



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.

March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent
"The Lord is kind of Merciful"

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

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

Parish Office & Presbytery:

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Ballarat East 3350
- ☐ 5332 6611
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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

Parish Priest: Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Parish Coordinator: Bronwyn Ballesty

PPC Chair: Cathy Prunty

Child Safety Officer: Bronwyn Ballesty

Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue

Finance Com. Chair: TBA

Liturgy Coordinator: David Santamaria
ballarateastliturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Funeral Ministry: Carmel Flynn

stalipiusfunerals@gmail.com

Masses during the week

Mass will be said Wednesday, Friday and Saturday
Morning 9.30am

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

10:30 am (2nd and 4th)

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

Stations of the Cross will be said in the church after Friday
morning mass.

Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong

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

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

Stations of the Cross will be said in the church every
Tuesday at 7pm

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

Counting Team No 7 will be on this week.

Bevelander, Liston, Maguire

In our prayers we remember.....



Unwell: We pray for Sheila Prendergast, Remy Bourke, Joan O'Beirne, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall, 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.

Upcoming Dates in the Parish Community



19 th	Solemnity of St Joseph	9.30am	St Alipius Church
19/20	RCIA First Rite of Scrutiny	All Mass Times	All Churches
	Week 4 Dismissal Program	All Mass Times	All Churches
26/27	RCIA Second Rite of Scrutiny	All Mass Times	All Churches
	First Eucharist Mass	All Mass Times	All Churches
31 st	Anointing Mass	2.30pm	St Alipius Church

April

2/3	First Eucharist Mass	All Mass Times	All Churches
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Anointing Mass



The Anointing Mass will be held on Thursday March 31st at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea will follow in the Hall. Please bring a small plate to share. Anyone requiring transport please ring the Parish Office on 5332 6611.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place again this year on Good Friday.

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this Day.

Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears and divisions will be overcome.

We have spoken about the Holocaust. But let us think too that [in Ukraine] millions of people were killed [1932-1933].

They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace.

May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests.

Please, no more war.

Interfaith Walk for Peace

As part of the Ballarat Harmony Fest 2022, Ballarat Interfaith Network Event, together with BRMC, invite all to the Interfaith Walk for Peace on Sunday, March 20, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.30pm. The walk will begin at the BADAC Cultural Education Centre, 403 Main Road, walking to WRISC Family Violence Support at 205 Dana Street and ending at Anglican Cathedral Church of Christ the King, 49 Lydiard Street South. Insight into community services offered to mitigate against violence. Interfaith focus on Indigenous, Christian and Islamic wisdom for peace. COVID precautions. Refreshments offered.

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

Envelopes	\$653.20	Presbytery	\$1548.00	Direct Debit	\$ 1085
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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)



Flynn William Nicholson
Son of Jody and Narelle

Paddy George Simpson
Son of Adam and Hollie

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

Liturgy Participation

The liturgy Team in the Parish is always looking for more people to join in supporting the Parish Mass and liturgies. If you would like to support the parish in this way please contact the Parish Office on 5332 6611. We would love to hear from you.

Easter Flowers

The Parish is seeking a Volunteer who would be able to collect and arrange flowers for the Easter Mass weekend. All expenses are covered. If this is something that you may be able to assist with, please contact the Parish Office.



Counters Roster

An updated Counters Roster for March through to May is now available in the Sacristy of St Alipius Church. If you would consider joining the Counting Team please contact the Parish office. Thank you



Sacramental Program

The children preparing for First Eucharist are now in their 4th week. Over the coming weekends we will have the opportunity to celebrate with these children as they receive their First Eucharist. We ask God's Blessings on them as they continue to prepare for this sacrament.

Mass of the Oils 2022

The Mass of the Oils will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2022

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 11, 2022. Practice times are Sunday, March 27, Sunday, April 3 and Sunday, April 10 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

Project Compassion Third Sunday of Lent

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow "For All Future Generations". You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish or by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

Reflection on the Gospel-3rd Sunday of Lent Year C

(Luke 13:1-9)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel begins with two warnings about the need for repentance. It ends with a parable about an unproductive fig tree and a faithful "gardener God". The warnings include two examples of untimely deaths, one reported to Jesus and then used by him to illustrate the urgent need for repentance, the other reported by Jesus as a further illustration of his point. With respect to the first example, Jewish history recounts instances of Pilate's cruelty, but makes no mention of his execution of Galileans and the mingling of their blood with their sacrifices. Neither is there any other record of the collapse of the Siloam tower and the resultant death of eighteen people. Jesus insists that those killed are no more sinful and no more deserving of death than any of their fellow Galileans or Jerusalemites. They are certainly not being punished for their sins and those who make such a link between suffering and sin have got it all wrong.

So why does Jesus twice assert, "If you do not repent you will all perish in the same way" or "you will all perish as they did"? The answer seems to lie in the constant need for self-reflection and the missed opportunity for conversion or reconciliation in the case of sudden and unexpected death. In other words, Jesus is telling his listeners, "Do not be caught unawares; turn your life around in the direction of the gospel while you are alive and well". The Greek verb "to repent" literally means to think again. It can have the sense of expanding one's vision or one's horizons, to think beyond the narrow confines of one's own interests and one's own little world. To repent is to see the big picture. In the context of Jesus' teaching, it is a call to take seriously the message of God's empire or reign which embraces the whole Earth community.

The parable of the unproductive fig tree in the vineyard approaches the same topic from another angle. The owner of the vineyard wants to get rid of a fig tree that fails to bear fruit after three years. From an economic perspective, his position is perfectly reasonable: why should a non-fruiting fig tree continue to sap the goodness of the soil? Why not go for more vines, more grapes, more wine, and forget about the fig tree? The faithful or constant gardener, on the other hand, is like the womb-compassionate God of Israel who cares about the soil itself and wants to give the fig tree another chance, to turn it around and assist it to bear fruit. At this mid-point in our Lenten journey, we might get in closer touch with our compassionate "gardener" God and open ourselves to a more expansive understanding of the pain of the planet. If we were truly to heed and live the Word of God for today, we might begin to hear, not lament, but cries of gratitude from Earth's regenerated beings.

Third Sunday of Lent

First: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

Second: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 **Gospel:** Lk 13:1-9

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First: Joshua 5:9-12

Second: 2 Cor 5:17-21 **Gospel:** Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

