



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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The Epiphany of the Lord Year B January 7, 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.

Readings: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 13-14

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Collections December 30-31

Envelopes	\$ 1231.00	DD & Cards	\$ 1690.00
1 st Collection	\$ 148.30	2 nd Collection	\$ 1129.85
Pay Wave	\$ 330.00	Restoration Box	\$ 1000.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Annette Scott, Delia Grant, Cheryl Leonard, Melita Hood, Noel Cooper, victims of natural disasters, COVID-19, terrorism, war, conflict, poverty, Asylum Seekers and all others who have passed.

ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Adeline Zoppa, Noe Zoppa, Rudolfo Calvi, Sofia Mazzei, Pat Brennan, Angela Kirwin, Dot Rooks, Laura Ward, Helen Krambehr, Agnes Duggan, Sharon Saunders, William Warner, Alan Smullen, Noel Rooney Sr, Salverio Calabro, Louis Pruscino, Sheila O'Brien, Ron Burton, Josephine Williamson, Robert Kelly, Jeffrey Redenbach, Kevin Grant, Pope Benedict XVI, 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: Mary Herro, Shane Hayles, Pat Coloe, Bill Tilley, Kieran Hayles, Sandra Brooks, Bev Broome, Michael Crane, Robert McMahon, Dennis Collins, Bob Marshall, Kathleen Robertson, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday:

Annette Scott Requiem Mass 11.00am

Tuesday: 9.10am

Wednesday: 9.10am

Thursday: 9.10am

Friday: 9.10am

St Patrick's, Paynesville

Wednesday: Rosary: 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

Friday:

After 9.10am Mass

Saturday:

9.30am to 10.00am

5.30pm to 5.50pm

ROSARY

Monday: 7.00pm

via Zoom

Contact the Parish Centre
for a link

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B January 14, 2024

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	G Dooley	C Marriot-Smith	D Reefman	J Peachey	
9.30am Sunday	D Atkins	G Neeson	P Brown-Graham	H Sampson	M Owen, C and S Tilley
Cleaning: Fortnight ending: January 20 - B and A Cattapan				<u>Please</u> 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 through the Parish Centre: 5152 2942.

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

Entrance Antiphon

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

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

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.**



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

Miles Andrew Dewar

**Son of Casey Grimsted and Kael Dewar
and**

Georgina Eve Chalmers

Daughter of Letitia Arnold and Stuart Chalmers

Morning Tea after Masses this Sunday January 7

St Patrick's and St Mary's.

This is Fr Michael's final Sunday Mass in St Mary's before he takes up his appointment at Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren. Fr Michael will still be celebrating some weekday Masses in St Mary's until he leaves on January 16.

Fr Michael's departure is approaching rapidly and this could be your last chance to say goodbye

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 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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