



# 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 Fisken St. Buninyong 3357

***EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      AUGUST 1, 2021***

## ***Mass in the Parish***

We welcome parishioners back into the church this weekend.  
We remind all that ***masks must be worn*** for the safety and wellbeing of our community. Thank you.

### **Parish Office & Presbytery:**

- 84 Victoria Street  
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[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**

*Weekday mass times cannot be announced at this time.*

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)

***There is no counting team on this week.***

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

**Recent Deaths:** Vic Maguire, Mr Bartlett

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Dunn, Tom Ballinger, Lena Macklin, Norm Rouhan, Michael Kent, Edward John Duck

**Unwell:** We pray for Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Angie De Run (Malaysia), Peter Saunders, Juanita Rickard, Seamus McGettigan, Pat Hogan, Agnes Peters, Leticia Tanes, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Kateri Byrnes, Ann Coswello, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, John Beattie, Letitia Simmons, and all who are unwell.



## Upcoming Dates in the parish community

### August

3	First Eucharist Parent Information Session	6.00pm	St Alipius Church/Hall
4	First Eucharist Parent Information Session	10.30am	St Alipius Church/Hall
	First Eucharist Parent Information Session	6.30pm	St Alipius Church/Hall
5	RCIA Inquirers Night	6.30pm	St Alipius Hall

**\*\* All events are dependent on Covid Restrictions \*\***



We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all how lovely it is to see you and to be able to celebrate mass once more as a community.

We keep those who could be here in our thoughts and prayers.

## First Eucharist Parent Information Sessions

The Parish will open enrolments for First Eucharist at the Compulsory Parent Information Sessions being held this coming week. Any child in Grade 5 (and their siblings in Grade 4) are welcome to enrol. All details may be found on the parish website. Alternatively please contact the parish office for assistance.

Parents must enrol via [www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au) to attend these sessions.



### ***“Mission: one heart many voices” Virtual Conference***

Inspired by Jesus, this conference will focus on themes of encounter on the margins, inclusion, governance and synodality and challenge you to consider contemporary Mission in light of Pope Francis’ teaching, witness and vision of liminal leadership in mission. The Conference is from September 1-3, 2021 and is being convened by Catholic Religious Australia in conjunction with Catholic Mission. Perhaps your parish may wish to host a forum and invite members of your community to attend and share this experience together. An opportunity not to be missed. Check it out at <https://2021.mohmv.com.au/>. Discount for registrations prior to August 1.

### **An Important Message from the Diocese**

Victorian Legislative Council Member, Fiona Patten of the “Reason Party”, is introducing a motion today to have the Lord’s Prayer banned and in its place introduce a moment’s silence at the start of each sitting. Her reasoning is that many Victorians are not Christians and its discriminatory toward other religions and to Victorians with no religious affiliation <https://aparliamentforall.com/>. Contact your local Member of Parliament to register your concerns.



### ***Planned Giving***

Should you wish continue our Planned Giving or contribute 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*

*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)*



**Milla Rose and Harrison Patrick Daly**

Son of Joseph and Sarah

**Oliver and Lenny Smith**

Children of Casey and Lucas

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



**Emmanuel: God With Us**

Anyone that may be interested in practising and or learning more about Adoration, please look at the wonderful opportunity that is being held within our parish community.

Further details can be given by contacting Rachel directly.



***Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections***

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

**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 Helen (0419 875 349) or Denise (0409 388 628) for information. Parishioners can direct donations to our conference by:

- Calling 13 18 12 and confirming the name of the conference over the phone OR
- Donating online at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) and entering the conference name in the "Comments/Conference Name" section. OR Using the Envelopes available at the end of the pews. Completed envelopes can be placed on the collection plate. All donations are used in the Ballarat area. Donations of over \$2.00 are tax deductible, receipts will be issued.

## Reflection on the Gospel-18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(John 6:24-35)

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

The question of the crowds "Rabbi, *when did you come here?*" has to do with time and place. They address Jesus as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. His response to their question introduces a discussion about bread. This opens up for readers through the ages a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking.

We have become so familiar with many of the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements or the constructed environment in the text and treat them simply as backdrop for human activity rather than as having value in themselves. Jesus' claim "I am the bread of life" invites us to consider bread as matter essential to life as well as a metaphor for God's incarnate Word. It invites us to consider what both material and symbolic dimensions of the statement might mean for living a gospel way of life.

We might note the close attention in this passage to the material and social context of Jesus' words. Boats, a town (Capernaum), the sea (of Galilee), the land on the "other side" all feature in this text. For those who have visited Galilee and seen the first century boat preserved in Kibbutz Ginnosar, reference to boats might evoke the diversity of wooden materials used in boat construction, in this case mostly oak and cedar. It might also alert us to the human communities that interacted with the material world to build the boats so integral to the life of the lake communities.

Those who have seen images of Capernaum will be aware of the basalt building materials used in the construction of the houses and might be led to wonder at the extraordinary processes of rock formation. The Sea of Galilee has agency in so many gospel stories. Here it is mentioned in passing, but must not be ignored, especially as we become aware of how perilously endangered it has become since its waters have been exploited for irrigation over several decades. The "other side" evokes the rich agricultural land generally referred to as the "bread-basket" of the region. Mention of the crowd introduces children as well as women and men searching for Jesus. In other words, the text invites us into the whole Galilean world encoded in the text.

Ironically, the words of the Johannine Jesus with their focus on the symbolic meaning of the bread turn his questioners away from the physical, material Earth elements that constitute both bread and flesh. Pope Francis invites us again and again to value and respect the material world. In these troubled times of pandemic, those hungering for life sustaining bread can rightly expect to find their hunger satisfied by the disciples of the one who claims to be the "bread of life".

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

**First:** Ex16:2-4, 12-15;

**Second:** Eph 4:17,20-24    **Gospel:** Jn 6:24-35

### St Mary of the Cross

**First:** 1 Kg 17:8-16;

**Second:** Col 3:12-17    **Gospel:** Mt 6:25-34

