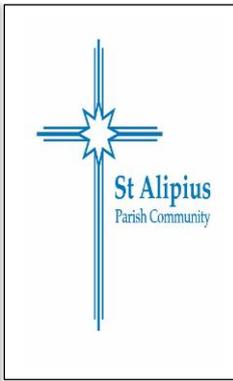


Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

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 emernaia.

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

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

16TH MAY 2021

Covid Changes

As of June 1, registrations through the website for mass will close. The government requires all to register through the **QR code system** on arrival. Please remember to bring your phone to church. We thank you for your support.

Parish Office & Presbytery:

- 84 Victoria Street
Ballarat East 3350
- 5332 6611
- ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00 am to 3:30 pm

The Office will be closed Tuesday afternoon

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: 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 (1st, 3rd and 5th)
10:30 am (2nd and 4th)

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
Morning tea will be in the hall after the Rosary on Fridays

Ss Peter & Paul's Church,

Buninyong for 150 attendees

Sunday 9:00 am (2nd and 4th)
10:30 am, (1st, 3rd and 5th)

(Please ring Margaret McCarty 0423 208 286)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

Counting Team Number 8 will be on this week

In our prayers we remember.....

Anniversaries: Mary and Len Bettes

Unwell: We pray for Doug Knez, 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

<i>May</i>		
18 th	Reflections on the Word	7.00pm
28 th	Wine and Cheese Night	5.00pm
30 th	Youth Bonfire Night	5.00pm
<i>June</i>		
6 th	Youth Mass	5.30pm



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)



Maverick Stephen Aldred
Son of Sally and Patrick

Hugo Milton and Alfred John Bromley
Sons of Xavier and Louise

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

Wedding News....

Congratulations to Sean Kenny and Teagan Walker who have married this weekend in St Alipius Church. We pray that their marriage is full of the blessings of Christ.



Liturgy of the Word/ Reading and Reflection Tuesday 7pm – 8pm @ Presbytery.

All parishioners are welcome to come and join in our prayer and reflection in the presbytery.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 16-23, 2021

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from May 16 – 23, 2021 in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The 2021 resources have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family. Resources are available from <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/2021-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

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

We thank you for your continued Support

St Alipius Parish collections last weekend:

Presbytery \$ 1009.85

Direct Debit \$ 1085.00

Envelopes \$ 706.25





Wine and Cheese Anyone ??

May 28th

The parish will be holding a wine and cheese night in Ss Peter and Pauls church Buninyong. We encourage all parishioners to come along and get to know one another in a relaxed environment.

Mass Counts update

The 2021 National Count Mass Count will take place over the first four weekends in May starting this weekend. Any parishioner who is willing to help the parish with this please contact the parish office.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Bonfire Liturgy & Karaoke

The parish will be holding a Bonfire Night for the youth in our community.

5.00pm – 7.30pm

Bring a plate to share

BYO drinks (no alcohol)

Parents are encouraged to attend

Please contact the parish office for further details.



Piety Stall

The Piety Stall is open after mass each week. It sell a wide variety of religious items. New stock of Confirmation Cards has just arrived.



Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2, 2021

Planning for the second issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2021 is underway and we invite your contributions. We will continue the 2021 themes of *Plenary*

Council / Year of St Joseph / Year of the Family. We are hoping to gather stories and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish, school community and agency. We hope to have this issue of “Our Diocesan Community” delivered in the week beginning July 12 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is Friday, May 28, 2021. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (not inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au. A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications. *Jane & Julie for the ODC Editorial Committee*

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. Pope’s intention for May:

May universal intention for evangelisation – The world of finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from

Reflection on the Gospel-Feast of the Ascension Year B (Mark 16:15-20)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The feast of the Ascension invites us to face the universal experience of loss, the loss of a loved one or of something precious to us, and to face this experience in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-remembering his death and resurrection. The liturgy now draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of the One who has been raised. The physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence. Like the early Christians, we need time to grasp each dimension of the one great Mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, time to ponder the implications of this great Mystery for us and for our planetary home.

Today's gospel passage receives little attention in commentaries and classes because, along with the immediately preceding passage (Mark 16:9-14), it is a late addition to the original text of Mark's gospel. The author of these verses is familiar with the similar commission to proclaim the good news to all nations and to baptise in the name of the Trinity, found at the end of Matthew's gospel. In Mark 16:15, the command is to go "into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation (*ktisis*)." It is a more inclusive vision than Matthew's and opens a space for an ecological reading of the text, an extension from the human to the other-than and more-than-human elements of the Earth community. The command to proclaim the good news, the gospel, recalls the first words of the Markan Jesus, "The time is fulfilled, and the kin-dom of God has come near; repent [=expand your horizons], and believe in the good news" (1:15).

If we were to accept that our mission in the "in-between times" is to bring the gospel to all creation, then we might take more seriously God's command in Genesis 2 to reverence and protect the earth (usually translated as "to till and to keep"). We might stop polluting the air that all creatures need for life. We might also read the affirmations of Genesis 1 through the lens of Mark 16 and respect once more the intrinsic goodness of all creation as a gospel imperative.

The "Ascension" event recounted towards the end of the passage presupposes a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the cosmos. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and Jesus is caught up into God's realm. The vertical movement is balanced by a horizontal movement: Jesus' return to "the right hand of God" ensures a different kind of presence in the church despite his seeming absence, one that enables believers to stop "looking up to the heavens" (Acts 1:11) and to continue the healing and re-creative ministry of Jesus "to all creation".

The Ascension of the Lord

First: Acts: 1:1-11

Second: 1 Eph 4:1-13 **Gospel:** Mk 16:15-20

Pentecost Sunday

First: Acts: 2:1-11

Second: 1 Cor 12:3-7 **Gospel:** Jn 20:19-23

