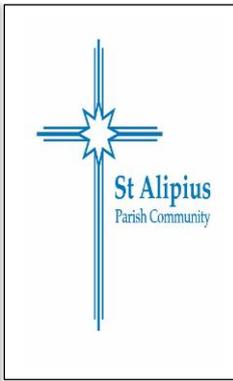


Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

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 emeraina.

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

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 23RD 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

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

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

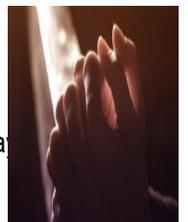
Counting Team Number 9 will be on this week

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Mary Dowling, George Pearse

Unwell: We pray for Mary Hall, Doug Knez, Patricia Wood, Agnes Peters, Waffa Ghali, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ra 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>		
28 th	Wine and Cheese Night	5.00pm
30 th	Youth Bonfire Night	5.00pm
<i>June</i>		
4 th	Caring Group Gathering	2.00pm
6 th	Youth Mass	5.30pm

Ss Peter & Paul Church
Contact Parish Office

Dates for
the Diary:

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)



Deanne and Tex Kennedy

Children of Melynda and Samuel

Sophie Joy Bailey

Daughter of Rachel and Anthony

Sophie, Patrick and Oliver Quinlan

Children of Hayley and Joshua

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

Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed Children

We congratulate the children who have been confirmed in the parish over the last week.

Currently we have confirmed 160 children.

We ask the parish community to include these children in their thoughts and prayers.



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.

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 \$1077.90

Direct Debit \$275.00

Loose \$300.00

Envelopes \$ 428.00





Happy 90th Birthday

Happy 90th Birthday to Maureen Spratling who has come to celebrate within our community today. We wish you a wonderful 90th birthday, with many more to come.

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.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Virtual Learning Program

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. Study subjects over 3 and 5 week cycles. Study Cycle 5 begins 4 July. Registrations are now open for new and returning participants. For more information go to: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email: djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

National Reconciliation Week: May 27 - June 3, 2021

The 2021 National Reconciliation Week theme, *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action*, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. The Reconciliation movement is at a tipping point: In the past year, with Black Lives Matter protests and huge numbers at Invasion Day rallies across the country, we're seeing people are understanding the truth and speaking up on issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action* asks people to take this awareness and knowledge, and use it as springboard to more substantive, brave action. Resources and further information is available from

<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/2021/03/23/more-than-a-word-reconciliation-takes-action/>



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-Pentecost Sunday Year B (John 20:19-23)

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning “fiftieth”) was a harvest festival celebrated 50 days after the beginning of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that God had made with Israel on Mt Sinai. In the decades following the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God's new covenant with God's people.

In today's first reading, Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God's Law on Mt Sinai. Just as God's presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God's Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke's account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongue.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will “retain” or “seize hold of” the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they “retain”.

To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence and of the strength we need to refrain from vengeance. Sadly, the desire for vengeance often inhibits healing in those who have suffered violence or abuse, and even in those who endeavour to support them, so that the cycle of transgression continues. With much of our world still in the grip of pandemic and our entire planet threatened by the climate crisis, we must work ceaselessly as a global community to address the causes of violence and destruction and search together for lasting solutions. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let us gather into our hearts all the distressed members of our Earth community and pray with greater urgency than ever: “Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the Earth.”

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Pentecost Sunday

First: Acts: 2:1-11

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

The Most Holy Trinity

First: Duet 4:32-34

Second Rom 8:14-17 **Gospel:** Mt 28:16-20

