canice's , Lindenow

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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A February 12, 2023

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.



EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY (TURKIYE) AND SYRIA

Thousands of people have been killed after a catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southeast Turkey (officially known as Türkiye) and Syria, followed by another large earthquake (7.6 magnitude) only hours later.

Thousands of deaths have been reported in Türkiye and Syria, and the death toll is increasing by the hour. The number has now risen to over 20,000. Aid agencies report 23 million people have been affected. Freezing Winter weather is adding to the devastation, as thousands are left injured, trapped or homeless, and are stuck in bitter cold and freezing rain. The earthquakes caused devastation in rebel-held northwest Syria, where entire buildings collapsed, leaving people trapped under the rubble. **Please help now. Caritas Australia is in contact with Caritas Turkey and other Caritas agencies on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs.** To donate visit: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/>

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

Weekday Masses at St Mary's

Monday: 9.10am
Tuesday: 1.00pm
Jim Duggan's Funeral Mass
Wednesday-Friday: 9.10am
Paynesville:
Wednesday: Rosary 10.00am

Reconciliation

is available each:

Friday: after 9.10am Mass

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

5.30pm to 5.50pm

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A-February 19-20 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	G Dooley	C Shanahan	P Reefman	B O'Kelly	
9.30am Sunday	R David	T Kosmer	N Nash	M Owen	A Chilla, M Grimsted, D Fallon

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: February 18 February — J & D Fallon **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 Kath Cassidy who can be contacted via the Parish Centre: 5152 2942.

Alternatively contact Bairnsdale Police: 5150 2600; or Towards Healing: 1800 816 030.



Rite of Election for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates

An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates, and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election, to be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on Sunday 26th February at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

2.00 pm Bishop Greg warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, godparents, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him at the Chapter House (at the rear of the Cathedral precinct)

3.00 pm The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates in the Cathedral

4.00 pm Afternoon tea in the Cathedral gathering space. Please bring some food to share.

ATTENTION: PARISH SINGERS AND MUSICIANS WANTED FOR THE RITE OF ELECTION!

As in past years, we are forming a Diocesan Choir for the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday February 26, 2023, at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

1.30-2.30 pm: Choir rehearsal **3.00-4.00 pm:** Rite of Election

To register your interest and receive the music pack and rehearsal links,

please contact Sophy Morley on smorley@sale.catholic.org.au

without delay or phone the Diocesan Office on 5622 6677.



Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

Phone: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567.



website: www.palms.org.au



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SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP FUNDS ALLOCATION

The Parish puts aside 2.5% of Planned Giving receipts every year for groups/causes who have demonstrated a need for support.

Thank you to those who made submissions regarding the disbursement of these funds. Several recommendations have been approved by Fr Michael and \$500.00 will be donated to each of the following recipients.

Local

Headspace (Youth Mental Health) Providing support for young people

St Vincent De Paul Welfare-Bairnsdale

Ongoing community support

National

MacKillop Family Services (Family/Domestic Violence)

Supporting women and children who are victim/survivors of Family Violence

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project

Supporting legal costs for refugees held in detention at the Park Hotel, Melbourne

Opening the Doors Foundation

Aboriginal and community organisation providing educational opportunities for Aboriginal children

NSW State Emergency Service

Flood relief

International

St Elizabeth Hospital, Hyderabad, Pakistan Flood relief

Hi Vis vests for Traffic Aides in Lipa, The Philippines

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

For Parishes

We pray that Parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



February 18-19, 2023 Year A

Readings:

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:

1-2, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102:

1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1

6-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Collections:

February 4-5, 2023

Envelopes \$ 1232.00

DD& Cards \$ 2877.00

1st Collection \$ 703.55

2nd Collection \$ 742.90

Pay Wave \$ 180.00

Church Tours \$ 155.00

Have a problem with alcohol? There is a solution. A.A. has a simple program that works and has done so for over 80 years. It is based on one alcoholic helping another.

If you need support, contact Bruce: 0412 938 772



**Columban Calendars are still available.
See Michael in the Parish Centre.
Only \$10.00**

MORNING TEA THANK YOU

Approximately 80 people attended the Morning Tea at St Mary's last Sunday.

Marylin Elliot would like to offer a BIG thank you to all those who contributed and participated, helping make the day a great success. God Bless you all.

PRAYING THE ROSARY WITH OTHERS

St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale invites you to the online community to pray the Rosary, via Zoom, every Monday night at 7.00pm. The Rosary takes us on a spiritual journey, along with Mary, in contemplation with her son Jesus. This powerful prayer is the storehouse of countless blessings.

Why should the Rosary be part of your prayer life? Saint Padre Pio reminds us that it is the 'weapon for these times.'

Email Michelle: stm.michelleg@gmail.com to receive a link to join us.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Wilma Collier, Marylin Elliott,
Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons,
Peter McMahon, Jacinta Da Costa

Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, Principals and Michael F.

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 1st and 3rd Sundays 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.

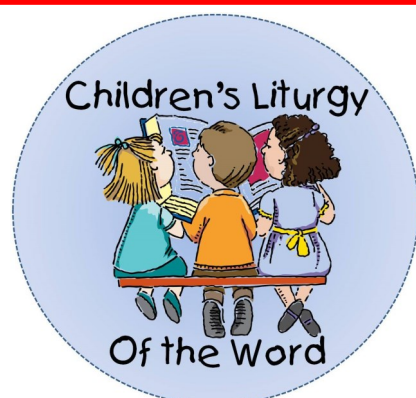
Communion to the Housebound /Aged Care:

Call Pattie Pruscino: 0427 232 682

Special Wedding Anniversaries: 6 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



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.

In today's gospel Jesus names many people who God blesses. Can you name some of these people?

- ♦ Have you ever felt angry with someone?
- ♦ Is it easy to make peace after you have had an argument or fight?
- ♦ Do you feel happy or sad after an argument?
- ♦ Do you feel better after you make peace?
- ♦ Jesus tells us to make peace with other people before we offer gifts to God. This can be difficult but God will help us.

CAN YOU HELP ???

SUNDAY MASS MORNING TEA

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Morning Teas, making sandwiches, slices etc, cleaning up. If you would like to contribute to this great social event, contact
Helen Van Den Einden: 0434 531 504 or
Michael at the Parish Centre: 5152 2942.



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Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

- **You will re-ignite your professional passion** as you share skills with colleagues abroad;
- **You will strengthen individuals and organisational** processes and procedures so that generations of people will have opportunities for growth long after you return home.
- **You will Learn.** It is a life changing opportunity to work with and live amongst some of the most appreciative and resilient people you will ever meet.

You will be Supported. Since 1961, [Palms Australia](https://www.palmsaustralia.org.au/) has supported qualified and experienced Catholics motivated to undertake this Mission.

See opposite page for contact details and a QR Code.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: John Fermio, Jim Duggan, victims of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Adam Sutton, all victims of natural disasters, mental health, COVID-19, terrorist attacks, war, conflict, asylum seekers, family violence and poverty.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Patricia Farquhar, Genoveffa Calvi, Giosue Calvi, John Graves, Alan Bills, Joseph Zagami, Filomena Maglione, Prue McGoldrick, Julie Hussey, Maria Pukal, Sister Maria Terese, Jack Clarke, Gwen Morgan, Bill Keyte, Jim Murphy, Karen Skeen, Roger McCombe, Noel Bills, Norm Bowers, John Flannery and 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 REMEMBER THE SICK: Darcy Sutton, John Birrell, Wade Matthews, Jan Coverdale, John Saunders, Kathleen Robertson, Mary Johnson, John Atkins, Rick Harney, George Burton, Fred Crea, Marie Ayres, John Spirason, Shirley Gilmore, Vin Ayres, Maree Elbourne, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Brian Rowe, Alan Casanelia.

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A February 12, 2023

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

The Opening Prayer

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm 111:4-9

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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Scripture notes:

We are all subject to the law, and in this Gospel, we reflect on Jesus' attitude to the law of God. He found no fault with the law itself. It was how religious leaders of the day interpreted and applied it. For them the letter of the law was more important, but for Jesus it was the spirit of the law that mattered. The Pharisees looked at the outward act, but God sees in our hearts, thoughts and desires. Jesus interpreted the commandments in a positive way. Instead of 'Thou shalt not kill', He said, 'Love thy neighbour'; 'Thou shalt not steal' He said, 'You must share your goods with your neighbour when they are in need'. He also saw that obedience was often rooted in fear and he wanted it founded in love. All God's laws could be reduced to two: love of God and love of neighbour. These two, properly understood, include all the others. In a sense there is only one law – the law of love, and only one sin, not to love.

Flor McCarthy SDB New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies Yr A