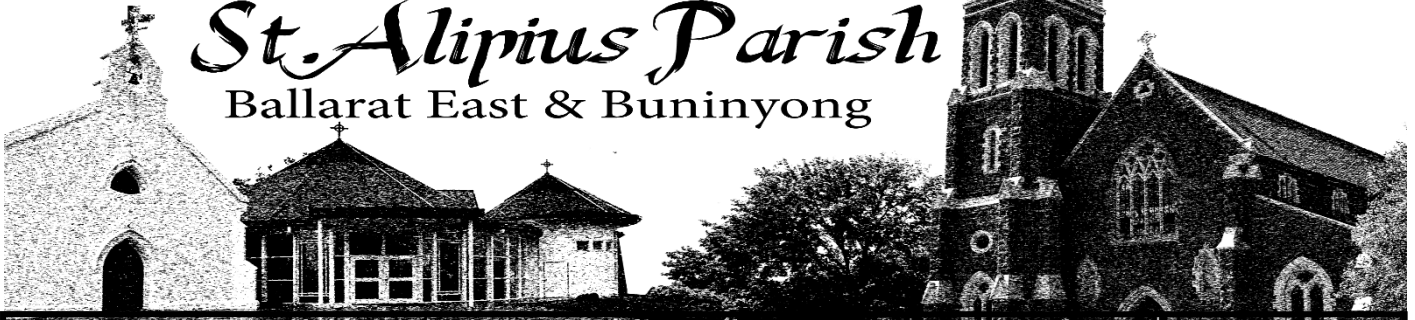


# St. Alipius Parish

Ballarat East & Buninyong



**SS Peter & Paul's Church**

701 Fiskens St., Buninyong 3357

**St Alipius' Parish Church**

82 Victoria St., Ballarat East 3350

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

*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.*

## Parish Office & Presbytery:

### Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

✉ 84 Victoria Street

Ballarat East 3350

☎ 5332 6611

✉ [ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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

### Liturgy Online:

🌐 [www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au)

✉ [sapliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:sapliturgy@gmail.com)

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Jorge De Chavez, OSJ

**Liturgy Coordinator:** David Santamaria

**Funeral Ministry:** Carmel Flynn, Kathy Curran

**Child Safety Officer:** Roxanne Leed

**Finance Officer:** Kerrie McTigue

**Finance Com. Chair:** Paul Jans

## Masses during the week for (20) attendees only

### \*Registration Necessary\*

#### St Alipius Church, Ballarat East

Monday to Saturday 9.30 am

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm Sunday 10:30 am

(Registration by phone or email to the Parish Office is necessary)

#### Ss Peter & Paul, Buninyong

Thursday 12 noon and Sunday 9:00 am,

(Registration is necessary please ring

Margaret McCarty 0423 208 286)

**St. Alipius Church is open from 9:30 am until 3:00 pm Tuesday to Sunday.**

### Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

St. Alipius' Parish Liturgy Website:

[www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au)

## Prayer Intentions:

### Recent Deaths:

**Anniversaries:** Jason Luke Edward Duck OMI,

**Unwell:** We pray for Carmel Doherty, Heather Healy, Pat Hogan, Cathy Jones, Peter Martin, Letitia Simmons, Margie Wilmott, Christopher Calimbas, Isabelita Dimaano and all who are unwell.





**Readings for this week: Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time**

First: Wisdom 12:13 16-19 Second: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

**Readings for next week: Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time**

First: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12 Second: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

**St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal**

Vinnies, like everyone, has been impacted by COVID-19. We have had to adapt our traditional ways of providing help to those who seek our assistance to meet both the government and St Vincent de Paul directives. It is a testament to the commitment and flexibility of our members that we have been able to continue to provide support to those in need during this time. As a result of the coronavirus many people have found themselves in the position of having a job one day, and being unemployed the next. This will lead to an increasing number of people reaching out to Vinnies for help for the very first time. Therefore, this year's appeal will focus on addressing the needs of Victorians who have been impacted by COVID-19.

Now more than ever, the funds raised during this appeal are critical in ensuring that Vinnies can continue to be there for people when they need us most. You can donate to our appeal via:

1. Envelopes available at churches. (Please write your name and address on the envelope so receipts can be issued. Once completed envelopes can left at the parish office).
2. Online at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)
3. By phone 13 18 12
4. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

**Planned Giving**

Envelopes may be left in the mailbox at the Presbytery. Any queries regarding Planned Giving, please contact our Finance Officer, Kerrie McTigue on 53 312 933 or via email:

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

Thank  
you 

**St Alipius Parish collections last weekend:**

Envelopes	\$ 1,362.00	Presbytery \$ 702.60
Direct Debits/Credit Card	\$ 460	



### **Sacramental Celebrations**

- Families seeking the **Sacrament of Baptism** are asked to contact the Parish Office to arrange the preparation and the date and time for the celebration. We are allowed to have twenty (20) attendees.
- Those who want to avail the sacrament of **Reconciliation** are asked to contact the Parish Office during office hours.
- **Funerals** are being celebrated with up to 50 people able to gather in the Church.

### **Liturgy News**

We recognise how important it is for many people to have the opportunity to attend Mass and receive Jesus into their hearts through communion at Mass. With the restrictions of just 20 people able to attend Mass (plus those involved as Sacristan, Data Projector Operator, Readers and Collectors), it is important that we try to limit our Mass Registrations to once/3-4 weeks. There have been so many people who have tried to register to attend Mass and unable to because others have registered nearly every week.

With this in mind, we will only put up 2 weeks at a time for Mass Registrations. Registrations each week will close at 5pm each Friday night. If anyone is undertaking a liturgical ministry on the day of Mass, please Do Not Register. If anyone would like to operate the data projector please call David on 0427310564 to arrange training, especially for Sunday 10.30 Mass.

### **ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is on July 30**

COVID-19 is impacting those most vulnerable to trafficking because they often live in poverty and lack suitable housing and healthcare. Hundreds of thousands of these people will be drawn to the promise of work simply to put food on their tables - work that often turns out to be a job in slave-like conditions. Each year ACRATH asks for your support as we mark the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30. Each year, generously, you respond. And each year because of your response, ACRATH has been able to develop projects, services and resources. If you're able, your donation will be much appreciated. You can donate online at <https://www.trybooking.com/au/donate/acrath> or go to Youth Social Justice page of the diocesan website at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-and-agencies/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=238> for other donation options and more information.

### **Note of thanks from Kateri Byrnes and Family**

Kateri Byrnes and her parents thank St Alipius Parish for prayers during her illness. Kateri was in the Royal Children's Hospital for over 7 months. An aggressive form of blood cancer was treated with 4 rounds of chemotherapy. Kateri was discharged recently and was home with her brothers and sisters for her 14th birthday. The Byrnes family are grateful for our prayers.. We can continue to think of Kateri and pray for her full recovery over the coming months and years.



### **Gospel Reflection**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Matthew 13:24-35)

by Veronica Lawson RSM

Experienced gardeners or farmers or bakers might take issue with Jesus' choice of images for God's empire or kin-dom of the heavens. They may be singularly unimpressed by the methods of the farmer-gardener-God presented in today's gospel reading. An "enemy" planting weeds "all through the crop" is no surprise to readers familiar with the earlier part of this parable chapter, although the land-owner's decision to leave the weeds to endanger the wheat crop seems none too smart. Mustard, known for its propensity to grow wild and threaten the life of every other plant in the garden, makes for an equally strange kin-dom analogy. God's empire imaged as a baker woman taking yeast, a substance considered a corrupting influence in the first century Jewish world, and mixing it into twenty kilos of wheat flour, stretches the imagination in other directions. These images cut across the readers' expectations quite dramatically. What might they be telling us about God's kin-dom of the skies? In the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven, there is a movement from small to great that communicates something about the power of God to bring abundance of life from the most inauspicious beginnings. They do not seem to fit with the parable of the wheat and the weeds until we look a little more closely. The element of danger to the life of the whole is common to all three parables. Maybe Matthew's Jesus is telling us that God is a God of risk who does not intervene but allows the weeds and endangering herbs to "infect" God's field. Harvest season will be time enough to divide the wheat from the weeds, the life-giving from the infectious. In the meantime, the good seed must take hold. The good will finally outweigh the evil. That is small comfort, of course, to those who suffer at the hands of evildoers. In the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven, Jesus may be telling his hearers that their idea of infection or danger is different from his. At one level, he engages the more-than-human and talks about respect for the complexity of eco-systems. At another, he is talking about societal inclusion: the people that many consider unclean or sinful or demon-possessed are not to be displaced from God's field or God's table. On the contrary, they may be the very ones who season the life of the whole. Life is messy after all and God is in the mess. It is worth noting that the leaven parable offers one of the few occasions in the gospel where God is imaged as female. While we know that God is neither male nor female, most of us have been conditioned to use only male images for God. The parable of the woman kneading dough validates the potential of female experience to reflect the life and activity of God in our world.