



# 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.

## January 30, 2022

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*I will sing of your salvation. Alleluia !*

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

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

#### Parish Office & Presbytery:

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[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

#### Office Hours:

The Parish Office will open on the following:  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
10.00am to 3.30pm

#### Liturgy Online:

- [www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au)

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

**Parish Coordinator:** Bronwyn Ballesty

**PPC Chair:** Cathy Prunty

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**Finance Officer:** Kerrie McTigue

**Finance Com. Chair:** TBA

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#### Masses during the week St Alipius' Church at 9.30am

Weekday masses will be held Monday, Tuesday  
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and Saturday

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00 am (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)

10:30 am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

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

#### Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong

Sunday 9:00 am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

10:30 am, (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

Ballarat Diocese Website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Counting Team No .7 will be on this week.**

Bevelander, Liston, Maguire

#### In our prayers we remember.....

**Recent Deaths:** Joan Santamaria, Peter Arthur Vander Linden. Fr Pietro Pontiggia OSJ (Italy), Monica Hackett

**Anniversaries:** Sr Frances Murphy, Maud Caine

**Unwell:** We pray for Colin Duck, Mary Hall, Perla Manguiat, Peter Kelly, Betty McGarry, Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Peter Saunders, Agnes Peters, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, Letitia Simmons, and all who are unwell.



## *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)*



**Harry Allan**  
Son of Rachel and Matthew

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

### **Welcome Back**

We send a warm welcome back to all of the staff and students who are returning to school this week. We offer you this prayer that we may pray together as a community.

**Dear God, Please help me to trust You in every detail this school year.** I give You my anxiety, my fears, and every emotion that distracts me from You. I ask for a renewed sense of confidence as I trust You to help me navigate this unconventional learning experience. In Jesus' Name, Amen

### **A Special Thanks**

We extend a special thank you to Jim Moran who is in the process of moving to Lake Gardens towards the end of February. The parish is truly indebted to you Jim for all that you have contributed over the many years of service.



### **Thank you from St Vincent de Paul**

On behalf of Ballarat East Conference of St Vincent de Paul society we extend grateful thanks for the generosity of parishioners and the schools within this Parish to our Christmas appeal. This money will help those most in need in our community. Once again the true meaning of Christmas had been demonstrated by our parish. Helen Smith and Denise Tigchelaar

### **Liturgy News**



The Liturgy Roster for February and March is being created. We ask all those who have been contacted via email to click on the link included and complete this form. If you do not receive details via email please call the Parish Office for assistance. If you have any concerns please contact the Office or the Liturgy team on the details provided: [ballarateastliturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarateastliturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or 5332 6611

### **Ballarat Interfaith Network Forum – Sunday, February 6, 2022**

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, "Death, Sanctity of the Human Body, and Organ Donation" to be held on Sunday, February 6, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral 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. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

## Upcoming Dates in the Parish Community



### February

4 <sup>th</sup>	Caring Group	2.00pm	St Alipius Hall, Ballarat East
8 <sup>th</sup>	Liturgy Meeting	5.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul Church, Buninyong
13 <sup>th</sup>	PPC Planning Day	10.30am	St Alipius Church/Hall
18 <sup>th</sup>	Wine & Cheese Night	5.30pm	Ss Peter & Pauls Church, Buninyong
21 <sup>st</sup>	Clergy Retreat		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Rite of Election	12.30pm	St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

### *Wine and Cheese Night*

*February 18<sup>th</sup>*



*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.*

*Looking forward to unwinding with you all.*

### **Caring Group**

The caring Group will gather in the Hall at 2.00pm on Friday February 4<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a plate to share. We look forward to seeing you soon.



### ***Caritas Appeal for Tonga***

Tonga is reeling after the violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Donate at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/>

### ***Prayer for Tonga and the Pacific***

Loving God,

We hold before you in our hearts

the people of Tonga in this time of need.

We know that the communities of the Pacific often experience fragility.

Now, with a volcanic explosion leading to both a Tsunami and degradation of land and water through ash,

we ask that your people find strength and feel closer to you than ever.

They are communities of great faith.

May they turn to you for peace and reassurance.

May they turn to each other for comfort and community.

And may they turn to us for support and solidarity.

We all share this mysterious world

which you have entrusted to our care, as one family.

May your Holy Spirit give us wisdom and courage and fill us with the gift of Hope. Amen.

### ***Planned Giving***



Should you wish to 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](mailto:ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Presbytery \$ 1129.00

Parish \$ 458.20

*We thank you for your continued support*

## Reflection on the Gospel—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

(Luke 4:21-30)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

This week's gospel reading continues the story of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth. Luke introduces here the theme of fulfillment of Scripture, a theme that pervades this gospel: Jesus' ministry continues the work that God has done in Israel. At first, he is universally accepted: the people of Nazareth marvel at the gracious words he utters. They identify him as Joseph's son. By the end of the story, however, these same people actually try to kill him. So, what happens in between to cause such a dramatic change of heart? These are religious people, not an unruly street mob. They are friends of the family. They are familiar with the sacred texts and traditions of Israel and presumably want to understand them more fully. In fact, they are like many of us who take time out on a weekly basis to come together for worship and prayer.

The people of Nazareth seem to be carrying a sense of exclusive entitlement to God's favour, as well as some deeply entrenched prejudices against the neighbouring Syrians and Phoenicians. Their history is largely one of conflict with neighbours, of struggle for survival, and some are unwilling to relinquish their unhealed local and ethnic grievances. This story is about power and control. When Jesus suggests that God's prophetic and healing power is accessible to and may even be more readily received among foreigners than within Israel, the anger of those who consider themselves "the chosen" knows no bounds: it spills over into violence. They have little patience with the implicit criticism of their attitudes to outsiders and the challenge of Jesus' prophetic words.

One of the problems with the narrative is that Jesus seems to be deliberately provoking a negative reaction. There are other problems as well: there is no cliff in Nazareth from which the enraged crowd could cast him to his death, and it is highly unlikely that people of this tiny town of two to four hundred Galilean Jews would resort to murdering one of their own for what they see as a verbal assault. What is going on then? It would seem that the gospel writer is putting elements of later stories about the violent treatment of Jesus and his followers into this episode in order to foreshadow what is to come.

The story thus becomes a microcosm of the gospel as a whole. When the message is comforting, the messenger is well received. When it is less palatable, the messenger is in danger of being attacked or manipulated, more often than not at the hands of people who are basically good people like us. Unchecked assumptions, deep-seated biases, and uncontrolled emotions will function to bring the anointed prophet of the God of Israel to a violent death. This story invites us to check our assumptions and our biases lest we turn to physical, verbal, or emotional violence in the face of a prophetic challenge.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

**Second:** Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17:R **Gospel:** 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First:** Is 6:1-8

**Second:** Ps 137:1-5, 7-8 **Gospel:** 1 Cor 15:1-11

