

Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

Ballarat East & Buninyong



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.

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

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

22ND AUGUST 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Covid Update

We thank you for your ongoing support of the parish community with the current covid requirements.

Please remember to QR code as you enter and to wear your mask for the safety and wellbeing of our community

Parish Office & Presbytery:

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Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday 10.00am to 3.30 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: TBA

Liturgy Coordinator: David Santamaria

Funeral Ministry: Carmel Flynn, Kathy Curran

Masses during the week

St Alipius' Church for 90 people

Mass will be held on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

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 75 people

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

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

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

Counting Team No. 10 is on this week

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Newell Barrett, Vin Stewart, Mavis McKeegan

Unwell: We pray for Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Angie De Run (Malaysia), Peter Saunders, Juanita Rickard, Seamus McGettigan, Pat Hogan, Agnes Peters, Leticia Tanes, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Kateri Byrnes, Ann Coswello, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, Letitia Simmons, and all who are unwell.



Upcoming Dates in the parish community



August

28	First Eucharist Mass	10.00am	Ss Peter & Paul's Church
28	First Eucharist Mass	10.00am	St Alipius Church

September

3	Wine and Cheese Night	5.30pm	Ss Peter & Paul Buninyong
4	Emmanuel God With Us	2.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul Buninyong
5	Youth Mass	5.00pm	St Alipius Church

**** All events are dependent on Covid Restrictions ****

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests



Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

This annual collection will be taking place in the coming weeks. This has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy



Emmanuel: God With Us

Anyone that may be interested in practising and or learning more about Adoration, please look at the wonderful opportunity that is being held within our parish community.

Further details can be given by contacting Rachel directly.

A Special Thanks

We extend a warm thanks to Tanya Hislop who has stepped down from the parish finance team. We wish to acknowledge the valuable contribution she brought to the team and in turn to our parish community. Tanya you will be missed.



Planned Giving



Should you wish continue our Planned Giving or contribute 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

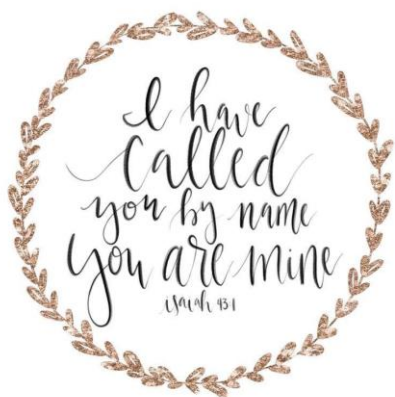
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We thank you for your continued support

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)



Nina Smith

Daughter of Megan and Andrew

Hugo Davis

Son of Jessica and Timothy

Willa Hearn

Daughter of Megan and John

Lenny Rumble

Son of Renee and Justin



First Eucharist

Congratulations to the 160 children that will be receiving their First Eucharist in the coming weeks. We ask all parishioners to keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they walk with Jesus in preparation for communion.

A special thanks to Fr Barry Ryan for his help.



Wine and Cheese Anyone?? September 3rd

The parish will be holding a wine and cheese night in Ss Peter and Pauls church Buninyong. We encourage all parishioners to come along and get to know one another in a relaxed environment.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Lara Kirk, Marriage, Family and Relationships Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, reflects on "The Holy Family"

<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>



Reflection on the Gospel-21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
(John 6:60-69)

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

If we have trouble understanding and coming to terms with the teachings of Jesus in the gospel, then we can take some comfort from the reaction of the disciples in John's community some decades after the death of Jesus. It seems that it was not only the members of the Jewish synagogue who were offended by his teaching, but also those Jews who had accepted Jesus as Messiah or Christ and had joined the community of believers. "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" they complain. They are referring to his teaching on the "bread" that he will give them. Once again, Jesus' response introduces new teaching, teaching that can only raise more questions in their minds. He links "spirit" with "life". Having used the term "flesh" of his body and of the life that he offers to those who eat of his flesh, he now introduces an element of doubt: flesh is now "useless"! We must be careful not to interpret this literally. It is typical of John to use the same word in a variety of ways. Here "flesh" is used negatively and metaphorically to refer to human weakness and sinfulness in contrast with "spirit" which evokes the creative spirit of God that moved over the waters at creation and the spirit of God that informed the word of the prophets.

The Johannine Jesus lays the ground for offering progressively deeper insights into his identity and destiny and into the meaning of a gospel way of life. The reference to his "ascending" recalls the earlier part of the gospel where he is presented as the pre-existent one, the one who comes from God and has already ascended to God (John 3:13). Once again, we are confronted with an ancient cosmology that places God in the heavens above. After his death, Jesus will tell Mary Magdalene that he has not yet ascended and instructs her to tell the disciples that he is ascending to God (20:17). It seems that John wants to keep emphasising the origins of Jesus as the eternal Word and the Wisdom of God.

There are many who refuse to grapple with the complexities and implications of his teaching and they turn away. Jesus asks his closest followers if they too will desert. Peter speaks for himself and his companions when he declares their undying allegiance: "*To whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.*" Eternal life is the Johannine equivalent of the "kin-dom of God" or "of the heavens" of the other gospels. Most of us have wanted to abandon our commitment at some time or another. There are times when it seems to be all too hard. Peter's declaration is a sobering one for us in times of doubt and an encouragement for those of us who seek to understand more deeply and to keep believing despite the challenges.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Second: Eph 5:21-32 **Gospel:** Jn 6:60-69

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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