



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 Fiskens St. Buninyong 3357

29TH AUGUST 2021

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass in the Parish

This weekend mass will be able to be viewed through www.sapliturgy.net.au
This will be available for viewing by 7.00 pm Saturday.

**** This mass is recorded and can be celebrated at any time in your home ****

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

Due to the current Covid Lockdown there will be no Mass being held at this time..

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

No counting Teams required

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Newell Barrett, Vin Stewart, Mavis McKeegan, Eileen O'Meara, Carmel Carmody

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.





BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend

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 has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy.

A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY



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.

Wine and Cheese Anyone?? September 3rd

The parish will be holding a wine and cheese night in Ss Peter and Pauls church Buninyong if Covid restrictions ease in time.

We encourage all parishioners to come along and get to know one another in a relaxed environment as we hopefully open back up once more.



Interfaith Forum at Ballarat – Sunday, September 12

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, “Death, Sanctity of the Human Body, and Organ Donation” to be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral’s Hall, Ballarat. Speaker topics are organ donation, blood donation and interfaith perspectives - Aboriginal, Baha’i, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh. Registration is essential, ph. 0400 650 234. This is a COVID compliant event – masks, QR check in, social distancing. Donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

Year of St Joseph 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. 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>

Bicentenary of Catholic Education



On Wednesday, June 23, 2021 Federal Members of Parliament jointly supported a private member's motion to acknowledge 200 years of Catholic education in Australia, which marks the anniversary of the first official Catholic school opened on Hunter Street in Parramatta in October 1820. Member for Parramatta Julie Owens MP moved the motion, which was supported by five other members. More information [here](#).

Expressions of interest of the Diocesan Finance Council

The Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation Ballarat's Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people (women and men) to join the advisory council, the advisory committee as well as the Foundation's Board. We are seeking persons from across the diocese who have experience in one or more of the following areas: Corporate Governance; Finance, Banking; Legal; and Philanthropy. Successful candidates will demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church and possess personal qualities of integrity, collaborative approach, sound judgement and excellent communication skills. More information is available at the diocesan website or contact Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager, ph. 5337 7126

Diocesan Liturgical Commission Membership

The Ballarat Diocesan Liturgical Commission assists the Bishop with diocesan liturgies, liturgical matters of the diocese and provides formation to assist the growth of good liturgical practices. Membership of the Commission includes representation from priests, religious and laity throughout the diocese. The 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 Diocesan Liturgical 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. Expressions of interest can be forwarded to liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Changes within the Diocese

Fr Gary Jones, currently Parish Priest of Creswick and Daylesford, will become Parish Priest of **Mortlake** and **Terang**.

For most of this year, Fr Mick McKinnon has been serving the communities of Mortlake and Terang while he has been waiting for an opportunity to travel to Peru for ministry there in collaboration with the Columbans. Fr Mick has recently received notification that he will be able to travel. I offer my thanks to Fr Mick for his care for the parishioners of Mortlake and Terang for these past months. He will continue as Administrator of these parishes until September 19.

First Eucharist

Last weekend the parish was fortunate to be able to support 30 children in receiving their First Eucharist. We congratulate these children and their families. We remember the children that have prepared for this sacrament and now wait until we can come together as a community once again. We ask all parishioners to keep all of the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



Please note: Masks were worn all through the mass – placed in hand for photos.

Reflection on the Gospel-22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

After a lengthy detour over some weeks into the gospel of John with its focus on Jesus as the Bread of Life and the Bread of Wisdom, we return to Mark's gospel and a legal dispute about ritual purity. The parties to the dispute are Jesus, the Pharisees, and some of the scribes or teachers of the law. It is worth noting that Mark's non-Jewish readers, at a later time and in another place, need to be given detailed information about certain Jewish traditions.

At issue for the scribes and Pharisees in the story is the failure of Jesus' disciples to respect their oral tradition, in this instance to perform ritual washings before eating. From their perspective, the disciples are not "walking" according to the tradition of the elders. For the Markan Jesus, "the command of God" is paramount, not some distorted interpretation of it. He offers a hard-hitting counter-critique of their attitude to law. He calls them "hypocrites" and informs them that the condemnation of the prophet Isaiah was intended for them. They have so distorted God's law, substituting their own observances for the "commandment of God" that their prayer amounts to nothing more than lip-service, their hearts are far from God, and their worship is worthless!

For Jesus, there are criteria other than such observances for determining who is clean or unclean. He has already declared the leper clean (Mk 1:41-45). For Jesus, the "heart" is the locus of purity and impurity. For him as for all his people, the heart was the seat of the intellect and of morality as well as the seat of the emotions. In the kin-dom of God, therefore, one's thoughts, desires, and intentions render one clean or unclean, not one's attention to hygiene. The latter is important of course, as the experience of pandemic has taught us, but it is peripheral in the context being addressed in the gospel. It is worth applying the criteria provided at the end of the passage to discover whether or not our "hearts" are near or distant from our God. The real-life Pharisees of the first century were the respected teachers of God's law. It is imperative that stories such as we find in today's gospel are not used to denigrate the Jews or to pit Christianity over against Judaism. We have to keep reminding ourselves that time and again we are dealing with in-house debates between Jewish groups.

Finally, this episode, with its attention to ritual washing, raises the issue of the right use of water, that precious earth element without which there would be no life at all on our planet. Plastic free July this year alerted us once more to the problem that the plastic bottling of water has brought to the future of life on our planet. It may be time to bring out our "keep cup" and reaffirm our commitment to protecting God's creation.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

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