



# 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.*

**17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH**

*As we gather as a community today, whilst in small numbers we keep those that join us in Mass at home in our thoughts and prayers.*

*We ask God's blessing on the St Alipius Community in all our locations.*

*We remember that we are all one as we celebrate God's love and that we will be back together in greater numbers soon.*

## Parish Office & Presbytery:

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

### Office Hours:

*Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am till 4.00pm*

### Liturgy Online:

- ☐ [www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://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 20 people

Weekday masses will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this coming week.

### Preregistration is compulsory.

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 put on hold at this stage.*

### Ss Peter & Paul's Church,

### Buninyong for 20 people

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)

***Mass will be available to view on Sunday morning.***

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

**Recent Deaths:** Carmel Hanrahan, Mona Reed (USA), Adelina Mendoza (P), Antonio Fancubila (P), Frank Vanderlinden, John Remilton,

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Power, Amparo Ramos, Maria Lovella Ramos, Fr Sancho Sisoxi, OSJ, Fr Urro Gotri, OSJ

**Unwell:** We pray for Socorro De Chavez (P), Peter Kelly, Betty McGarry, 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.



## *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)*



**Wilbur Jones**

Son of Ashlea and Jacob

**Nell and Ella Hutchins**

Daughters of Emily and Jason

**Mack Woolfe**

Son of Casey and Luke

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



### ***Plenary Council – it's a wrap!***

The first Assembly of the Plenary Council was held last week and concluded on Sunday. Daily diocesan updates from the Plenary Council and reflections from diocesan members are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. To watch recordings of sessions and Masses from the Council go to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/masses-and-livestreams/>. We will keep you updated on the progress of the Plenary Council towards Assembly Two in July 2022.



### ***CatholicCare Victoria - Free Mental Health & Wellbeing Guide***

CatholicCare Victoria has been supporting the Ballarat community for almost 45 years. To help in these tough times, we've developed a free guide to mental health and wellbeing, created by regional Victorians, for regional Victorians. Download your copy today at

[https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=mental-health&utm\\_content=ballarat&fbclid=IwAR26onSC87f6p89AMoli\\_Conf5W\\_cYPyRTwsDKzWwMk4xREnbkTGzUvo7ec](https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=mental-health&utm_content=ballarat&fbclid=IwAR26onSC87f6p89AMoli_Conf5W_cYPyRTwsDKzWwMk4xREnbkTGzUvo7ec)

### ***Catholic Mission Month***

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>



### ***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](mailto:ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

*We thank you for your continued Support*



## Our Parish NEWS Update



### *Mass Attendance / Bookings*

The parish is grateful to all for embracing the online booking format through saplitrurgy. As there are only 20 places per mass we ask all parishioners to consider the availability when making bookings. Sadly in recent weeks we have had empty places and many people have been turned away due to late and unknown changes. Please remember;

- Weekday Bookings cannot be cancelled less than 24 hours before mass (*without explanation*).
- Weekend Bookings cannot be cancelled after Friday 5pm (*without explanation*)
- Bookings are for the person/s named and cannot be transferred to others without notification.
- Masks must remain on throughout mass.

We thank all people who have been providing their WWCC, Police Checks, and their Vaccination certificates to the parish, these are very much appreciated. We encourage all parishioners to continue to provide these. If you need help with this please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

A reminder that these can be printed and dropped into the Parish Office or emailed via the Medicare App on your phone.

### *Parish Office*

The Parish Office will be open Tuesdays Thursday and Fridays from 10am to 3.30pm.

We thank you for your support over the past weeks and we look forward to returning to a new normal.

### *RCIA*

The first gathering for those interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith was held recently with eight enthusiastic and spirit-filled Inquirers meeting with the RCIA team.

If you would like to support these Inquirers through the Dismissal process we ask you to contact the Parish office on 53326611.

### *Diocesan e-News*



For recent news of events and celebrations, see the latest Diocesan e-News at this link – <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. You can also subscribe to receive e-News directly to your inbox on this same page.

### *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*

On Sunday, October 10, 2021 Pope Francis celebrated Mass to mark the global launch of the Synod of Bishops with the theme For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission. In dioceses around the world, local launches will take place this coming weekend, ushering in a period of local consultation that will assist with the two-year process that will culminate in the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in October 2023. The Plenary Council and Synod of Bishops processes will overlap, and a national committee has created a timeline to explain how the processes will unfold

<https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

### *Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast*

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR decreed the establishment of a new parish in the diocese, Star of the Sea, South West Coast, as at October 1, 2021. The new parish covers the area of the former parishes of Dennington, Koroit, Port Fairy, Warrnambool and Warrnambool West. Fr John Fitzgerald, Moderator and Fr John Corrigan, Co-Pastor, will continue their service in the new parish. More information available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/star-of-the-sea-parish-south-west-coast/>

### *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. Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD reflects on "St Joseph- A Hidden Life" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

## Reflection on the Gospel-29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 10:35-45)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

On the kin-dom of God movement established by Jesus, there is no place for domination or for any exercise of power over others. In today's gospel story, this is a lesson that James and John, the sons of Zebedee, clearly need to learn. They seem to think that the structures of power operating in the Roman world are going to be replicated when Jesus conquers the forces of opposition and comes into his "glory". The two brothers, James and John, put in a bid for shared deputy leadership positions. They seem to be blind and deaf to what Jesus has been trying to tell them throughout their journey from Caesarea Philippi to Jerusalem. They seek his patronage without reference to the rest of the leadership group who, incidentally, are not well pleased with their presumptuous companions.

James and John do not yet realise that Jesus' way is not the way of status or entitlement and that their call as disciples and as leaders of the emerging movement has nothing to do with privilege. They need to understand that it has more to do with enduring the suffering associated with commitment to one's mission and with setting others free to be their best selves. To demonstrate this, Jesus offers them an unpalatable alternative: to "be slave of all". He sustains the slavery metaphor and goes on to summarise his own mission with an image that comes out of the world of his time: "not to be served but to serve and give life as a ransom for many". A ransom was the payment made to free someone from slavery. To substitute oneself for a slave was to give one's life as a ransom for that slave. Reading the gospel from beginning to end helps us to understand the ultimate self-giving of Jesus in death as the climax of a lifetime's outpouring of love, a love that draws forth loving and liberating action in others.

There are multiple ways of enslaving others, of dominating and of trying to control them in order to achieve one's own personal or corporate ends, good or bad. The request of James and John reminds us that we can all lose sight of the liberating vision of the gospel and get caught up in destructive power struggles. As 21<sup>st</sup> century disciples, we hear the words of Jesus, "It is not to happen with you". We might turn our attention to those in our world who are literally enslaved. We might join with ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious against the Trafficking in Humans) and with others working to obtain freedom and justice for those trapped into sexual and other forms of slavery in our own cities, a situation reportedly exacerbated by pandemic. We might hear today's gospel as a call to join the struggle against this tragic phenomenon.

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First:** Is 53:10-11

**Second:** Heb 4:14-16 **Gospel:** Mk 10:35-45

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First:** Jer 31: 7-9

**Second:** Heb 5:1-6 **Gospel:** Mk 10:46-52

