



# 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 Fiskin St. Buninyong 3357

*SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

*JULY 18, 2021*

## Mass in the Parish

This weekends mass will be able to be streamed through

[www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au)

This will be available for viewing by 6pm Saturday.

### 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 180 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 150 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:** Lois Madigan, Bernard Dowling, John McGrath

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

**Unwell:** We pray for 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

### July

21 <sup>st</sup>	First Eucharist Parent Information Session	10.30am	St Alipius Church
	First Eucharist Parent Information Session	6.30pm	St Alipius Church
21 <sup>st</sup>	RCIA Inquirers Meeting	6.30pm	St Alipius Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	First Eucharist Parent Meeting Session	6.30pm	St Alipius Church
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wine and Cheese Night	5.30pm	Ss Peter & Paul

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



## WELCOME BACK FR JORGE



### A Special Thank You

We give a special thanks to Bishop Peter Connors, Fr Barry Ryan, and Fr Eladio for their generosity of time over the last month whilst Fr Jorge has been on holidays.



We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the kindness shown to our welcomers at mass over the weekends as we all work with contact tracing and mask wearing obligations. We hope to welcome you all back into the church next week.

### 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.

### 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.



Please note our Information Session scheduled for Tuesday evening has been cancelled. A replacement night has been placed on Thursday evening at 6.30pm.



### Wine and Cheese Anyone??

*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.*



### 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*

## *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 – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for July: **July universal intention – social friendship**: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



## *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>

## *Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021*

As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. In this Year of St Joseph, the National Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. The 2021 program will focus on St Joseph and will include a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31, 2021. To read about this year's speakers go to <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicmen>

## **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-16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 6:30-34)

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

In every life, there is need for a balanced rhythm of work and re-creation. With so much pain and suffering in our world at the moment, the demands of living a gospel way of life can overwhelm us and cause us to act as though everything depends on us. While we can never really escape the responsibility of being there for those in need, today's gospel reminds us that there is a time for being out on mission and a time for being with the one who calls and sends us.

The apostles have been busy—preaching, healing and driving out the “demons” as instructed. They now report back to Jesus with an account of their activities and are invited to take time to rest and recuperate. “Come away to a desert place all by yourselves and rest a while” is the invitation that Jesus extends to them. The reference to desert evokes the wilderness of Sinai through which the people of Israel travelled for forty years. For the contemporary reader, it evokes the diversity of life in the desert, on the one hand, and the desertification of so much of the earth's surface as a result of tree-clearing and mindless destruction of forests on the other.

The “rest” that Jesus proposes is short-lived: the crowds pursue him. His response to these crowds is a physical one: he is “moved with compassion”. The Greek verb for being moved with compassion suggests a “gut” reaction in Jesus: he is physically affected in the depths of his being by the plight of the people who are “like sheep without a shepherd”, and he is ready to do something about it. As the story continues, we find Jesus inviting his disciples to accept responsibility for relieving the hunger of the people in the desert. “You give them something to eat” is his instruction to those who would turn the people away.

Like the Israelites of old, the afflicted Earth community in any age needs good leaders or “shepherds” who will “practice justice and righteousness in the land”, as the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah reminds us. The Hebrew word for justice in this context refers to justice in the law courts. The word for righteousness is about right relationship at every level. Jesus demonstrates for his disciples and for us what justice and righteousness entail.

As the gospel story unfolds, we find that Jesus' disciples are well-meaning, though slow to learn. They are a bit like us in that. The more we take time to reflect, however, the more likely we are to respond with the compassionate heart of the “shepherd”, and the more likely we are to achieve lasting justice and right relationship in a world of unconscionable disparities and unprecedented displacement of peoples and of other-than-human species. We might advocate at this time for a more equitable distribution of vaccines so that all may know the saving power of God.

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

**First:** Jer 23:1-6;

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

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

**First:** 2 Kg 4:42-44;

**Second:** Eph 4:1-6    **Gospel:** Jn 6:1-15

