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MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL CARE IN ST ALIPIUS' PARISH

Gatherings over the weeks of Advent have highlighted the various ministries of pastoral care in St Alipius' Parish, Ballarat East.

For many years, the Parish Caring Group has been one of the key ministries of the Parish. One of its many services is to offer hospitality after funerals. This year has been no exception for the Parish with many funerals celebrated, including those of several former long serving members of the Caring group. The group works closely with the Parish Funeral Ministry Team that Kathy Curran and Carmel Flynn coordinate. Carmel and Kathy commenced as coordinators earlier in 2019 and have other parishioners now working closely with them in the support of families as they prepare for and celebrate the funeral of their family member.



The Caring Group also host the Anointing Mass and afternoon tea celebrated before Christmas and Easter. These gatherings seek to ensure that senior members of the Parish are able to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing in the context of a community of care that seeks to be hospitable and generous in its love.



An end of year gathering of members of the Caring Group, together with Carmel, Kathy and Lucy O'Beirne, the Parish Coordinator, was an opportunity for all to celebrate another year of Pastoral Care at St Alipius' Parish.

