



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.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Willemsen

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Mark Hughes

**Presbytery:** 23 Pyke Street Bairnsdale

Phone: 5152 3106

**Parish Pastoral Centre:** 135 Nicholson Street Bairnsdale

Phone: 5152 2942

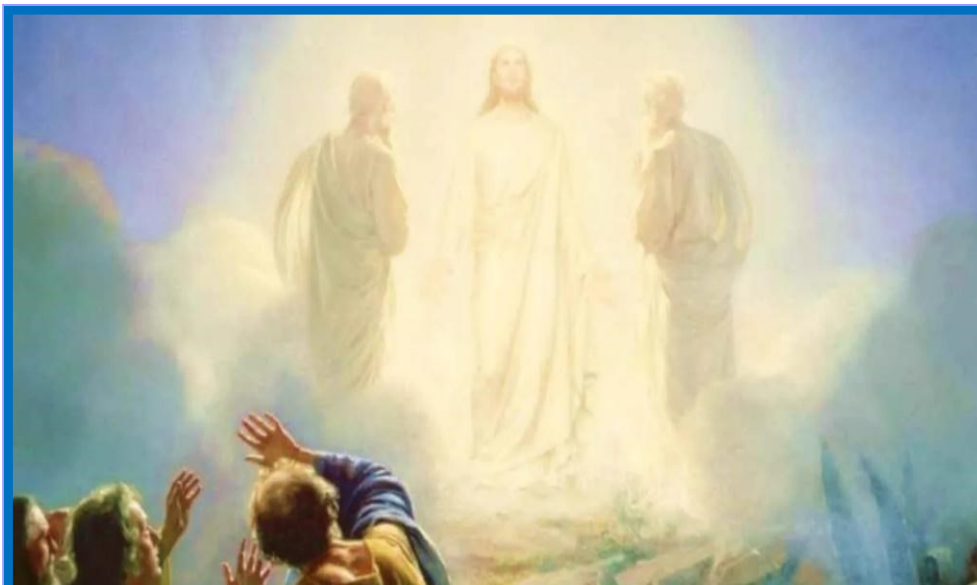
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#### The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A, August 6, 2023

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.



#### Support Our Priests Sunday-Fr Michael, Fr Mark, Fr Hiep



### MORNING TEA/COFFEE IN THE PARISH CENTRE AFTER 9.30 AM MASS TODAY

#### WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S

Monday: **10.30am**  
**Requiem Mass -Domenico 'Dom' Spiller**  
Tuesday: 9.10am  
Wednesday: **9.00am at Nagle College**  
**Founder's Day Mass**  
**All welcome**  
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

#### 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

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

#### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year A, August 12-13, 2023

MASS	WELCOMER	COMMENTATOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY PROCESSION
6.00pm Saturday	M Schumann	C Shanahan	S Gibson	P Elliott	
9.30am Sunday	M Mendonca	H Sampson	S Tilley	J Delaney	Rob Gray & family

Cleaning: Fortnight ending: August 19 - P Pruscino 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 through the Parish Centre: 5152 2942.***

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



## **Alpha FAITH, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and FUN**

Alpha at St Mary's commenced on Wednesday evening with a joyful and enlightening evening for everyone.

We would all like to thank you and bless you for your prayers that have helped to make this program begin so successfully. This is a heart-warming journey for us to meet in our Lord's presence and we ask for your continued prayers as we follow the lead of the Holy Spirit and share the Good News of the Gospel through Alpha.

To find out more contact Pattie: 0427 232 682 or Madelaine: 0400 576 291



## **CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal**

**Next weekend August 12-13**



As our Parish community's social service agency, **CatholicCare Victoria** delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our Parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

**Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

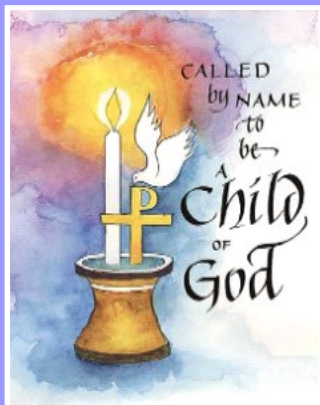
You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our Parish, the QR Code, online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or by calling (03) 9287 5513.



**Special Collection at Masses next weekend August 12-13.**

**To see the valuable work CatholicCare does locally visit:**

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/directory/services/bushfire-community-recovery-service>



**We welcome into our faith family  
through the  
Sacrament of Baptism  
Chelsea Condon,  
daughter of Michelle Ryan and  
Nathan Condon**

### **August 12-13, 2023**

**Readings: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

### **COLLECTIONS:**

**July 22-23, 2023**

Envelopes \$ 1214.00

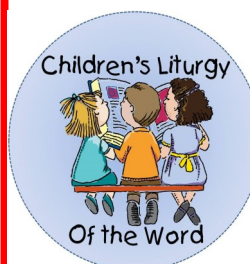
DD & Cards \$ 1310.00

1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$ 579.35

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 863.40

Pay Wave \$ 130.00

### **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. A beginning point for discussion of this week's Gospel with children:

- ♦ Has anything amazing ever happened to you?
- ♦ Something so wonderful that you can hardly describe it?
- ♦ In today's gospel we hear how three of Jesus' disciples were amazed by a vision of God's glory on the mountaintop.
- ♦ Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured. What does this mean?
- ♦ How do you think the disciples felt that day?
- ♦ What are some of the ways we can see God's glory?





## INVITATION TO A JOURNEY OF FAITH

**What:** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

**When:** Tuesday August 15, 2023

**Venue:** Resource Room at St. Mary's Parish Centre  
135 Nicholson Street, Bairnsdale

**Time:** 7.00pm – 8.30pm

### Who is RCIA for?

Persons interested in being initiated or completing initiation into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Persons who were Baptised in a Christian Church and want to be received into the Catholic Church

St Mary's RCIA Coordinator: Michelle Grimsted



### St Mary's Youth Group

Join us for food, music games and singing 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month. 5.00pm Youth Group in the Parish Hall and 6.00pm Mass for Children's Choir and Liturgy of the Word.

Next gathering August 19

For more information contact

Fr. Mark or Michelle Grimsted 5152 2942

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK

Please note there are NO 9.10am Masses on Monday and Wednesday next week.

Monday is Dom Spiller's Requiem Mass: 10.30am

Wednesday is Founder's Day Mass at Nagle College: 9.00am-all welcome

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Madelaine Schumann, Narelle Gibbons, Jacinta Da Costa,

Geoff Neeson, Leonie Urban

Ex-officio members: Fr Michael, Fr Mark

School Principals and Michael Flynn

**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](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

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS

### AUGUST

### For World Youth Day



We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

## POSITION VACANT

### St Mary's Parish Bairnsdale Omeo

### Bookkeeper / Office Manager

Experience in MYOB an advantage.

Supportive Team Environment. Family Friendly.

Part time – 22.5 hrs (Negotiable)

Call the Parish Office for a Position Description or further information: 5152 2942



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Domenico 'Dom' Spiller, Maisie Hood, and all victims of natural disasters, mental health, COVID-19, terrorism, war, conflict, poverty, all our Asylum Seekers, and those living with Family Violence.

**ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Antonio Lupo-Di Palma, Henk Postma, John McKenna, Frank Nugent, Norma East, Hans Schwab, Max O'Connell Alma Egan, Frank Power, Marie Wade, Adam Gilhooley, Bill McNamara, Annunziata Di Palma, Giuseppe Di Palma, Nicolena Tedeschi, Tess Gillies, 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:** Fran Adamson, Elaine Cook, Peter Hayden, John Hayles, Denise Roberts, Maree Lesley Cowell, Hudson Schwab, Adrian Coulter, Jan Baxter, Josephine Box, Deidree Tickner, Kathleen Robertson, Stuart Murray (nephew of Frank Brown-Graham), Maria Sticca, Baby Ethan, Robyn Finlay, Rick Harney, John Spirason, Margaret O'Reilly, Arthur Elbourne, Carmen Golonski (Grimsted).

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.

### **Entrance Antiphon**

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

### **Opening Prayer**

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. 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 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand, thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

### **Responsorial Psalm 96:1-2, 5-6, 9**

**R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.**

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. **R.**

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **R.** For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. **R.**

### **A reading from the second letter of St Peter 1:16-19**

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

**Alleluia, alleluia!** This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. **Alleluia!**

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'

When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

*Jerusalem Bible ©Liturgy Brisbane*

### **Scripture notes:**

It's not a coincidence that the same three disciples, who share this vision of the glory to come, with Christ, are also the ones who accompany him through the sorrow of Gethsemane. How am I a faithful witness to Christ in the highs and lows of my daily life, and who are the ones to encourage me on my journey? In the presence of the three, Jesus shines brightly- heaven draws near, and the struggles of the world fall away. What does the Transfiguration mean for me and my struggles? How do faith, joy and love shine from me each day? Peter wants to build tents, perhaps understandably, to capture the moment. How do I want to respond? Maybe I am invited to hold the gift of the moment lightly, by simply keeping silent before the Lord who is present in me now.

*Excerpt from St Bruno's Outreach, Diocese of Wrexham UK*