



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.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Willemsen

#### Presbytery:

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#### St Mary's Parish Pastoral Centre:

135 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale Phone 5152 2942

Website: [www.stmarysbairnsdale.net](http://www.stmarysbairnsdale.net)

Facebook: [St Mary's Church Bairnsdale](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchBairnsdale)

### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Year C June 19, 2022

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

2nd & 4th Sunday monthly: 11am

##### Swifts Creek, Omeo & Benambra -

January, March, May, June, August,  
September, November, December.

##### Sacred Heart, Swifts Creek

4th Saturday: 6:30pm

##### Immaculate Conception, Omeo

4th Sunday: 9:00am

##### St Francis, Benambra

4th Sunday: 11am

#### Weekday Masses @ St Mary's

Monday-Friday

9.10am

**NO MASS WEDNESDAY JUNE 22**

#### Paynesville

Wednesday: 10am Rosary

**RECONCILIATION** is available each

Friday after 9:10am Mass

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



### VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL

Every day at the  
St Vincent de Paul Society ,  
we see that ordinary people are able  
to make an extraordinary difference in  
their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the  
Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter.  
The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture, and inspire  
–the power to change lives – is in everyone.  
As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to  
helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty,  
loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.  
If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal,  
please do so by visiting [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or calling 13 18 12.  
**Annual Winter Appeal Collection at Masses on June 18-19**  
Envelopes will be available. All proceeds will go to our local Conference.  
A Vinnie's representative will be speaking at these Masses.



### ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers  
scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills  
in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith  
enhancement, social justice and pastoral care  
More information and Applications Forms are available on our website  
<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>  
**Closing Date: July 29, 2022**

### Roster for Masses – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 25-26

	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Special Minister
6:00pm Sat	S Gibson	D Reefman	S Gibson	K Flannery
9:30am Sun	M Owen	D Atkins	M Elliott	M Owen

**Cleaning:** Fortnight ending: 25th June — G Cannizzaro **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;  
or Police 5150 2600; or Towards Healing 1800 816 030.**

### **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.***



### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions —JUNE**

We pray for Christian families  
around the world:

May they embody and experience  
unconditional love and advance in love and holiness  
in their daily lives.

### **EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE**



The Catholic Charity *Aid to the Church in Need* is  
conducting an emergency appeal to support the Church in Ukraine.  
Funds are being sent to clergy and religious orders who are on the  
ground assisting the Ukrainian people. To donate, please visit:  
[www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine](http://www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine) or phone: 1800 101 201.  
Prayer Cards and Donation Slips are available at St Mary's Church.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

**Refugee Week**  
**Sunday 19th June - Saturday 25th June**  
**'HEALING'**

Australia and the rest of the world have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hit the reset button on how we behave towards one another. The importance of human connections has been underscored by the pandemic and such lessons can help us in so many ways. Mainstream and refugee communities alike can draw upon shared hardship to heal wounds, to learn from each other and to move forward. Healing can occur through storytelling, through community and also through realisation of our intrinsic interconnectedness as individuals.

**Why have a theme?** \* To **raise awareness** of the issues affecting refugees

\* To provide a **focal point** \* To **promotes harmony and togetherness** regardless of our differences, we all share a common humanity.

East Gippsland Asylum Seeker Support group (EGASS) -Refugee Week has organised a

### **Film Night & Special Guest Speaker**

Thursday 23rd June, 7.00pm at the Sun Cinema Macleod St Bairnsdale.  
Tickets \$15 are available after Mass or from James Deery or Paula Brown Graham



The film '**Scattered People**' is about the healing power of music and bringing together people.



Special Guest Speaker is **Sister Brigid Arthur**  
project coordinator, **Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project**  
Sr Brigid is a tenacious fighter for the rights of people seeking asylum and a mad cricket fan.



### **Refreshed and Renewed Online Retreat**

**Date: July 28-30, 2022,**

**Registration: \$20**

Do you sometimes feel

like you're just trying to survive?

Catholics across Australasia want to answer the Church's call to mission. Yet with the demands of parish work and a global pandemic, it's easy to feel discouraged and burnt out.

That's why it's so important that we take the time to be re-energised and revived in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Together with Parousia, we invite you to the Refreshed & Renewed online retreat on July 28-30 featuring Dr. Edward Sri, Fr. James Mallon, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Steve Ray, and many more —** where you will encounter Jesus through prayer, be re-energised by amazing talks, and experience the Holy Spirit renew your heart.

**Register today at:**

[www.divinerenovation.org/refreshed-renewed](http://www.divinerenovation.org/refreshed-renewed)



**DO YOU** (or someone you know)  
....have difficulty reading?

We have a voice recording and reflection of the Sunday Gospel available, which can be emailed to you at your request. Interested?

Please contact Michael at the Parish Centre: 5152 2942 or email: [stm.pattiepruscino@gmail.com](mailto:stm.pattiepruscino@gmail.com)

### **Walking in the Spirit National Prayer Pilgrimage for the Plenary Council**

People across the country are invited to participate in a national prayer pilgrimage as the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the Second Assembly of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia in Sydney from July 3-9.

Access Walking in the Spirit Prayer Resources at: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit)

### **Readings: June 25-26, 2022**

#### **13th Sunday in Ordinary**

#### **Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Kings 19:16, 19-21

Responsorial Psalm: 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

### **Collections: June 12, 2022**

Envelopes	\$ 1214.50
DD & Cards	\$ 355.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 1094.25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 773.90
Special Collection	\$
Candles	\$ 783.00



### ST MARY'S CHURCH INTERIOR

#### SUBMISSIONS CLOSE ON TUESDAY JUNE 21

We want to hear from you!

The two final concept drawings are on display in the porch and will be sent electronically to parishioners on our email contact list. Printed copies will also be available during Parish Centre office hours.

The restoration committee are seeking **your choice between Option A and Option D** (B and C were deemed unnecessary by the committee). *When considering your choice, please note that the main differences involve the following:*

- Pews at an angle, or back to the perpendicular as before.
- Carpet under the pews with kneelers removed, or exposed timber under the pews with carpet along the centre aisle and crossing.

The Committee is satisfied that there was a clear consensus on all other key features of the church interior. There is no other difference between the two options. Please let us know your choice by email, call the Parish Centre, or drop in some time.

**Submissions close on Tuesday June 21.**

#### REQUEST FOR MORE CHURCH PHOTOS

Our heritage architect, Arthur Andronas, is asking for more historical photos of St Mary's church interior, particularly **the entrance porch and original baptistry**. Please check old photos at home. If you think you have something that may assist Arthur's presentation to Heritage Victoria, come in to the Parish Centre with them.



We welcome to our Parish through Baptism

**Alyssa and Rocco,**

children of

Carly and David Pruscino

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Amanda Vowell (Chair), Wilma Collier, Marilyn Elliot

Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons,

Peter McMahon, Jacinta Da Costa

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

**A Parish Directory:** is 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](mailto: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

### 2022 CHILD SAFETY WEEK COMPETITION

**Get creative.**

**Tell us what makes you feel safe and supported.**

The Diocese invites all school-age children to participate in a competition where entries can be a poster (digital or scanned in electronic form) or video (mp4).

See entry form, ideas and support materials on

[www.cdsale.org.au/child-safety-week](http://www.cdsale.org.au/child-safety-week) or contact your parish.

Entries close: **Friday July 22, 2022**

### THE MASS SERIES – by Archbishop Mark Coleridge of the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Every 2 weeks we will, share with you each part of the Mass.

The series can be found on YouTube>Archdiocese of Brisbane/playlist>The Mass Series

**The Creed:** Once we have heard the Word of God, we stand and recite the Creed together.

This is our way of saying "Yes, we believe the Word that we have heard; we put our trust in the God who has spoken to us." There are two Creeds we use: the **Creed of the Council of Nicea**, in 325AD, so the words are very old. The second is the **Apostles' Creed**, also known as the baptismal creed used in the Church of Rome in the early centuries. They are similar in the sense that they say, we believe in God Father, Son and Spirit. We are saying yes again to the Trinity; to the Communion of God here and now; to the God who has called us into His own life; who speaks to our heart. We are saying yes to that God, in words that are very old, but which are always new. Some of the words are strange: in the Council of Nicea's Creed it says, "Jesus is consubstantial with the Father". It just means that He is united perfectly to the Father. In the Apostles' Creed it says that Jesus "descended into hell", meaning that He goes into the dark world of the dead and floods that world with the light of Easter. At its heart the Creed, is the same in every age and every place.

It is God's people saying yes to the God who speaks and yes to the word that we've heard here and now.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Naomi Rooney, suddenly in SA (grand-daughter of Pat Coloe), victims of mental health issues, COVID-19, terrorist attacks, war, conflict, asylum seekers, family violence and poverty.

**ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Amanda Otuonye, Gerardas Baleisa, Brian Megna, Heather Bills, Kenneth Heaney, Helen Biacsi, Robert Coleman, Dennis McNamara David Roberts, Glad Stray, Anne Reinhardt, Bob Seehusen, Peter Morgan, Ruth Fraser, Bill Ffrench, Joe Ainsworth, Tony Zagami, Brian Keady, Jim O'Brien, Theresa Conway, Agostini Calvi, Cath Lees, Don Ainsworth, 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 ALSO REMEMBER THE SICK:** Marie Ayres (sister-in-law of Pat Coloe), Kath Gillies, Leo Russell, Michael Counsel, John Spirason, Tricia & Alan Cooke, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr Pax Scarf OFM, Bin Li (husband of Liah), Bob Marshall, Shirley Gilmore (Mary Rowe's sister), Victoria Shaw, Vin Ayres (brother of Pat Coloe), Mark & Elizabeth Rashleigh, Maree Elbourne, Ella Ford (NZ), Craig Counsel, Margaret O'Reilly, Ambrosio (Tony) Da Cunha - Asqueli, Marsha Worseldine, Arthur Elbourne, Jim Quigley, Arthur Roberts, Damian Greaves, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted), Linton Smith, Marcie Hayles, Brian Rowe, Vic Smythe.

***Please remember all parishioners who are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery.***

## **The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ -Year C June 19, 2022**

### **Entrance Antiphon**

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

### **The Opening Prayer**

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **A reading from the Book of Genesis** 14:18-20

Melchizedek King of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right:  
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **R.**

The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes. **R.**

A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **R.**

### **A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians** 11:23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord. whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
**Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke** 9:11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected, they filled twelve baskets.

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### **Scripture Notes**

People often don't have a sense of community - of being the Body of Christ. They come to church and leave again without meeting anyone. Whatever they take away, it won't be from one another, nor will they give to one another. Why does this happen? Partly because of lack of community participation in the Eucharist, a hangover from the Latin mass. This is not the way it is meant to be. Loneliness is a major issue today and the Eucharist can be both a great help and a challenge. The Eucharist is a sign and source of our unity, without it there is no people of God, no community of faith, no Church. We can't be truly be in communion with Jesus without being in communion with one another. Building community is not that hard- it just takes friendliness and rising above shyness, coldness and indifference. It's not easy being a Christian in today's world, but it is almost impossible on one's own. The fruits of community are bonding, sharing and togetherness. By inviting us to take part in the Eucharist, Jesus makes us his companions and friends, as we should be to each other, When we depart from church, we must take out into the world some of the warmth that we have experienced there.