



*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.*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

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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Office Hours:

The Parish Office will open on the following:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm

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- ☐ www.sapliturgy.net.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Parish Coordinator: Bronwyn Ballesty

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Masses during the week

Mass will be said Wednesday Friday and Saturday
mornings at 9.30am

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.*

Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong

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 1 will be on this week.

Counting begins at 9.30am

In our prayers we remember.....

Recently Deceased: Eileen Dodd

Anniversaries

Unwell: We pray for Remy Bourke, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall, Betty McGarry, 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



May		
18	Adult Faith Session with Fr Barry	6.30pm St Alipius Hall
20	Casserole Night	7.00pm Ss Peter & Pauls Church, Buninyong
21	Confirmation Prep	6pm /10.30 St Alipius Church
22	Thank you Morning Tea	11.30 St Alipius Hall

A Thank you Morning Tea

Fr Jorge and the Parish Liturgy Committee would like to invite you to a special gathering for Morning Tea following the 10.30am Mass on Sunday May 22 at the St Alipius Parish Hall to thank you for your generous contributions to our Easter ceremonies.

Tea and coffee will be available, but we ask those attending to bring a plate of finger food to share.

A Day of Reflection

Sadly the day of Reflection being held at OLHC has been needed to be put on hold at this stage. We apologise for any inconvenience.

A Faith Enriching Session

May 18th @ 6.30pm

Are you longing to enrich your faith? Would you enjoy hearing and learning more about what and why we believe then a night in conversation with Fr Barry Ryan is just what you need.

Come and spend some time with him in an adult faith formation session –for more information or to register your interest please contact the parish office. Places are limited.

National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022

CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future. So how can parents and families build strong family relationships? Family Relationship Practitioners in Bendigo, Julia Feiss and Lisa Castles, share five important elements for creating strong families at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>. There is also, “A Blessing for Families” on this webpage.

Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference

“Alive in the Spirit” is for lay and clergy, staff, leadership teams, finance teams, pastoral councils, pastoral ministers and volunteers, those in education, counselling, pastoral care, youth ministry, family ministry, aged care and chaplaincies and anyone who wants to be “Alive in the Spirit”. The conference will be held from May 26-28, 2022. For more information and to register go to

<https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>

RCIC Program

The parish will be holding an information evening on RCIC in coming weeks. If you would like to have your child/children participate in this program or offer support please contact the Parish Office.

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

Parish \$ 668.20

Presbytery

\$ 1367.00

Baptisms

\$ 300.00

Vision Statement

Throughout the year The Parish Pastoral Council have been building a Vision Statement for the Parish.
They are excited to share this with you all

“The combined communities of St Alipius Parish reach out in the Spirit of faith, hope, love and acceptance, as God calls us to in the Gospels.”

Confirmation 2022

The children of the parish are now preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
We ask the parish community to keep these children in their thoughts and prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament.

Liturgy Rosters and Participation

The latest Liturgy Roster is now available in the Sacristy of each church.

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

We invite you to be part of our annual Winter Appeal.

**The theme of this year's Winter Appeal is 'Make it Stop',
focusing on the importance of providing safety to families and individuals fleeing domestic violence.**

For the period between July 2020 – June 2021

A total of \$8,174,085.00 worth of assistance was provided to people experiencing disadvantage across the whole of Victoria.

While in greater Ballarat the total was \$216,525.00

We are most grateful for the support we receive from our parish as it enables us to continue to support those in need.

**If anyone is interested in joining our group
please contact the Parish Office.**

**We are currently in need of volunteers for the
Wednesday Session (9.30am - 12pm) at the BAC in Dawson St.**

How To Donate

You can donate to our appeal via:

1. **Envelopes** that are available at the end of each pew and at the piety stall.

Envelopes can be put in the collection plate.

Please write your name and address if you require a receipt.

2. **Online**

vinnies.org.au (to ensure that your donation is used locally type in “Ballarat East” in the “Comments/Conference Name” section in the final box on the second page of the online donation process.

3. **Phone** 13 18 12

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Reflection on the Gospel -Easter 5C
(John 13:31-35)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The literary context for today's gospel reading is Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his weary table companions whom he addresses affectionately as "dear friends" ("little children" in some translations) and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another. In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past nine years.

Jesus is "troubled in spirit" (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained goodness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death. Another, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Though troubled and no doubt disappointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship.

The betrayer's departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God's victory over evil and death. But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is "a new commandment" – to love one another just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one's life for the sake of "the other".

This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus' legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the war-ravaged and displaced, of the sick and the weary; providing shelter for the homeless; attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival - these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that "the other" embraces the more-than-human and that love of all God's creation is part of the new commandment.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First: Acts 14:21-27

Second: Ps144:8-13 **Gospel:** Jn 13:31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Second: Rev21:10-14, 22-23 **Gospel:** Jn 14:23-29

