

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 Fiskens St. Buninyong 3357

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 11, 2021

Mask Wearing Update

Reviewing the mask wearing guidelines on the Premiers website our welcomers act as our Covid Marshalls and are required to ask all people to wear masks. However whilst they will ask for all to wear a mask it is not their responsibility to enforce this.

We ask all in our parish community to do the right thing.

Parish Office & Presbytery:

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

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday 10.00am to 2.30 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

Masses during the week

St Alipius' Church, for 180 attendees

There will be mass on Tuesday Wednesday Thursday and Friday morning this week.

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

Ss Peter & Paul's Church,

Buninyong for 150 attendees

Sunday 9:00 am (2nd and 4th)

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

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

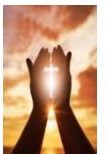
Counting Team Number 3 will be on this week

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Louisa Khoo Geok Leng (Malaysia), Lois Madigan, Bernard Dowling, John McGrath

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

Unwell: We pray for Seamus McGettigan, Mary Hall, Agnes Peters, Leticia Tanes, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Kateri Byrnes, Ann Coswello, Pat Hogan, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, John Beattie, Letitia Simmons, and all who are unwell.



Upcoming Dates in the parish community

July		
18 th	Youth Group	6.00pm St Alipius Hall
20 th	First Eucharist Parent Information Session	6.30pm St Alipius Church
21 st	First Eucharist Parent Information Session	10.30am St Alipius Church
	First Eucharist Parent Information Session	6.30pm St Alipius Church
21 st	RCIA Inquirers Meeting	6.30pm St Alipius Hall
23 rd	Wine and Cheese Night	5.30pm Ss Peter & Paul



Security Adjustments

The parish is in the process of upgrading its processes involving access and security. We thank you for your support and understanding as we all navigate to a new normal.



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 parishioners who would like to make a contribution to head to sapliturgy.net.au and complete the online nomination form. Due to the interest being shown we have extended the closing date to Friday July 16th.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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.



First Eucharist

As term 3 begins the Parish will open enrolments for First Eucharist for any child in Grade 5 (and their siblings in Grade 4). All information can be found on the parish website, alternatively please contact the parish office for assistance.



Expressions of Interest are being sort for membership of the Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation

Ballarat's *Diocesan Finance Council*, the *Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund*, and the *Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation* are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people (women and men) to join the advisory council, the advisory committee as well as the Foundation's Board. We are seeking persons from across the Diocese who have experience in one or more of the following areas: Corporate Governance; Finance, Banking; Legal; and Philanthropy. Successful candidates will demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church, and possess personal qualities of integrity, collaborative approach, sound judgement, and excellent communication skills. More information is available at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/expressions-of-interest-are-being-sort-for-membership-of-the-diocesan-finance-council-the-committee-of-management-of-the-catholic-development-fund-and-the-board-of-the-catholic-diocese-of-ballarat-f/> or contact Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager, ph. 5337 7126.

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

Direct Debit \$495

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)



Naia and Miren Guinea
Children of Ander and Katherine

Harper Jacobs
Daughter of Shaun and Chantelle

Emme Grace Attwell
Daughter of Jordan and Kate

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



Wine and Cheese Anyone?? July 23rd

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.

Alpha @ St Patrick's Parish

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that create a safe and honest space, online or in person, where people can explore life, faith and meaning. It is a safe environment for anyone and everyone who wants to explore life and the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome! From Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7.00pm (for 11 weeks) in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat. For more information, please contact alpha.jess@icloud.com

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) – Invitation for Dismissal Catechists

As the RCIA program moves forward, the Parish RCIA Team invites parishioners to share in the role of Dismissal Catechists. This role involves parishioners to gather with the catechumens/candidates following the Liturgy of the Word and homily during weekend masses, a time of prayerful reflection and faith sharing upon God's Word.

The Team welcomes past and new Dismissal Catechists to register their names with the parish office either by phone 53326611 or email ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

An introduction to the role and preparation for this ministry will be arranged with those who register their names.

RCIA Team Ballarat East.

Accommodation Needed

If anyone has accommodation that would be suitable for a university aged student would you please contact the Parish Office on 5332 6611. Thank you

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>

Reflection on the Gospel-15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark 6:7-13)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

To be a disciple of Jesus is to experience a call. It is also to be sent on a mission in partnership with others, a mission invariably expressed in terms of preaching, teaching, healing, and/or driving out of demons or unclean spirits. In other words, it is to be authorised to do what Jesus did and to proclaim what he proclaimed. When we hear of Jesus casting out demons and telling his disciples to do likewise, we tend to think that whatever they did is something that belongs to another time and has little to do with our contemporary society.

In the cosmology of the time, there was a realm between the divine and the human that was inhabited by good and evil spirits (angels and demons). The divide between these realms was conceptualised as porous so that humans could be protected by the angels or “possessed” by the demons. While the cosmology of the twenty-first century has no “place” for such beings, the contemporary imagination allows space for a metaphorical engagement with the angelic and demonic. When we speak of “demons” now, we are talking about something recognisable in human experience, even if somewhat removed from the “demons” that beset the poor in the Roman imperial provinces of the first century.

Today’s parents spend much of their time casting out the “demons” that beset their children, as do our friends when they sit and listen to the pain in our hearts and help us to let go of the “demons” that so often inhabit our psyches. Many health professionals are paid to heal the hurts as well as the cuts and burns. They drive out the demons of fear and hate and prejudice and of paralysing mental illness. Educators also, aware that learning occurs only when students are relatively free from fear and anxiety, know what it means to drive out the demons.

It is significant that Jesus instructs the disciples to travel light. They need the basics to live and to do their job, but if their mission is to be effective, they must be free from the anxiety that comes from excess. Psychologist and social critic John F. Schumacher suggests that societies with the most material goods tend to be the most anxious. “Mutual respect, community-mindedness, an eagerness to share, reverence for nature, thankfulness and love of life”, it seems, are the major ingredients for a stress- or “demon”-free personal and community life. There would be no need to shake the dust from our feet for want of hospitality if that were the way we all chose to live. What’s more, there would be enough for all on our planet, the human and other-and-human, to live in dignity and peace. The experience of Covid-19 has been devastating in so many ways. While the only way out is widespread vaccination, many are fearful and anxious of being vaccinated. To allay the fears in our neighbours and friends is to live the gospel at this time.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Amos 7:12-15;

Second: Eph 1:3-14 **Gospel:** Mk 6:7-13

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Jer 23:1-6;

Second: Eph 2 :13-18 **Gospel:** Mk 6:30-34

