

# Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

Ballarat East & Buninyong



**St Alipius**  
Parish Community

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

*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.*

**St Alipius' Parish Church**  
82 Victoria St, Ballarat East 3350

**SS Peter & Paul's Church**  
701 Fiskens St. Buninyong 3357



## Happy 51<sup>st</sup> Birthday Fr Jorge

We ask all parishioners to keep him in their prayers as he celebrates his birthday.



### Parish Office & Presbytery:

- 84 Victoria Street  
Ballarat East 3350
- 5332 6611
- ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

#### Office Hours:

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

#### 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:** Paul Jans

**Liturgy Coordinator:** David Santamaria

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

### Masses during the week

#### St Alipius' Church, for 180 attendees

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9.30 am

Easter Saturday Vigil 7:00 pm

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 said each morning after 9.30am mass. Please join us on the left hand side of the church

#### Ss Peter & Paul's Church,

#### Buninyong for 150 attendees

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>)

(Please ring Margaret McCarty 0423 208 286)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

### St Alipius Counting Roster

27/28 March	Team One	L. Noonan, G. Clarkson, L. Mullane
3/4 April	Team Two	C. Tarquinio, M. Tarquinio



***In our prayers we remember.....***

**Recent Death:** Joyce Cook, Luz Hernandez (P), Sr Mary Helen (P), Anne Bernadette Cheeseman, Claire Wong, Carmel Doherty

**Anniversaries:** Tom Mackin, Agnes Mackin

**Unwell:** We pray for Patricia Wood, Agnes Peters, Waffa Ghali, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Kateri Byrnes, Ann Coswello, Pat Hogan, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, John Beattie, Letitia Simmons, Anthony Holdsworth



***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)*



**Harry Patrick Ryan**  
Son of Joshua and Emma

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

**Upcoming Dates in the parish community**

***March***

28 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday		All Churches
29 <sup>th</sup>	Mass of the Oils	6.30pm	St Patrick's Cathedral

***April***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Holy Thursday Mass	7.00pm	St Alipius Church
	Altar of Repose	8-10pm	St Alipius Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Good Friday Ceremony	3.00pm	St Alipius Church
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Vigil Mass	7.00pm	St Alipius Church
4 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday		All Churches



***Lenten Resources – Palm Sunday***

The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their Lent 2021 leaflets which invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' "Let us Dream", together with insights and suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers. The leaflets are for individual reflection or small group reflection and discussion.

The theme for Palm Sunday is, "How do we reply to the wearied and heal through community?" These leaflets are available for download from the diocesan website

Liturgy Resources page <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>



***Planned Giving***

Due to the capped numbers for Mass, should you wish to continue your Planned Giving or contribution 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)

***St Alipius Parish collections last weekend:***

***Presbytery \$1275.55    Direct Debit \$145.00    Credit Card \$2762.00    Envelopes \$ 976.20***

***We thank you for your continued support***

## Youth Group Meeting

April 27<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm



The parish is looking at bringing our youth together to support them through fun, friendship and faith during their teenage years. We invite all families to come and join in an open discussion on how we can begin. We ask you to talk with your children on how we can help them to support one another through friendship and faith.

*We look forward to seeing you all soon.*

### Counting Teams

A big thank you to all who have indicated their willingness to remain on our Counting Teams. We will recommence them from this weekend with Les Noonan's team to be first cab off the rank.

It is not a big involvement as the number of envelope contributors is usually no more than 30 a week.

We always welcome new team members so if you would like to be involved in this aspect of Parish life please contact the Parish on 5332 6611.

### Holy Land Collection

**Good Friday - April, 2021**

The severe loss of income that the Church in the Holy Land has experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is why your support in the Good Friday Collection is vital. The pandemic has created significant problems with vital health care, and a catastrophic loss in income due to the restrictions to travel removing the donations from the many pilgrims that visit each year. The offerings that pilgrims leave the Franciscan Friars and the local church allow them to care for the many orphans, sick, homeless and many more. We encourage you to give generously.

### Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. This video, published to Facebook and YouTube, includes a personal message from the Pope as he asks us to pray for each monthly intention. You can find it at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for March:

**March universal intention for evangelisation – Sacrament of reconciliation:** Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

### Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections

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. Robert Falzon reflects on how St Joseph may have responded to his astonishing call to be the foster-father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. What does it mean for fathers and husbands in today's world?

<https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>



### Year of the Family

Pope Francis launched the "Amoris Laetitia Family Year" on March 19, the 5th anniversary of the publication of his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, a document on the beauty and joy of love in the family. The year will conclude on June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. The launch was a virtual event entitled, "Our Daily Love", organised by the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life, the Diocese of Rome and the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute, all based in Rome. The event is available to view online at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI4OUXU7\\_LBguDrPZQKsng](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkI4OUXU7_LBguDrPZQKsng)

# Reflection on the Gospel-Passion/Palm Sunday Year B

(Mark 11:1-10; Mark 14:1-15:47)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

## Mark 11:1-10

Mark's account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is more restrained and less victorious in tone than the other gospel accounts. In keeping with Mark's gospel as a whole, it forms part of the relentless journey of Jesus the suffering Messiah towards Jerusalem, the place of his death. The longed-for liberation will come about in Jerusalem, through powerlessness, suffering and death rather than through the exercise of might and power.

## Mark 14:1-15:47

The gospel account of the suffering and death of Jesus opens with the story of an insightful but unnamed woman who pours out healing ointment on the head of Jesus. We might reflect on the Eucharistic character of her actions of breaking and pouring and of Jesus' assurance that what she has done will be told in memory of her. She did "what she could". The story of her support for Jesus is sandwiched between two stories of opposition: an assassination plot on the part of the religious authorities, and the foreshadowing of Jesus' betrayal at the hands of a close follower. Status does not guarantee goodness or insight.

As the story unfolds, we hear that, despite his earlier instruction to "stay awake", Jesus' closest followers fall asleep when he most needs them. Worse than that, they betray, deny, and abandon him. Some Galilean women remain faithful. They have followed him and looked after him on the long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. They become witnesses to his death and burial. These women will also discover the empty tomb and take the message of the resurrection to the male disciples. A foreign passer-by, Simon, whose sons are known to the Markan community, shoulders part of the burden. An ordinary Roman soldier realises and proclaims that Jesus is of God.

The story has come full circle: the first verse of the gospel announced the beginning of the good news of Jesus, the Christ and the Son of God. Now the reader understands what it means to make such a proclamation. The final chapter is to be celebrated next weekend. The mystery is to be lived every day of every week. As we enter into the holiest week of the liturgical year, we might consider our call to bring the power of Christ's redeeming love to those who suffer crucifixion in our own times: those whose health systems cannot cope in this time of pandemic; the more-than-human Earth community that suffers the effects of climate change; the desperate asylum seekers who await release after years in detention; the war-torn lands of Yemen and Syria.

For stories of hope in the face of despair, you may like to visit the Mercy Works website ([mercyworks.org.au](http://mercyworks.org.au)). It is all too easy to deny, betray, and abandon the suffering other. Like the woman who poured out the healing ointment on the head of Jesus, we also must do what we can.

*Readings for next week: Palm Sunday*

**First:** Is 50: 4-7

**Second:** Phil 2:6-11 **Gospel:** Mk 14:1- 15:47

*Easter Sunday Readings*

**First:** 1 Cor 5:6-8

**Second:** Jn 20 1-9 **Gospel:** Mk 16:1- 7

