

# Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

Ballarat East & Buninyong



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

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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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.*

### **A quote from Amore Laetitia**

Just by a small gesture, a little something, harmony within your family will be restored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary. But do not let the day end without making peace in your family. (104)

*Pope Francis*

#### **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 10.00 am to 3:30 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, Thursday Friday &  
Saturday 9.30 am

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>)

Wednesday prayer to St Joseph (after mass)

Rosary and divine Mercy will be said each morning after  
9.30am mass. Please join us on the left 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)

***If you have not registered prior please use the QR code  
at the door. We thank you for your support***

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

**Recent Death:** Silvester Robles (P), Robbert Alsem, Cayetano De La Cruz (P), Sr Monica Butler RSM

**Anniversaries:** Arthur Orquejo, Mary Murphy

**Unwell:** We pray for Gilbert Garcera, 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 and all who are unwell.

## Upcoming Dates in the parish community

### April

20 <sup>th</sup>	Office begins opening	10.00 – 3.30pm	Presbytery/Office
20 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Group Meeting	7.00pm	St Alipius Hall
25 <sup>th</sup>	World Day of Vocations		All Mass Times
27 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Enrolment	6.30pm	St Alipius Church
28 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Enrolment	10.30am/6.30pm	St Alipius Church
29 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Enrolment	6.30pm	St Alipius Church



### Confirmation

The parish will be enrolling for Confirmation early in Term 2. We invite all parents to attend the Information Nights listed in the Bulletin. Details are also available on our parish website. We ask our parish community to hold our schools, Sacramental Team and the children preparing for the Holy Spirit in their prayers.

*Registrations for the Parent Information Sessions are now open.*

*Please register through [www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au)*

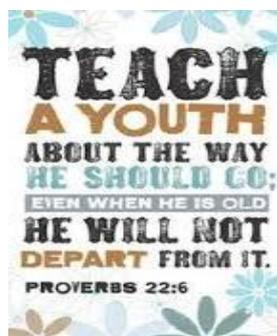


### Youth Group Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> April 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.*



### 200 Years – Faith in the future of Catholic Education in Australia

In recognition of 200 years of Catholic education in Australia, Catholic Education Week 2021 will align with school communities across Australia in celebrating this landmark event. The theme for the week is

**Faith in the Future** which speaks of the essence of hope in faith, so needed against the backdrop of this year. A central focus of the week will be the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. Patron of Australia, on

Monday 24 May. A national Mass will be celebrated on this day with the key intention being that students, staff, parents and the wider community join together on the one day across Australia to pray in thanksgiving for 200 years of Catholic education, and with great faith in the future of Catholic education. School leadership is asked to consider this in planning their liturgical celebrations for next year.



Palms Australia  
Reach Beyond



Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission.

[Enquire now](#) to properly prepare for a placement in 2022.

Join our online [InfoZoom](#) on 2 May, visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333

### 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)

*We thank you for your continued support*

*St Alipius Parish collections last weekend:*

Presbytery \$988.65

Direct Debit \$ 225.00 Envelopes \$ 480.20



## *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)*



**Kenrich Calamba Racho**

Son of Ardie and Jackelyn

**Daisy Ralston**

Daughter of Andrew and Sheree

**Audrey Needham**

Daughter of Anthony and Rebecca

**Emilia Greig**

Daughter of Andrew and Claire

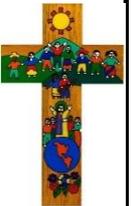
**Lachlan and Thomas Just**

Sons of Michael and Jade

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

### ***Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education in Wendouree Save the Date***

Our Lady Help of Christians School, Wendouree will celebrate 60 years of Catholic Education in Wendouree on Friday, October 15, 2021. Register for event updates on the OLHC Wendouree school website [www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au) or by contacting the school office, ph. 5339 4726.



### ***World Day of Vocations***

Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: "There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young.

Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood."



### ***Pope Francis – Message for 2021 World Day of Vocations. Saint Joseph:***

"The Dream of Vocation 'God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: To beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: Hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of 'the saints next door.' At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.'"

### ***Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections & Daily Prayers***



**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. Michelle Vass, director of St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park NSW, reflects on "St Joseph – Man of Dreams"

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

## Reflection on the Gospel- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B

(Luke 24:35-48)

-Veronica Lawson, RSM

Extraordinary things can happen if we open ourselves to the presence of a stranger on the road of life. That is one of the elements in today's gospel that forms the conclusion to the Emmaus story. When I was a student at Trinity College in Dublin researching Luke's depiction of women in the Acts of the Apostles, I would often take a detour on my way home to visit the National Gallery of Ireland. Velázquez' remarkable oil painting, *Kitchen Maid with the Supper at Emmaus* captured and held my attention. The viewer is confronted with a painting within a painting. The kitchen maid pauses from her tasks to listen, through the space between kitchen and dining area, to the conversation between Jesus and his table companions. Jesus' hosts have not yet recognised the companion they had encountered on the road from Jerusalem. Velázquez seems to be suggesting that the young servant woman in the foreground, a woman from another place and another time, has sensed what they have yet to discover. Like the servant woman, we might attend to this graced encounter, its prelude and its aftermath.

Imagine two dejected disciples (Cleopas and possibly his wife) on the road from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. On their journey, they encounter Jesus who has been raised. At first, they fail to recognise him. Their sadness at his death has blinded them to what is happening before their very eyes. He engages them in conversation and holds up a metaphorical mirror to their experience of loss and grief. Their hearts "burn" within them as he opens to them the meaning of their sacred scriptures. They invite him to share a meal with them and their eyes are opened: they recognise him in the breaking of the bread. Jesus then disappears from their midst. They cannot contain the joy they have experienced in realising that he is alive.

Cleopas and partner return immediately to Jerusalem to share the good news with the other disciples. All the assembled disciples experience powerfully the presence of Jesus in their midst. They share a meal with him. He opens their minds to understand the scriptures. Everything falls into place. They not only understand Jesus' death and resurrection in the light of the scriptures. They now know that they will be "clothed with power from on high" to exercise their role as witnesses to this great mystery, and to preach forgiveness to all peoples "beginning from Jerusalem".

Luke will open his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, with the story of the risen One sending the disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. We who re-member these events in every Eucharistic celebration are both the recipients and the bearers of that message. If we allow our hearts to "burn" within us, we too may recognise the Risen One "on the road" and become his witnesses to the ends of the earth, engaging and even hosting the "strangers" we meet along the way.

### Third Sunday of Easter Readings

**First:** Acts: 3:13-15, 17-19

**Second:** 1 Jn 2:1-5 **Gospel:** Lk 24:35-48

### Fourth Sunday of Easter Readings

**First:** Acts: 4:8-12

**Second:** 1 Jn 3:1-2 **Gospel:** Jn 10:11-18

