

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 emerging.

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

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9TH MAY 2021



*Happy Mothers Day
A Mother is she who can take the place of all others,
but whose place no one else can take.*



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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

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)

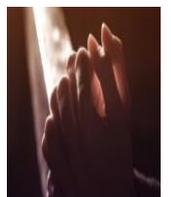
Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

Counting Team Number 7 will be on this week

In our prayers we remember.....

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 and all who are unwell.



Upcoming Dates in the parish community

May

11 th	Liturgy Meeting	5.30pm	St Alipius Presbytery
13 th	Sacristan Training	10.15am	St Alipius Church
15 th	Safe Church Awareness	9.30am	Ballarat
16 th	Youth Group	6.00pm	St Alipius Hall
28 th	Wine and Cheese Night	5.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul

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)



Peter Downey

Son of Stephanie and James

Hugh and Ollie Kimm

Sons of Laura and Jason

Zachary and Elijah Lindorff

Sons of Paula and Nueme

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

RCIA News

Members of our new parish RCIA Team were commissioned at masses last weekend. Congratulations to Susan Begbie, Dallas and Kevin Wilkinson, Danny and Sharron Williams, and Jo-Anne Bond! As a parish community we support our team, and welcome, enable, celebrate and witness to our inquirers as we journey with them. As our RCIA process gets underway members of our parish community will be invited to be involved, as welcomers, catechists and sponsors.

Caritas Australia, Project Compassion Annual Appeal

I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for this annual appeal. Without you and the time you take in promoting this appeal, Caritas Australia would not be able to support the many vulnerable people in need who rely on our generosity to assist them in changing their lives in becoming self-reliant. What now? I ask your support again in forwarding all donations to the CDF by May 31. Credit Cards are sent to: Caritas Australia, PO Box 178, Wendouree, 3355. Taxation Record of Receipts - please email this to m.susan@optusnet.com.au to ensure that the donors record of receipt is registered with Caritas to meet Australian Taxation Office requirements. Thank you once again for your very generous support. *Sue Searls, Diocesan Caritas Director*

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

Reflection on the Gospel-Easter 6B (John 15:9-17)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The constitutions of my religious institute remind me that “the tender mercy of our God has given us one another”. The implications of this profoundly beautiful truth are spelt out thus: “In our communities, we try to live in the friendship of Christ’s disciples [John 15:15]. To so live calls forth relationships of equality, a real acceptance of ourselves and others, a forgetfulness of anything that does not make love its message.” Living in the friendship of Christ’s disciples is at the heart of a gospel way of living. It is the commission at the heart of today’s reading and seems to be exactly what Pope Francis reminded all believers in his Apostolic Exhortation on the Call to Holiness in Today’s World, *Gaudete et Exultate*: “We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do”.

As we listen to the proclamation of the gospel, we might attend to the repetition of “joy”, to the three-fold repetition of “friends” and to the nine-fold repetition of “love”. We might attend to the way in which the pronouns I/my/me and you/your function in the passage. We may also notice the reference to “commands” and “commandments”.

We tend not to associate “commands” with friendship and love because those we count as our friends are not usually in the habit of commanding or ordering us to do what they want. We derive little joy from being ordered to do something. And yet, there is no resiling from the juxtaposition of these terms. God, imaged in the gospel passage as “Father”, loves Jesus. Jesus remains or abides in God’s love so deeply that this love flows on to his friends. They are to love one another as Jesus has loved them. This is his commandment or commission to them and, by extension, to us. It directs them/us to live for each other and put their lives/our lives on the line for one another. Countless health professionals, carers, drivers and cleaners across the globe are doing precisely that right now.

Remaining in the love of God or of Jesus and doing what God or Jesus commands seem to be one and the same thing. In other words, love is not just an emotion: it is always expressed in action that is in tune with and for the sake of the other. The disciples need no further explanation. Jesus’ whole life and his courage in the face of impending death have shown them what it means to love one another.

Living in the friendship of Christ’s disciples is not some abstract goal. Too often we affirm the goodness of our selfless companions on the journey only when we come to lay them to rest. As we approach the end of the Easter season, we might give thanks for the love of our friends, for their witness to holiness and for the joy that they bring to our lives.

Sixth Sunday of Easter Readings

First: Acts: 10:25-26

Second: 1 Jn 4:7-10 **Gospel:** Jn 15:9-17

The Ascension of the Lord

First: Acts: 1:1-11

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

