



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.

24TH OCTOBER 2021 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH

*As we gather today, we keep those that join us in Mass at home in our thoughts and prayers.
We ask all in our community to read the update on Mass Times being offered around the Diocese to support everyone within our Community.*

Mass will be available to view at home from Sunday morning via sapliturgy.net.au

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Child Safety Officer: Bronwyn Ballesty

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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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday this coming week.

Preregistration is compulsory.

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00 am (1st, 3rd and 5th)

10:30 am (2nd and 4th)

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 (2nd and 4th)

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

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

Mass will be available to view on Sunday morning.

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Juliana Aguilar (P), Bert Cancio (P), Julia Marquez (P), Roger Pecto (P), Steve Martin, June Auchettl

Anniversaries: Sheila Barrett, Abraham Punosse, Marg McGuigan

Unwell: We pray for Julia Marquez, Socorro De Chavez (P), Peter Kelly, Betty McGarry, Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Angie De Run (Malaysia), Peter Saunders, Seamus McGettigan, Pat Hogan, Agnes Peters, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, 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)



Chloe Allan

Daughter of Rodney and Lauren

Goldie Bourke

Daughter of Sarah and Xavier

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

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

The period of local consultation as part of the global journey to the 2023 XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops has commenced. After diocesan celebrations last weekend to launch the Synod process locally, an online portal is now open to receive responses to 10 key questions the Synod documents pose. Reflection guides and prayer resources have been created to support engagement with the Synod journey. Resources available include a media release regarding the consultation process, reflection guides, prayers and the Synod logo at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>. A bulletin notice is included below.

Catholic Mission Month

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>. Statements from the Premier regarding COVID-19 matters are published immediately on his webpage; <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/>. At the very end of the page is also published the upgraded table of restrictions, PDF format, that are based on his most recent press conference.

The Australian Immunisation Register can post immunisation history statements for those having difficulty accessing a digital copy (it may take up to 14 days to arrive). Phone 1800 653 809, Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm.

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

We thank you for your continued Support

Our Parish NEWS Update

Mass Attendance / Bookings

The parish is grateful to all for embracing the online booking format through sapliturgy. As there are only 20 places per mass we ask all parishioners to consider the availability when making bookings. Sadly in recent weeks we have had empty places and many people have been turned away due to late and unknown changes. Please remember;

- Weekday Bookings cannot be cancelled less than 24 hours before mass (*without explanation*).
- Weekend Bookings cannot be cancelled after Friday 5pm (*without explanation*)
- Bookings are for the person/s named and cannot be transferred to others without notification.
- Masks must remain on throughout mass.

We thank all people who have been providing their WWCC, Police Checks, and their Vaccination certificates to the parish, these are very much appreciated. We encourage all parishioners to continue to provide these. If you need help with this please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

A reminder that these can be printed and dropped into the Parish Office or emailed via the Medicare App on your phone.

Mass Availability

From November 5th, the numbers able to attend Masses will increase significantly for those who are fully vaccinated. When someone's vaccination status is unknown, there is a limit of 20 people able to attend Mass. Aware that not everyone will be fully vaccinated, our parishes will offer one Mass during the week where no vaccination status will be required. Twenty people will be able to attend and it will be a requirement to book in with the respective parish. These Masses will commence on Monday November 8th

Monday	St Patrick's Cathedral	10.00am	5331 2933
Tuesday	St Michael's Bungaree	9.30am	5334 0450
Wednesday	St Aloysius' Redan	9.30am	0455 212 123
Thursday	OLHC Wendouree	10.00am	5339 2302
Saturday	St Alipius' Ballarat East	9.30am	5332 6611



Parish Office

The Parish Office will be open Tuesdays Wednesday and Friday this week from 10am to 3.30pm.

We thank you for your support

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.



Reflection on the Gospel-30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 10:46-52)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

*W*hat is it that we fail to see? Today's gospel reading brings to closure a long section of Mark's gospel that focuses on the journey of Jesus and his disciples from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Jericho in the south. Jericho is the final staging point in the journey to Jerusalem where the final act of the gospel drama will be played out. This section of the gospel (8:27-10:52) is prefaced by the story of a blind man who comes to sight in stages. It ends with the story of another blind man, Bartimaeus, who comes from blindness to sight, from insight to greater insight, and who joins Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem. On the intervening journey, Jesus endeavours to lead the Twelve out of their metaphorical blindness into an understanding of what it means to follow a suffering messiah. They remain for some time in their blindness, as subsequent events will demonstrate.

The narrator creates an impression of urgency at this point in Mark's gospel. "They" come to Jericho and then leave. The intervention of Bartimaeus, who tries to attract the attention of Jesus by calling out from the roadside, threatens to delay the journey. When he cries out for "mercy", many try, without success, to silence him. The "many" are people in the crowd who neither share the depth of Bartimaeus' faith nor grasp the nature of Jesus' mission of gathering in "the remnant of Israel, among them the blind and the lame" (Jeremiah 31:8). Those who try to silence Bartimaeus are a bit like the family of Jesus who tried to protect him from himself (Mark 3:31).

When it is clear that the perception of the "many" is not shared by Jesus who tells them to "call him", we have an almost comical scene in which they do a complete about-face. It seems they want to please the authority figure no matter what. Bartimaeus offers a stark contrast to these people. He knows that Jesus has the power to bring the mercy of God into his life and the lives of those who wait by the roadside with faith in their hearts. He receives the assurance from Jesus that his faith has made him well or, more literally, has "saved him". Having heard the "call", he follows Jesus "on the way", the journey of faith.

At times we, like Bartimaeus, are aware of our blindness and wait desperately by the roadside for the right person or circumstances to come along and give us the heart to rise up and live the journey of faith. At times, we are like the "many" who think we know what is best for others and who try to silence the voices of those who interfere with our plans. At other times, we, like Jesus of Nazareth, respond to the cries for mercy and stretch out our hands to gather in those whose disabilities might otherwise leave them by the side of the road in the journey of life.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Jer 31: 7-9

Second: Heb 5:1-6 **Gospel:** Mk 10:46-52

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Duet 6: 2-6

Second: Heb 7:23-28 **Gospel:** Mk 12:28-34

