

Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

Ballarat East & Buninyong



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

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
11TH APRIL 2021

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.

Congratulations

We congratulate Fr Jorge on his 23rd anniversary of Priesthood on April 13th.
We pray that he receives the Lord's blessing on both himself and his family especially today.

Parish Office & Presbytery:

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

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Liturgy Online:

- ☐ www.sapliturgy.net.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Parish Coordinator: Bronwyn Ballesty

Child Safety Officer: Bronwyn Ballesty

Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue

Finance Com. Chair: Paul Jans

Liturgy Coordinator: David Santamaria

Funeral Ministry: Carmel Flynn, Kathy Curran
Terresa Fletcher

Masses during the week

St Alipius' Church, for 180 attendees

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday & Saturday 9.30 am

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00 am (1st, 3rd and 5th)

10:30 am (2nd and 4th)

Wednesday prayer to St Joseph (after mass)

Rosary and divine Mercy will be said each morning after 9.30am mass. Please join us on the left of the church

Ss Peter & Paul's Church,

Buninyong for 150 attendees

Sunday 9:00 am (2nd and 4th)

10:30 am, (1st, 3rd and 5th)

(Please ring Margaret McCarty 0423 208 286)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

If you have not registered prior please use the QR code at the door. We thank you for your support

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Death: Angelina Nob (P), Silvester Robles (P), Robbert Alsem, Norma Salanatin (P), Cayetano De La Cruz (P)

Anniversaries: Isabel Britt, John Hodges

Unwell: We pray for Evelyn Kalalo, Consuelo and Puying Malaluan, Gilbert Garcera, Arnaldo and Andrae Brayo, Patricia Wood, Agnes Peters, Waffa Ghali, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Kateri Byrnes, Ann Coswello, Pat Hogan, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, John Beattie, Letitia Simmons, Anthony Holdsworth and all who are unwell.

Upcoming Dates in the parish community

April

19 th	Term 2 Begins		
20 th	Youth Group Meeting	7.00pm	St Alipius Hall
27 th	Confirmation Enrolment	7.00pm	St Alipius Church
28 th	Confirmation Enrolment	10.30am/7.00pm	St Alipius Church
29 th	Confirmation Enrolment	7.00pm	St Alipius Church



A Special Note of Thanks



A special thank you to our Liturgy Committee and all parishioners who helped to create such meaningful liturgies within our community for Easter.

We have received such wonderful feedback. If you would like to contribute your thoughts and suggestions for future liturgies please email the parish office. We value and welcome your suggestions.

Confirmation

The parish will be enrolling for Confirmation early in Term 2. We invite all parents to attend the Information Nights listed in the Bulletin. Details are also available on our parish website. We ask our parish community to hold our schools, Sacramental Team and the children preparing for the Holy Spirit in their prayers.



Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be having a change of hours as Term 2 begins. The office will be open from 10.00am to 3.30pm Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Youth Group Meeting

7.00pm

The parish is looking at bringing our youth together to support them through fun, friendship and faith during their teenage years. We invite all families to come and join in an open discussion on how we can begin. We ask you to talk with your children on how we can help them to support one another through friendship and faith.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

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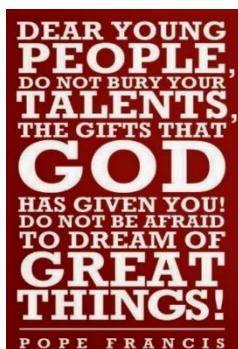
Copies of all current rosters are now available for collection in the Sacristy.

We ask that these be collected after mass please.



Counting Teams

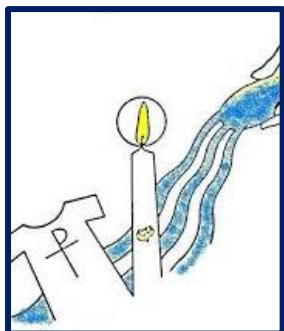
A big thank you to all who have indicated their willingness to remain on our Counting Teams. An updated roster of these teams is not available in the Sacristy. If you would like to be involved in this aspect of Parish life please contact the Parish on 5332 6611, we always welcome new team members.



This weekend we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

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

(Pope Francis)



Mia and Indie Peverill
Daughters of Nicole & Benjamin

Max Vojdvodic
Son of Michelle and Marinko

*May these
children grow
in Love and
Faith with
the support
of their family
and their
Catholic
Community*

Diocesan Liturgical Commission Membership

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is currently seeking new members from all areas of the diocese. Membership is for an initial term of three (3) years with the option of two further terms (3 years per term). The Commission meets five times per year in Ballarat. Video linking facilities are available for meetings. All members of the Commission must hold a current Working with Children check or VIT (Victorian Institute of Teaching) registration. The Charter of the Liturgical Commission is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/diocesan-liturgical-commission/>. Expressions of interest can be forwarded to liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

Attend in the comfort of your own home or experience a residential weekend

Our **on-line weekend** gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times.

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Couples from regional areas may find the virtual Weekend option ideal.

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections & Daily Prayers

- **Monthly Reflection:** Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Michelle Vass, director of St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park NSW, reflects on "St Joseph – Man of Dreams"
<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>
- **Daily Prayers to St Joseph:** The ACBC have provided daily prayers and a shorter Litany to St Joseph available from <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>



Planned Giving

Due to the capped numbers for Mass, should you wish to continue your Planned Giving or contribution to the First Collection, please place your offering in an envelope into the mailbox near the front door of the Presbytery. Any queries regarding Planned Giving, please phone our Finance Officer Kerrie McTigue, on 53 312 933 or via email: ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

St Alipius Parish collections last weekend:

Loose \$300.00 \$Envelopes \$ 1049.20

We thank you for your continued support

Reflection on the Gospel-2nd Sunday of Easter B

(John 20:19-31)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Some of us may remember when we spoke of the Sundays *after* Easter. The terminology has changed and we now speak of the Sundays *of* Easter. In other words, we now recognise that the liturgical readings and prayers for each Sunday between Easter and Pentecost invite us into a different movement of the one great symphony of resurrection faith.

The first scene in today's gospel has the disciples hiding behind closed doors "for fear" of those who had handed Jesus over to be executed by the Roman authorities. Jesus appears among them, offers a greeting of peace, and tells them that he has been sent by God, his "Father". They receive from him the gift of the Holy Spirit. He sends them in turn to bring peace and to mediate the forgiveness of God through the power of the Spirit. In other words, he sends them to create communities of people who listen to one another and who love one another into life. The story invites us as believers to place ourselves in the shoes of the earliest disciples. It invites us to receive the gift of the Spirit, to emerge from behind the doors that close us in on ourselves and that prevent us from rising above the fears that control and even paralyse us. We render the gospel ineffective, even powerless, when we make self-protection our priority.

The second and third scenes in today's gospel focus on Thomas who is not with the other disciples when Jesus first appears in their midst. Thomas is not exactly the trusting type. He seems to trust only his own firsthand experience. We all know people like Thomas. They test our patience because they seem to lack imagination. Then they make big statements when they come around to understanding what everyone else has known for a while. If we think, however, that the other disciples are any better than Thomas, we need to note that the doors are still closed eight days down the track! The simple fact of knowing has not dispelled the fears.

Even those of us who do believe and trust need a bit of time and encouragement to take the gospel message to heart. We often need the example and support of others to move out beyond our personal fears and embrace the pain of the wider world. We are asked to do this right now as we ponder the wisdom of being vaccinated against COVID 19. Some are more fearful of the vaccine than of the virus. It may be helpful to look back to today's first reading from Acts (2:32-35) where Luke presents an idealised picture of the post resurrection Jerusalem community: all things in common and the gospel received with great respect. We are called to rise above our own fears and respond with love and generosity in times of crisis, to live the gospel message from death through resurrection and into "ordinary time".

Second Sunday Readings

Divine Mercy Sunday

First: Acts: 4:32-35

Second: 1 Jn 5:1-6 **Gospel:** Jn 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter

First: Acts: 3:13-15, 17-19

Second: 1 Jn 2:1-5 **Gospel:** Lk 24:35-48

