



*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 Fisker St. Buninyong 3357

*TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 20, 2021*

### **Covid Update**

***Our church capacity has increased.***

***St Alipius 90 people***

***Sts Peter & Paul Buninyong 75 people***

***USING THE QR CODE IS COMPULSORY WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH***

#### **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, Wednesday, Thursday Friday 10.00am to 2.30 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

#### **Masses during the week**

#### **St Alipius' Church, for 90 attendees**

*There will be no Monday, Friday & Saturday morning Mass this week.*

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 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 75 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>)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

***Counting Team Number 11 will be on this week***

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

**Recent Deaths:** Sr Rosemary Keilly RSM, Beatrice Cudia, Fr Kevin Condon O.P.

**Anniversaries:** Rosalie Barry, Peter McDonald

**Unwell:** We pray for Seamus McGettigan, Mary Hall, Doug Knez, 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.





## Parish Update

We welcome and thank Bishop Peter, Fr Eladio and Fr Barry for supporting our Parish whilst Fr Jorge is on leave. During this time the Office Hours will be adjusted. The Parish Office will be open from 10.00am to 2.30pm Tuesday through Friday. Thank you

## Update for our Parish Pastoral Council



We thank those who have been giving time to discern the direction of Our Parish. We are now moving forward to build a vibrant and energetic Parish Pastoral Council. We encourage all parshioners who would like to make a contribution to head to [sapliturgy.net.au](http://sapliturgy.net.au) and complete the online nomination form. Nominations will open on June 18th and will close July 5th.

***We look forward to hearing from you.***

## Position Vacant - Spiritual and Pastoral Carer

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat invites applicants for the part-time position (15 hours per week) of Spiritual and Pastoral Carer. This ministry will be exercised primarily at Ballarat Health Services, including the Base Hospital and the facilities at the Queen Elizabeth Centre. Ballarat Health Services is the main public referral health service to the Grampians region of Victoria, with a catchment population of over 250,000 people. We are a Child Safe Parish following the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian State Government, and implementing the policies, procedures and standards of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. Please contact the Cathedral Office for a position description and further information, 5331 2933 or [ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au). Applications close Friday, July 2, 2021 and are to be directed to Fr Justin Driscoll, 3 Lyons St Sth, Ballarat 3350.

## St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

**We invite you to be part of our annual Winter Appeal.**

**This year's Appeal targets one of the most basic of human rights – the right to have a home. We focus on the impact of homelessness on families and children, particularly as we recover from the effects of COVID-19.**

We are most grateful for the support we receive from our parish as it enables us to continue our support for those in need.

**If anyone is interested in joining our group please contact the parish office for further details.**

Parishioners can direct donations to our conference by:

- Calling 13 18 12 and confirming the name of the conference over the phone
- Donating online at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) and entering the conference name in the "Comments/Conference Name" section.
- **Using the Envelopes available at the end of the pews. Completed envelopes can be placed on the collection plate.**



## 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)



Presbytery	\$866.00	Direct Debit	\$802.20	Envelopes	\$405.00
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*We thank you for your continued Support*

## *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)*



**Zahra Daisy Lubeek**  
Daughter of Lauren and Brendan

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

### **Community News**

*If you would like to share any anniversary, birthday or other milestone with the parish please let us know. We would love to celebrate this with you*



### **A Special Thank you**

We would like to extend a very special thank you to Elaine. Elaine has been maintaining the parish Archives for 27years!! The Parish Staff will miss her greatly.



### **Pre-arranged Funerals**

Recently we have been contacted by a Parishioner who has chosen to plan for their own funeral. This is a terrific idea to be prepared which takes the stress and uneasiness of your funeral from your family and friends. If you would like to meet over a cuppa to chat about music/hymns/songs, readings/poems or any special notes you may wish to have for your celebration of your life, please don't hesitate to contact the presbytery or Kathy or Carmel on 0437 505 517.

### **Jubilees of Ordination Mass**

On Tuesday June 22nd Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 5.00pm with Bishop Paul and the priests of the Diocese who are gathering for meetings in the precinct that day. This Mass will be a celebration for those priests celebrating Jubilees of Ordination in 2021. Parishioners may register to attend this 5.00pm Mass (COVID-19 restrictions apply)

### **'Mindfulness & Meditation' (via ZOOM)**

Saturday 19 June 2021, 10am-3pm (AEST) . When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of reflection in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation, and we invite you to come prepared to be still and journey within. Facilitated by Paola Cheng. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne).

### **Year of St Joseph 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. Fr Khalid Marogi, Director of the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office, reflects on "Joseph as 'Protector'" (Mt 2:13-18) and this will coincide with Refugee Week, June 20-26, 2021 - <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>



## Reflection on the Gospel-12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 4:35-41)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel story looks back to the parables in the first part of the chapter and to the crowds that heard them. The story also looks forward as it marks the beginning of the second major section of Mark's gospel (4:35-8:21), a section that seems to be structured around a number of crossings of the lake or Sea of Galilee. Jesus' decision to move with his disciples out of familiar territory is deliberate: "Let us go across to the other side." The crossing itself is difficult, as is the challenge that confronts them on the other side of the lake. From the disciples' perspective, the seeming indifference of the sleeping Jesus is even more disturbing than the storm that threatens their safe crossing: "Do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus demonstrates that he does indeed care. From his perspective, the problem is with the fear in their hearts, a fear that is grounded in their lack of faith: "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

In the context of this Markan story, Jesus is like the sower in the parable (4:27-28) who goes to sleep and trusts that the seed will sprout and grow and bear fruit-which it does. Within a first-century Jewish context, Jesus' ability to "rebuke" the storm is a sign of divine power. In the Psalms, for instance, the God of Israel is the one who stills the roaring of the seas (Psalm 65:5) and controls the creatures that inhabit the waters (Psalm 89:9). Today's first reading has insisted that God commands the sea and all of its moods. In the Book of Job, God the Birthing Mother presents Job with a series of rhetorical questions, reminding him and us that, while the sea may be threatening, it is God's new born infant, wrapped in God's swaddling clothes of darkness and cloud (Job 38).

We read Mark's little story against the backdrop of the Hebrew Scriptures. We might also read it in light of contemporary science and find within it a call to consider how our species respects or fails to respect and to nurture the fruit of God's womb, the cosmos. The story of the storm at sea is most certainly not an invitation to be complacent about the extreme weather events on our planet, trusting in God that all will be well. While such terrifying events can derive from the movement of tectonic plates over which we have no control, they can also derive from or be exacerbated by excessive carbon and methane emissions. We pollute the atmosphere and make the seas to rise at our peril. Trust in God may involve relinquishing vested interests and engaging the processes that are designed to reverse the effects of the human-induced climate crisis. As nations begin to embrace more ambitious climate action, we have some reason to hope. Our hope is grounded in God who moves us to action.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First:** Job 38:1, 8-11;

**Second:** 2 Cor 5:14-17    **Gospel:** Mk 4:35-41

### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First:** Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24;

**Second:** 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15    **Gospel:** Mk 5:21-43

