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OPEN TUE – FRI
10.00 AM – 1.00 PM

23 April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

Lord, you will show us the path of life

St Alipius parish

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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballar-at-east/

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Mon, Tues & Thurs (No Mass)

Wed 9:30 AM

Fri 9:30AM

Saturday 9.30 AM, 6.00 PM

Sunday 9.00 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th)

10.30 AM (2nd & 4th)

Ss Peter and Paul's

Sunday 9:00 AM (2nd & 4th)

10:30 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th)

Rosary – Thursday 11:00 AM

Mass and prayer resources

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

No counting this week

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

THE COMBINED
COMMUNITIES OF ST ALIPIUS
PARISH REACH OUT IN THE
SPIRIT OF FAITH, HOPE,
LOVE, AND ACCEPTANCE, AS
GOD CALLS US TO IN THE
GOSPELS.

WE PRAY FOR

Faithfully departed: Fr. Bob
Maguire

Anniversaries:

Unwell: Mary Hall, Peter
McLachlan, Sarah McLachlan,
Carole Simmons, Madeline
Ballinger, Pat Murray

*Our parish is committed to the
safety, well-being, and dignity of
all children and vulnerable adults.*

*We acknowledge this land's
traditional owners and custodians
and pay our respects to Elders
past, present, and emerging.*



Parish Priest

Fr Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Sacramental and Parish Coordinator

Cathy Prunty

Administrative Assistant

Natalie Shannon

Parish Pastoral Council Chair

David Morrison

Finance Officer

TBA

Finance Chair

Paul O'Beirne

Child Safety Officer

Emily Clarke

Liturgy Coordinator

Fr Jorge

www.sapliturgy.net.au

Funeral Ministry

Carmel Flynn

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THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came together on Saturday evening to help Fr. Jorge celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination. It was lovely to see so many of Fr. Jorge's fellow priests join him to celebrate Mass and we are grateful that the Filipino community shared their talents with us in their choir. The dinner which followed in the hall was a joyful occasion, with plenty of food and conversation for the many who attended. Fr. Jorge came away very happy on the evening and is most grateful for the care shown by everyone. This weekend Fr. Jorge is with his family in the Philippines, but will be back with us next weekend.



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to our stewardship program. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Collection basket - \$1,315

Presbytery and priest support

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits - \$308.20

Parish – buildings, office, administration, grounds maintenance

RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who brought raffle tickets in our Easter raffle. We raised \$472.00. This money will go towards the seminarians who Fr Jorge is sponsoring. Congratulations to our winners Fran Britt and Maureen Mason.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Please note that the parish office will be closed this Tuesday, April 25th (Anzac Day) and Wednesday April 26th due to Nat attending a workshop. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

FATHER BARRY

We thank Fr. Barry for joining us for masses this weekend in the absence of Fr. Jorge. Fr. Barry we always love to have you join us for Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Presbytery
April 27th 6:30 PM

Information sessions – First Eucharist

St Alipius Church
April 27th 10:30 AM or 6:00 PM

Parish Finance Committee Meeting

Presbytery
May 2nd 5:30 PM

LITURGY ROSTER

The Liturgy Roster for May – July 2023 is currently being prepared. We ask all who are currently involved to check their emails for instructions to complete your availability. People can also complete their details on the paper version available in the Church foyer and return them to the Presbytery. It would be appreciated if all responses could please be completed by Thursday, 27th April.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer 2023, prepared by the Christians of Taiwan, on the theme “I have heard about your faith”, was celebrated in 170 countries worldwide, with services in 189 Victorian townships. The Ballarat organisers of the WDOP are grateful to all those who attended the afternoon service at Ss. Peter and Paul's for their donations. The WDOP services raised \$2,500 which will support the Australian project which assists immigrant brides in Taiwan.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The latest copy of the Diocesan News magazine is available in the foyer of our churches. Remember to take one home with you for some good reading. Please take extra copies if you know of someone at home who may appreciate the chance to catch up on what is happening in the diocese.

ANZAC DAY

We remember and pray for all those who served and lost their lives during times of conflict, especially members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS

Matilda Hope Vojvodic

Child of Marinko Vojvodic and Michelle Djordjevic

The church gives faith to your children through Baptism, and you have the task to make it grow.

Pope Francis

ACRATH ONLINE NATIONAL GATHERING

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) invites you to join their national gathering (online) on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 "Hearts stirred to action - The Call of the Human face of trafficking." Details of the event available at <https://acrath.org.au/hearts-stirred-to-action/will>

PROJECT COMPASSION THANK YOU



Thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2023. Through the generosity of parishes across Australia during Project Compassion,

together we have helped build a movement to create lasting change for our global community. Being part of the second largest humanitarian organisation in the world and most importantly with your support, Caritas Australia already has partners on the ground who are ready to reach out to those most in need. Together, your parish has helped make a difference now, and **For All Future Generations**. Please feel free to leave your Project Compassion donations on a collection plate or drop them into the parish during office hours.

PARISH PROTOCOLS

As a parish, we are committed to providing a supportive and inclusive environment to encourage everyone to be involved and share their talents. We have several protocols in place to enable this and share some of these here to raise awareness. Please remember that anything that happens in our parish reflects all those who call our parish home and therefore any event that is organised must be authorised through the parish office. Such authorisation is also required in regard to items for the weekly notice sheet and notices put up in the church foyers. We ask that people do not advertise or share material that relates to the church without first speaking to Fr Jorge or a member of the parish administration team. If you wish to have something said at weekend masses, this must be approved by Fr Jorge in the week prior to mass. We ask that people respect these protocols as they are designed to ensure that our parish is inclusive, and we encourage you to call the parish office if you have any questions or concerns.

FAITH RUNS DEEP EVENT

The Unearthed event is organised by the team from Olive Tree Media who are collaborating with numerous churches from the region of Ballarat to host a free event which will help uncover stories of faith in the Australian context. Media presenter Karl Faase and country music star Colin Buchanan will appear at this event and there will be an interview with artist Bindi Cole Chocka who is featured in the series, sharing part of her journey of life and faith. The Unearthed event will be on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 7.00pm at the Ballarat Civic Hall. For more information and to book your free ticket go to Olive the Tree Media website

www.olivetreemedia.com.au/unearthedballarat/ or email churches@olivetreemedia.com.au

PASTORAL FORMATION DAY

PREPARING AND CELEBRATING THE

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? How do priests, deacons and lay ministers care for the sick? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick? These questions and more will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team during a pastoral formation day called, "Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing." Open to the public, this formation day is for pastoral care workers, clergy, hospital chaplains, lay ministers, parishioners and all those who care for the sick and will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Glowrey Room, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat, 3 Lyons Street South from 9.30am – 5.00pm (registration from 9.00am). Cost is \$20.00 and registration (including lunch) is essential at

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pastoral-formation-day-in-ballarat/>. For more information phone 02-9701 4751. All are welcome.

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

Third Sunday of Easter: Luke 24:13–35

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on life's journey. That seems to be a key element in today's gospel passage from the well-known and well-loved Emmaus story. Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and an unnamed disciple) on Easter Day, on the road back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus, a few kilometres away. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his violent death has blinded them to the significance of the women's account of the empty tomb. It has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes.

Jesus engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he reveals to them the meaning of his death and resurrection in the light of their sacred scriptures. Yet still they fail to recognise the one whom they have described as "a prophet mighty in deed and word." They urge him to share a meal with them despite his seeming reluctance and their eyes are

opened: they recognise him in the blessing and breaking of the bread. He disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that Jesus is alive and once more present to them, though in a new and transformative way.

*Opening our hearts is
always possible*

Cleopas and partner go straight back to Jerusalem to share this good news with the other disciples. Now all the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of the risen Jesus in their midst. They too pass over the women's story. It is the appearance to Peter of the resurrected Jesus that is the ground of their new faith. As the story continues beyond today's reading, we learn that the male disciples will also share a meal with him and he will open their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything will fall into place. The fear that has paralysed them will fall away. They will not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They will be "clothed



with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery.

Extraordinary things can happen to those hospitable enough to "break bread" with "strangers" in whom they do not immediately recognise God's presence. If we open our hearts to those who have sought a welcome on our shores and are still awaiting a path to permanency, we might come to participate more deeply in the joy of the resurrection. Opening our hearts is always possible even if extreme weather events make opening our homes increasingly difficult for some. In these times, many of us know the experience of reverse ministry where refugee friends, though "strangers" in our lands, show us what it means to be "of God".

THIS WEEK'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 2:14,22–33

1 PETER 1:17–21

LUKE 24:13–35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 2:14,36–41

1 PETER 2:20–25

LUKE 24:13–35