



Sacred Heart,
Swifts Creek

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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St Mary of the Cross, Year B, 8th August, 2021

Welcome to all who have joined us to 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: 6:00pm~~

~~Sunday: 9:30am~~

St Patrick's, Paynesville

~~Sunday: 8:00am~~

St Canice's, Lindenow

~~Sunday: 11:00am~~

Weekday Masses for 9th-13th August

~~Monday: 9:10am - St Mary's~~

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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
and **Saturday**

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

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA

Bushfire Recovery Program

The program started in 2020 following the devastating bushfires across our beautiful East Gippsland. We provide an outreach service to assist with recovery and restoration in our remote communities. During 2020 Therese managed the key role of counsellor and began to make connections in the outlying communities, especially linking in with Orbost and beyond. Our counsellors are always available for conversation, comfort and assistance for individuals and families in the East Gippsland Shire. In December 2020 Madelaine (a parishioner of ours) joined the team as Community Development Officer and we received a four wheel drive vehicle complete with espresso coffee machine, generator and mobile WiFi access and with CB Radio on board we are able to reach out to the really remote locations, helping them to rediscover their joy and provide a friendly and supportive ear over a coffee. One of our big gifts to these communities is through colour and creativity workshops and in April 2021 we gained a new counsellor in Aaron who brings many talents including being able to make a great coffee (bonus) and cook a nice curry for the communities – a great way to reconnect with each other. We have been well received in the communities especially with hot coffee on board and we have been as far as Tubbut (4 hours from Bairnsdale) and all the communities along the Bonang Highway as well as Orbost and Bemm River. We love meeting these wonderful communities to enable people to reconnect with each other and more deeply within themselves around the art table playing with colour. Over the next few months we have a new schedule of communities to outreach to at Buchan, Gelantipy, Cann River, Combienbar, Club Terrace, Bemm River and Bruthen. We are really looking forward to serving these beautiful communities over the next few months. Madelaine and Aaron can be contacted on: 0409135624 or 0400783342



Email: madelaine.schumann@ccam.org.au or Aaron.armenopoulos@ccam.org.au

An extra collection will take place next weekend for CatholicCare Victoria

Roster for Masses 14th –15th August 2021

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	C Power	B Calabro	S Gibson	C Power
9:30am Sun	M Owen	D Atkins	M Elliott	M Owen

Cleaning: Fortnight ending 21st August: M Saunders

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.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

(Apostleship of Prayer) AUGUST

Intention for evangelization - **The Church**

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



The Diocesan Catechist Association of the Sale Diocese is offering a video series by Daniel O'Leary called **'An Astonishing Secret'**.

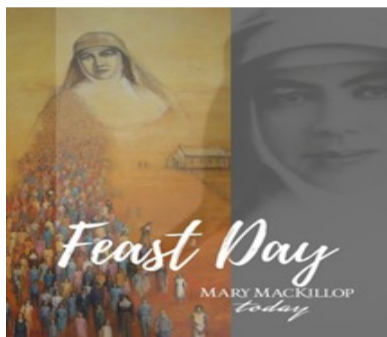
It will be held via Zoom over 5 Monday nights beginning 2nd August at 7:30pm.

We ask that you email Barbara Durand at BarbaraD@Sale.catholic.org.au and she will forward you the link. It is not too late to come on board.

In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to bring life to

"the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard."

Your donation to Mary MacKillop Today will support thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Fiji and here in Australia with education, health and finance and livelihoods opportunities, bringing hope to communities for generations to come. Please go to www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/donate to make a donation. Or contact us at: Mary MacKillop Today - PO Box 1646 North Sydney NSW 2059; Ph: 02 8912 2763



Confirmed in Christ

COMMITMENT MASSES



This weekend 38 candidates are making a commitment to deepen and take more responsibility of their faith in readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us keep them, their families and educators in our prayers as they journey together. The students will receive this Sacrament on Saturday 11th September.

We welcome into our parish family this weekend



Vinny Lloyd Schaeche

Son of Jesse & Brenton

Liv Mahlook & Goldie Mahlook

Daughters of Emma & Nick

Readings:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15th August Year B

1st Reading:

Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6,10

Psalm: 44:10-12, 16

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Collections for Week ending 25th July

Envelopes \$ 1,751.00

DD & Cards \$ 3,165.00

1st Collection \$ 333.65

2nd Collection \$ 520.10

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

'Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well'

Matthew 6:25-34

The Church signifies and builds up the shared life of God's kingdom. This calls all members of the Church to continual conversion from self-serving egoism to self-giving love and a willingness to "bear each other's burdens" (Gal 6:2). (*Instrumentum Laboris* #83)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/

The Council's opening statement and Pope Francis' message is a powerful reminder of our call to mission:

As children of God,

disciples of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Members of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia are called to develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia at this time.

'I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.'

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* 27

Please continue to pray for our Diocesan Plenary Council members - Bishop Greg, Fr Peter Slater, Fr Denis O'Bryan, Katherine Jelavic and Lize Privitera. In this year of St Joseph, let us turn to him to intercede for us as we journey together.

CatholicCare Victoria - Sunday Appeal

If you would like to donate, you can call (03) 9287 5513 or visit catholiccarevic.org.au

Below is a piece of art following on from our story on the front page of our bulletin.



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:** 5152 2088

St Mary MacKillop

In this Year of St Joseph, we remember Australia's first saint and founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, Sr Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop, who famously told her sisters, 'Do not see a need and do nothing about it', was acutely conscious of the needs of the people about her – for basic education, for care, for food. She dedicated her life to doing something about those needs – heroically and most effectively. But inspiring it all and sustaining it all was the vision of God she learned from scriptural passages such as today's Gospel, projecting not just material help and opportunity, but the sense that each person is precious in God's eyes, is loved by God, and therefore is to be valued and given dignity. Mary MacKillop Today (marymackilloptoday.org.au) works with the poorest communities in Australia and internationally, in Timor Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea and Fiji to support and empower local communities. In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, the organisation's focus is on building dignity through education, health, financial inclusion and livelihoods.



Scripture Notes

Today's Reading Matthew 6: 25-34 *'Do not worry about tomorrow: your holy Father knows your needs'*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are?

Reflection: Are you able to 'let go' of some of the things in your life?

Is it possible to just enjoy the moments with friends and family?

Do you take time to stop and thank God for the gifts you have received?

How can you make time for your spiritual growth?

Trust in God because God loves us more than we can possibly know

Adapted From Australian Catholics



Are you searching for a relationship with God? Do you want to learn more about the Catholic way of life? Are you interested in becoming a Catholic Christian?

If so, you're invited to **Come & See** in our Parish, August 2021.

For more information, please contact Michelle Grimsted on **0409 006 051**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Thelma Smythe, Norma Pepper, Chris Hutchins, Trevor Sharp, Peter Rowe (son of Bob & Pauline), John Butler, Peter Dyson, Geoff Banfield, Owen Davies, Laurence Edwards, 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...

Ronnie Bruce, Josie Redenbach, Craig Toomey, Michael Trybus, Grace Capraro, Antonio Lupo Di Palma, Hank Postma, John McKenna, Frank Nugent, Norma East, Hans Schwab, Max O'Connell, Katie Stenn, 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:

Tony Hutchins, Mark Rashleigh, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Pat Walsh, Arthur Roberts, Margaret O'Reilly, Maree Elbourne, Paul Hawker, Bev Miller (mother of Val Bersey), Ella Ford (NZ), 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 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.

St Mary of the Cross, 8th August Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

A reading from the first book of Kings (17:8-16)

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go ahead and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth". The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

R. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise **R.**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:12-17)

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (6:25-34)

Jesus said to his disciples: That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

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A REFLECTION: Jesus tells us in the **Gospel** not to worry about the ordinary things; what we wear, what we eat, where we live. Trust in God because God loves us more than we can possibly know. I freely come to prayer. Perhaps there is a corner of a garden where I can see flowers and hear the birds (children permitting), which makes the Gospel passage more real. I slowly allow the cares of the day to fade away as I meditate on the words of the Gospel.

While I understand intellectually that Jesus is encouraging me not worry about the little things, but to leave them to God, I recognise how difficult it can be to 'let go' of daily concerns. I acknowledge this reliance on God is hard to follow in our lives but then I remember the times of God's blessings. *Glory Be ...*