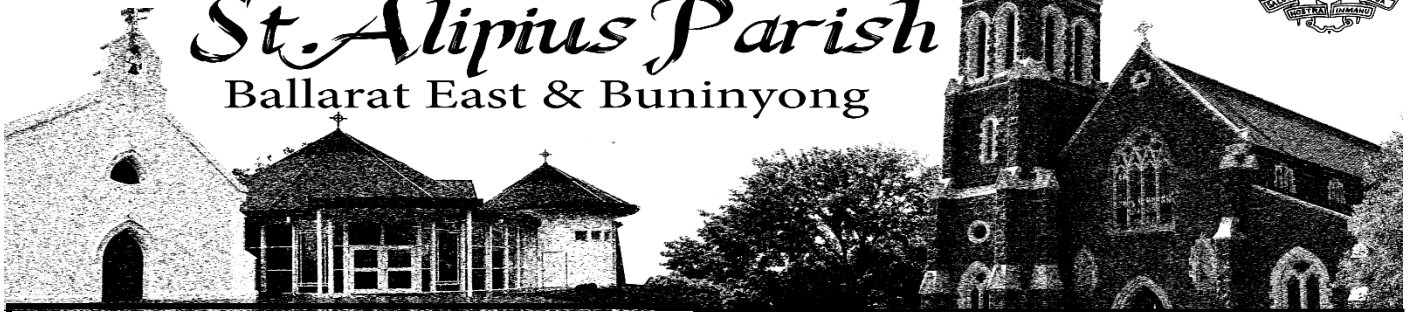




St. Alipius Parish

Ballarat East & Buninyong



SS Peter & Paul's Church
701 Fiskens St., Buninyong 3357

St Alipius' Parish Church
82 Victoria St., Ballarat East 3350

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28TH JUNE 2020

Our parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.



St Alipius' Parish acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of this land and we pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Parish Office & Presbytery:

- ✉ 84 Victoria Street
Ballarat East 3350
- ☎ 5332 6611
- ✉ ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au
- 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Liturgy Online:

- 🌐 www.sapliturgy.net.au
- ✉ sapliturgy@gmail.com

Clergy & Staff:

- Parish Priest:** Fr. Jorge De Chavez, OSJ
- Liturgy Coordinator:** David Santamaria
- Funeral Ministry:** Carmel Flynn,
Kathy Curran
- Child Safety Officer:** Roxanne Leed
- Finance Officer:** Kerrie McTigue
- Finance Com. Chair:** Paul Jans

Masses during the week for (20) attendees only

Registration Necessary

St Alipius Church, Ballarat East

Monday to Saturday 9.30 am
 Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am
(Registration by phone or email to the Parish Office is necessary)

Ss Peter & Paul, Buninyong

Thursday 12 noon and Sunday 10:30 am,
(Registration is necessary please ring Margaret McCarty 0423 208 286)

St. Alipius Church is open from 9:30 am until 3:00 pm Tuesday to Sunday.

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

Ballarat Diocese Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

St. Alipius' Parish Liturgy Website:

www.sapliturgy.net.au

Prayer Intentions:

Recent Deaths: Edith Mayhew, Kevin Linane, Marlene Broadbent, Sandra Hunt, Eileen Nilsson, Bernie Reed

Anniversaries: Lina Macklin

Unwell: We pray for Kateri Byrnes, Carmel Doherty, Heather Healy, Pat Hogan, Cathy Jones, Peter Martin, Letitia Simmons, Margie Wilmott and all who are unwell





Readings this week: Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

Readings next week: Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

First: Zechariah 9:9-10

Second: Romans 8:9.11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Jaxon Lucas Blake son of Andrew and Janae Blake

May he grow in faith with the support of his family and our Catholic Community

SAP Liturgy News

- Liturgy Ministries being rostered: Welcomer, Sacristan, 2 x readers, musician/recorded music operator only 1 Special Minister of the Eucharist will be rostered on when we can have 50 people attend Mass, with 2 when we have 100 or more people at Mass. Procession of Gifts will not be rostered on for the foreseeable future.

- The liturgy roster is available on the sapliturgy.net.au website. Check the 'Liturgy Rosters' menu item. People using Zenshifts will have been notified by email. There are printed rosters available in the church. Only 23 people responded to the availability survey, only these people have been included in the current roster, through to the end of July. If anyone did not complete the survey but would like to be rostered on after this period, please call David Santamaria on 0427310564.

- Protocols for attending Mass have been developed by the Liturgy Team and these are available when you enter the church for Mass or click on the link on the home page of the sapliturgy.net.au website.

- If you would like to attend Mass at St Alipius, the best way to register is to use our online registration form available on the sapliturgy.net.au website or the Parish diocese website



Sea Sunday Appeal – July 12

Sunday, July 12, 2020 is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously. Go to bit.ly/seasundayaustralia

Planned Giving

Envelopes may be left in the mailbox at the Presbytery. Any queries regarding Planned Giving, please contact our Finance Officer, Kerrie McTigue on 53 312 933 or via email :

ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Thank you for contributing to the St Alipius Parish collections last weekend:

Envelopes \$ 2,240.00

Presbytery \$ 784.85

Direct Debits/Credit Card \$ 3,542.00

Planned giving envelopes commencing July 2020 are now available for collection from the Parish Office.

Sacramental Preparations and Celebrations for SY 2020

In these extraordinary times, we are planning ahead for sacraments in the parish of St Alipius this year. As it is not safe to gather in large numbers, all preparations for the sacraments will be undertaken at home by the parents, rather than in large meetings at the schools.

We anticipate the celebrations will happen in Term 4 2020, when it is safer for us to gather in larger numbers, even continuing into Term 1 2021. These masses will occur outside the parish masses due to the need to limit numbers. Bookings for the masses will be handled through the parish in an online format.

Students in Year 3 are eligible to receive Confirmation.

Students in Year 4 are eligible to receive Confirmation and Eucharist.

Some Year 4 students, new to the parish, may need to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Enrolments for these sacraments were taken by the schools and the parish at the beginning of Term 1 this year. If you still need to enrol your child, please do so as soon as possible so you can receive the preparation pack. Please contact one of the Catholic primary schools in the parish for the enrolment form.

Sacramental Celebrations

- Families seeking the **Sacrament of Baptism** are asked to contact the Parish Office to arrange the preparation and the date and time for the celebration. We are allowed to have twenty (20) attendees. Those done with the preparation can book preferred date of celebration.
- Those who want to avail the sacrament of **Reconciliation** are asked to contact the Parish Office during office hours.
- **Funerals** are being celebrated with up to 50 people able to gather in the Church.

Plenary Council Update: The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it's in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

New Assembly Dates announced: Have you heard the news? We've locked in our new dates for the Plenary Council Assembly 1 and 2! Read the full media release here: <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/dates-locked-in-for-plenary-council-assemblies/#more-8501>

Discernment Papers: The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The National Plenary Facilitation Team will soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of July we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Missionary & Evangelising?** 'Mission' is God's initiative and proceeds from the Trinity, whose love overflows in creation and redemption. The Word and Spirit are present and active in the unfolding of the universe and in all human history, as evidenced in the goodness and truth found in all cultures and societies. The incarnate Son of God through his life, ministry, death and resurrection revealed God to us and redeemed us in a unique and unsurpassable way through his paschal sacrifice. His evangelising activity gave birth to the Church which is the visible manifestation of the Gospel command to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations" (Mt 28:19). We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au. [Read the discernment paper](#) [Visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page](#).

Gospel Reflection

13th Sunday on Ordinary Time

(Matthew 10:37-42)

By: Veronica Lawson RSM

What price are we prepared to pay to create a just, equitable and healthy planetary community? That question is at the heart of today's gospel reading. That was, in essence, the question that Jesus of Nazareth put to his disciples and the question that Matthew put to his community some sixty years after Jesus' death. We seem to be at a turning point in world history, with a climate crisis, a pandemic that has claimed the lives of some 410,000 people and a new consciousness of the discrimination and violence experienced by people of colour. What price are we prepared to pay to change the way we live so that black lives matter to everyone without exception and so that we might meet the needs of everyone within the means of the planet? We might learn from the witness of the hundreds of medical professionals who have died from Covid-19 contracted from their patients. Last week, I spent time with the photos in the Guardian of some of these courageous people and read a list of their names. I wanted to drink in the spirit of generosity that permitted them to take up their respective "crosses" and lay down their lives for suffering others. Today's gospel reading brings to a close the so-called missionary discourse in which Jesus instructs his disciples on what it means to be a disciple. While some of the nuances of those instructions are lost in translation, Jesus' words to the disciples can still speak to us as contemporary disciples. In following the way of Jesus and living the gospel of truth and justice and compassion, we can be faced with excruciating choices. We cannot always satisfy family if we want to be true to what we believe or if we want to expose injustice and dishonesty: there is often a deeper commitment that transcends the bonds of family relationship. We may even be called to relinquish, for the sake of a greater good, work that we love or income on which we depend. In other words, there is deep suffering in the way of discipleship, suffering that comes from being true to a mission that brings life to others despite the cost to ourselves. Taking up the cross is a powerful metaphor for being willing to endure whatever hardships are involved in realising the vision of God's empire as opposed to the brutal empire of "Rome". God's empire finds expression in our times in every attempt to enshrine just policies and practices in law. It finds expression in every attempt to free the most marginalised from the impact of unjust policies and practices. Words are not enough: we are to live out in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life, a life characterised by hospitality or welcome and attention to the vulnerable. A cup of cold water for "the little ones" becomes the emblem of discipleship and in our post-industrial times the little ones include all God's thirsty creatures, human and other-than-human