

THE PARISH OF BAIRNSDALE AND OMEO

East Region - Diocese of Sale

BAIRNSDALE, PAYNESVILLE, LINDENOW, OMEO, SWIFTS CREEK & BENAMBRA

St Patrick's, Paynesville

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.

St Mary's Parish Pastoral Centre: Parish Priest: Fr Michael Willemsen

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The Epiphany of the Lord-January 8, 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.

Weekend Mass Times St Mary's Bairnsdale

Email: stmarybairnsdale@gmail.com

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am St Patrick's, Paynesville Sunday: 8:00am

St Canice's, Lindenow 2nd & 4th Sunday: 11.00am

Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra From February—monthly

Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

4th Saturday: 6:30pm Immaculate Conception, Omeo 4th Sunday: 11:00am

> St Francis, Benambra 4th Sunday: 9:00am

Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

Monday-Friday: 9:10am

Paynesville:

Wednesday: Rosary 10:00am

<u>Reconciliation</u> is available each Friday: after 9:10am Mass Saturday: 9:30am to 10:00am and 5:30pm to 5:50pm

January 14-15, 2023 Readings:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-13

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Collections: December 31,2022-January 1,2023 **Envelopes:** \$ 792.00 **DD and Cards:** \$ 2845.00 \$ 1112.75 **1st Collection:** 2nd Collection: \$ 881.35 \$ 380.00 Pay Wave:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Pope Benedict XVI, Ken Treasure, 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: Adeline Zoppe, Noe Zoppe, Rudolfo Calvi, Sofia Mazzei, Pat Brennan, Angela Kirwan, Dot Rooks, Laura Ward, Helen Krambehr, Agnes mary Duggan, William Warner, Alan Smullen, Saverio Calabro, Louis Pruscino, Sheila O'Brien, Ron Burton, Josephine Williamson, Robert Kelly, Jeffrey Redenbach, Kevin Grant, 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: John Saunders, Kathleen Robertson, Mary Johnson, John Atkins, Rick Harney, Jim Duggan, 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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A—1anuary 14-15, 2023

MASS **COMMENTATOR** READER SPECIAL MINISTER OFFERTORY PROCESSION WELCOMER 6.00pm Saturday S Gibson J De Boer J Peachey C Marriot-Smith

9:30am Sunday M Elliot **H** Sampson S Tilley J Delany Rob Gray and family Please find a replacement if unable to fill your spot. **Cleaning:** Fortnight ending: January 24 — C Marriot-Smith

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 Epiphany of the Lord Year A January 7-8 2023

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

The Opening Prayer

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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 prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R.** In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to

PARISH CENTRE CLOSED

The Parish Centre is closed and will reopen on January 23, 2023.

Any enquiries please ring the Presbytery: 5152 3106

Alternatively contact Paul: 0418 377 076 or Michael: 0408 403 455

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his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

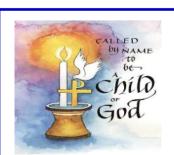
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight; and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary; and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod; and returned to their own country by a different way.

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We welcome into our Parish Family through Baptism
Thomas Campbell, son of Aymee Young and Adam Campbell
Gracie Campbell, daughter of Ashleigh Parkhill and Jack Campbell
Saturday January 7, 2023

