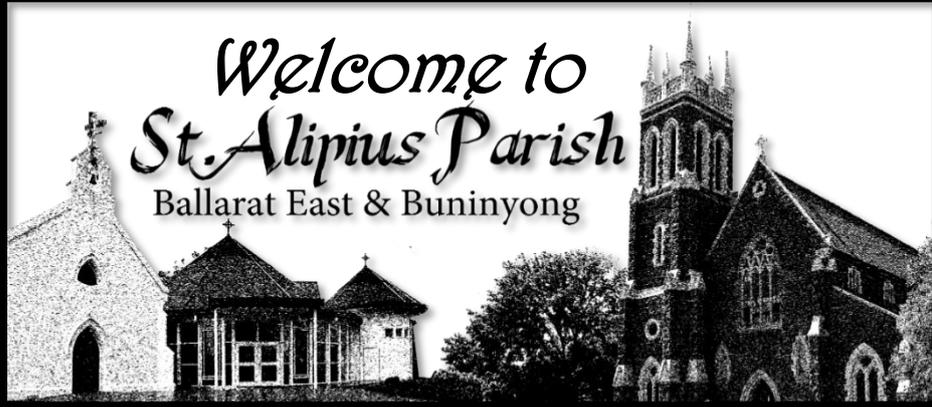


# Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

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.

10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2021

28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Happy Birthday Fr Eladio 7<sup>th</sup> of October

Wishing you a wonderful birthday !!

We look forward to be able to celebrate with you soon.



### Parish Office & Presbytery:

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Ballarat East 3350
- 5332 6611
- ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am till 4.00pm

### 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:** TBA

**Liturgy Coordinator:** David Santamaria

**Funeral Ministry:** Carmel Flynn, Kathy Curran

### Masses during the week

#### St Alipius' Church for 20 people

Weekday masses will be held on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday this coming week.

#### **Preregistration is compulsory.**

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>)

Rosary and divine Mercy will be put on hold at this stage.

#### Ss Peter & Paul's Church,

#### Buninyong for 20 people

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)

**Mass will be available to view on Sunday morning.**

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

**Recent Deaths:** Bev Dawson, Ben Busuttill, Steven Martin, Petra Magtaas, Lolita Salonga, Maric 'Maria' Franic

**Anniversaries:** Vera Gittings, John Bernard Krohn, Timothy McKeegan, Primitivo De La Vega Jr, John Britt, Fr. Pol Jinon OSJ, Fr. Alfredo Piad OSJ

**Unwell:** We pray for Socorro De Chavez (P), Peter Kelly, Betty McGarry, 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, Letitia Simmons, and all who are unwell.



*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)*



**Ivy Jolly**

*Daughter of Emma and Carl*

**Nina Smith**

*Daughter of Megan and Andrew*

**Hugo Davis**

*Son of Jessica and Timothy*

**Andie Jones**

*Daughter of Shane and Aimee*

**Eden Gull**

*Daughter of Bridget and Shane*

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

***The Plenary Council is underway!***



The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia has opened:

- To see updates from the diocese go to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>
- Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)
- We continue to extend to people in the diocese an invitation, another opportunity, to engage in the process and to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit. **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED HANDOUT.** Please feel free to complete this, while the Assembly is still continuing, with thoughts and observations and email to [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Any submissions will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members to the Plenary Council.
- Another way of supporting the Plenary Council is through prayer or watch this video <https://youtu.be/HXor1YbKaPs>



***CatholicCare Victoria - Free Mental Health & Wellbeing Guide***

CatholicCare Victoria has been supporting the Ballarat community for almost 45 years. To help in these tough times, we've developed a free guide to mental health and wellbeing, created by regional Victorians, for regional Victorians. Download your copy today at

[https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=mental-health&utm\\_content=ballarat&fbclid=IwAR26onSC87f6p89AMoli\\_Conf5W\\_cYPyRTwsDKzWwMk4xREnbkTGzUv07ec](https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=mental-health&utm_content=ballarat&fbclid=IwAR26onSC87f6p89AMoli_Conf5W_cYPyRTwsDKzWwMk4xREnbkTGzUv07ec)



***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)

*Envelopes* \$1335 *Loose Plate* \$70.00 *Direct Debit* \$200 *Presbytery* \$765.60

*We thank you for your continued Support*



## Our Parish NEWS Update



### *Mass Attendance*

Moving forward the Parish will be putting parameters in place to ensure that all Government mandated requirements are met in relation to Mass attendance. ***These parameters include Mass availability for all people regardless of vaccination status.***

Mass times are currently being reviewed and we will be looking at Masses being available for all. These mass times will need to be capped at 20.

As noted from Bishop Paul's letter last week we are beginning the process of collecting Covid 19 Digital Certificates to allow for the maximum number of parishioners to be welcomed to Mass. We ask when comfortable please look to provide a copy of your Covid 19 vaccination certificate to the parish office.

This can be printed and dropped into the Parish Office or emailed via the Medicare App on your phone.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office on 5332 6611 if you have any questions or concerns.

### *Parish Office*

*The parish office will be managed offsite as Bron's family has been exposed to COVID 19 and will be quarantining at home until October 14<sup>th</sup>. All phone calls and emails will still be attended to.*

*We thank you for your support and understanding as we journey through this.*

### *Pastoral Council*

In the coming weeks a meeting will be called to bring our Parish Pastoral Council Together moving forward with our existing and our new members unified. We look forward to providing more information soon.

### *RCIA*

The first gathering for those interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith was held recently with eight enthusiastic and spirit-filled Inquirers meeting with the RCIA team.

If you would like to support these Inquirers through the Dismissal process we ask you to contact the Parish office on 53326611.



### *Diocesan e-News*

For recent news of events and celebrations, see the latest Diocesan e-News at this link – <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. You can also subscribe to receive e-News directly to your inbox on this same page.

### *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. Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD reflects on "St Joseph- A Hidden Life" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

**Reflection on the Gospel-28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**  
**(Mark 10:17-30)**

*-Veronica Lawson RSM*

Not too many of us commit murder or adultery. Not too many take hostages or give false testimony in a court of law. Most are ready to honour and care for their parents in their old age. In other words, most of us are basically decent and honest and could make the same claim as does the wealthy man who runs up to Jesus, namely that we have kept the commandments from our youth. The man's question is actually a strange one. He wants to know what he must *do* in order to inherit eternal life. He seems unaware that inheritance depends, not on what one does, but on who one is. Jesus responds to his greeting, "Good Teacher", with a reminder that God is the source of all goodness, and then lets him know that keeping the commandments is not enough. Interestingly, Jesus adds a commandment that is not actually numbered among the "ten" but is to be found in an Essene document from Qumran: "You shall not defraud". This prepares the way for what follows.

First-century Mediterranean societies were "limited goods" societies. If a person acquired wealth, it was invariably understood to be at the expense of others. The wealthy were therefore looked upon with suspicion. Although Jesus looks at the man lovingly, he may nonetheless be hinting that this person's wealth has been acquired fraudulently. Jesus offers a challenge that the man is unable to meet: to sell what he has, give the proceeds to the poor, have "treasure in heaven", and "follow" him. The man retains his possessions and acquires a burden, the burden of sorrow. To share one's goods with those in need is too hard for some, Jesus admits, but not for those who are open to the power of God at work in their lives.

The concluding verses are puzzling. In declaring that those who have left everything and followed him are to have an abundance of this world's goods as well as eternal life, is Jesus modifying his earlier position? Is he reverting to a tradition that saw wealth as God's reward for righteous living? Is he suggesting that those who share their goods find they have more than enough? It is hard to know. The twist in the tale is that they will do it hard: "not without persecution". It is likely that Mark is describing his own experience within a persecuted community of believers some forty years after the death of Jesus. The happy ones were doubtless those who took the risk of sharing their goods with those in need. Our privileged country has still to learn that lesson, even with respect to global vaccine accessibility. Welcoming the stranger and sharing our wealth with the dispossessed may demand of us a simpler way of life. Who knows what blessings it will bring if we dare to take up the challenge?

*28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First:** Wis 7:7-11

**Second:** Heb 4:12-13 **Gospel:** Mk 10:17-30

*29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First:** Is 53:10-11

**Second:** Heb 4:14-16 **Gospel:** Mk 10:35-45

