



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.

3RD OCTOBER 2021

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Welcome

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

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Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am till 4.00pm

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 20 people

Weekday mass 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 (1st, 3rd and 5th)

10:30 am (2nd and 4th)

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 (2nd and 4th)

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

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

Mass will be available to view on Sunday morning.

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Fr John Keane, Marie McLean, Daniel Graham, Loris Scale, Francesca Becs, Ofelia Rivera Ramos, Cesario Villanueva, Teresita Villanueva, Maria Macalintal, Angel Sawali

Anniversaries: Primitivo De La Vega Jr, John Britt

Unwell: We pray for Peter Kelly, Scott and Gabby Ballesty, Betty McGarry, Bev Dawson, 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)



Maxwell Marks

Son of Samantha and Luke

Jack Giles

Son of Celeste and Dylan

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

Plenary Council – Nearly there!



The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opens with Mass at 2.00pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth on Sunday, October 3. The historic event will develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia. Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

Key moments during the First General Assembly will be live-streamed between October 3 and 10. They will include daily Masses, morning prayer for Plenary Council members and sharing of the fruits of discernment. All found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/> or through the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

It is anticipated that the 10.30am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird for the start of the Assembly will be livestreamed. A link will be uploaded in due course to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/plenary-council/>

People in the diocese are invited to continue to pray with the members and also to continue to engage in the process and to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED HANDOUT. It can be printed out, then emailed or posted back in or you can just send answers via email to pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Any submissions will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members to the Plenary Council.

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.

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

We thank you for your continued Support



Important

Steps Moving Forward for Mass attendance in the Parish

Moving forward the Parish will be putting parameters in place to ensure that all Government mandated requirements are met in relation to Mass attendance. ***These parameters include Mass availability for all people regardless of vaccination status.***

Mass times are currently being reviewed and we will be looking at Masses being available for all. These mass times will need to be capped at 20.

As noted from Bishop Paul's letter last week we are beginning the process of collecting Covid 19 Digital Certificates to allow for the maximum number of parishioners to be welcomed to Mass. We ask when comfortable please look to provide a copy of your Covid 19 vaccination certificate to the parish office.

This can be printed and dropped into the Parish Office or emailed via the Medicare App on your phone.

On Thursday this coming week the Office will be focusing on opening its doors to help all parishioners to come and receive support in completing WWCC, Police checks and the printing of Vaccination details. We will focus on this between 10am and 1.00pm. Please remember your phone as you will need to QR code into the office.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office on 5332 6611 if you have any questions or concerns.

Parish Pastoral Council

In the coming weeks a meeting will be called to bring our Parish Pastoral Council Together moving forward with our existing and our new members unified. We look forward to providing more information soon.

*Thank
you* 

We thank the Uniting Church Community of Brown Hill who will be offering up the prayer below in honour of our Parish Community during October.

“Creator God, in your great love you have given us the gift of your Spirit. As the Roman Catholic Church in Australia enters this time of discernment we pray that your Spirit would guide and encourage those involved in the Plenary Council. May we all stand together as we seek to be your people on the way of Jesus. We pray this through Christ our Redeemer.
Amen”



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>

Reflection on the Gospel-27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 10:2-16)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The question of gender inclusivity in decision-making has been much in the news of late. The maleness of political and church institutions has been highlighted in my country as a serious contributor to the disorder that finds expression in both bullying and abuse. Since the creation of patriarchy in the Bronze Age, some 3000 years ago, lack of gender inclusivity has posed a challenge, particularly for those who find themselves excluded.

The “test” question about divorce that the Pharisees put to Jesus is very strange in a first century Jewish context, as is the reference to women divorcing their husbands. While there is no evidence that anyone in Jewish circles questioned the legality of divorce, there is plenty of evidence for lively debate concerning the grounds on which a Jewish man could divorce his wife: adultery; inferior cooking; even diminished beauty! There were various schools of thought. Jewish law, unlike Roman law, however, did not permit women to initiate divorce proceedings on any grounds at all. From the perspective of the Markan Jesus, Moses only permitted divorce as a concession to “hardness of heart”: it was not so from the beginning. The ideal, he insists, is expressed in the Garden Story of Genesis, the story of “one flesh”, of partnership, of equality and mutuality, of enduring commitment in marriage. The Hebrew word *’ezer* which is translated as “helper” in the first reading from Genesis is used in the Psalms of God’s relationship to Israel. It does not denote inferiority of women to men as is sometimes suggested. A better translation might be “companion”.

Human limitation is just as much a reality now as it was in the ancient world. We strive for the ideal but fall far short of it in so many ways. When this happens in marriage, the consequences can be more far-reaching than in other aspects of life. The parties involved often become the “little ones” whose lives are shattered and disoriented. The embrace of the community is needed in a particular way for everyone affected by divorce, especially the children. When parents part company, the best interests and needs of the children are sometimes forgotten. Too often, those who have experienced the trauma of divorce feel alienated from the worshipping community, and this at a time when they need the courage to face a different future from the one they had envisaged.

The story about marital commitment leads immediately into a story about Jesus taking the children in his arms and blessing them, despite the disciples’ attempts to send them away. Children are important persons who are never to be excluded from the inner circles of love, compassion and care. We might hear today’s gospel as a call to be inclusive in all our relationships and to remember the children no matter what happens.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Gen 2:18-24

Second: Heb 2:9-11 **Gospel:** Mk 10:2-16

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Wis 7:7-11

Second: Heb 4:12-13 **Gospel:** Mk 10:17-30

