



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.

February 13, 2022 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Happy are they who hope in Lord.*

St Alipius' Parish Church
82 Victoria St, Ballarat East 3350

SS Peter & Paul's Church
701 Fisker St. Buninyong 3357

Parish Office & Presbytery:

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Office Hours:

The Parish Office will open on the following:
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
10.00am to 3.30pm

Liturgy Online:

- www.sapliturgy.net.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Parish Coordinator: Bronwyn Ballesty

PPC Chair: Cathy Prunty

Child Safety Officer: Bronwyn Ballesty

Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue

Finance Com. Chair: TBA

Liturgy Coordinator: David Santamaria
ballarateastliturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Funeral Ministry: Carmel Flynn
stalipiusfunerals@gmail.com

Masses during the week St Alipius' Church at 9.30am

Tuesday 10.30am (funeral)

Wednesday through to Saturday

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 said each morning after the 9.30am mass. Please join us on the left of the church.

Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong

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 No .2 will be on this week.
Tarquino's , O'Donohue

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Brian O'Neill, Kenneth John McLean, Fr Vicente Visintainer OSJ, Fr Antonio Fanchini OSJ, Fr Raymund De La Cruz OSJ, Fr Mario Cueto OSJ, Malcolm McClean

Anniversaries: Tom Shannon, Martin Moran, Michael Joseph Duck

Unwell: We pray for Jacinta Wilson, Joan O'Beirne, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall, Perla Manguiat, Peter Kelly, Betty McGarry, Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Peter Saunders, Agnes Peters, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, 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)



Clancy and Winter Preston
Children of Olivia and Anthony

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

Pathways Response Victoria

The Victorian Catholic Bishops launched Pathways Response Victoria last year, which will provide a further way of responding to those who have suffered abuse in the Catholic community. Pathways Response Victoria will be the successor to Towards Healing and The Melbourne Response from the start of 2022. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pathways-response-victoria/>

Looking Forward Booklet 2021-2025

The new "Looking Forward" pastoral planning booklet 2021-2025 is now available and can be accessed and/or downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/looking-forward/>. Hard copies will be distributed to parishes in the coming weeks. This new edition of "Looking Forward" provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes data about the diocese and offers information on changes to parishes over the next few years.

Job Vacancies within the Diocese

St Columba's Catholic Church Parish Coordinator

The Parish of St Columba's Ballarat North are seeking a Parish Coordinator to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office, part time 16 hours (0.4) per week. Duties will include reception and administration as well as coordinating Sacramental Programs for Confirmation, Reconciliation (Junior and Senior), First Eucharist and Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC). An understanding of the practices and values of the Catholic Church is essential to this role. Please contact the Parish Office on 03 5331 1012 for a position description. Applications close on Friday, March 4, 2022 and should be addressed to Fr Marcello Colasante, St Columba's, 306 Gregory Street Ballarat North Vic 3350, email: ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission with responsibility for the Dioceses of Ballarat and Sandhurst (West Victoria)

For a position description and short video on what it is like to work at Catholic Mission, go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>. If you are interested, please submit a cover letter of 1 page and a resume no longer than 3 pages to employment@catholicmission.org.au.

Liturgy Brisbane Online liturgical formation & training courses

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission recommends the following online courses offered by Liturgy Brisbane: Ministers of the Word (Readers); Lay Ministers of Communion Course; Combined Course: Ministers of Word & Communion. You can learn at your pace when you want to learn with comprehensive, multi-modal and engaging training, all from the comfort of your own home. Immediate training for new volunteers or an excellent refresher for experienced ministers. A certificate will be issued on course completion. More information is available from <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses/>

Upcoming Dates in the Parish Community



<i>February</i>		
13 th	PPC Planning Day	10.30am St Alipius Church/Hall
18 th	Wine & Cheese Night	5.30pm Ss Peter & Pauls Church, Buninyong
21 st	Clergy Retreat	
22 nd	First Eucharist <i>Parent Information Night</i>	7.00pm To Be Advised
26 th	Rite of Election	12.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

Parish Pastoral Planning Day

Our PPC will be coming together this weekend to pray, reflect and to create a plan as we move through 2022. We ask that you keep the Parish and this team them in your prayers as they discern together.

We look forward to sharing more with you in the coming

Wine and Cheese Night

February 18th



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.

Looking forward to unwinding with you all.

RCIA Program

Our RCIA program recommences this weekend after a summer break. Our Dismissal sessions run during Sunday masses and assist our catechumen and candidates in learning to reflect and internalise the Gospel readings of the week.

Please keep our 8 catechumen and candidates in your prayers and look out for them after mass and introduce yourselves - welcome them into our parish community.

We are always looking for additional Dismissal catechists to assist with these Sunday sessions. Training and support will be provided. This is a wonderful way to share your faith and faith journey with others.

Please contact the parish office if you feel you would like to contribute to this important ministry.

Sacramental Program



Please find enclosed a copy of our Sacramental Program for 2022.

We will be holding the parent information session for First Eucharist on February 22nd at 7pm. More details on how this will be delivered will be released in the coming week.

Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Planned Giving



Should you wish to 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

Presbytery \$ 1061.00

Parish \$ 618.20

Direct Debit \$ 1050.00

We thank you for your continued support

**Reflection on the Gospel –6th Sunday in Ordinary Time C
(Luke 6:17, 20-26)**

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Why does Luke's Jesus declare the poor and suffering happy or blessed? And why does he seem to be so hard on those who enjoy economic security and the respect of others? We are unlikely to consider ourselves blessed or happy when we cannot pay our bills or put food on the table. We are likewise slow to count our blessings, much less dance for joy, when we find ourselves in tears or when we are excluded, rejected, and treated with contempt. We are more likely to consider ourselves blessed when we do not have to be constantly worried about money or food and when others treat us with respect. What does the gospel say to those of us who are somewhere in between the destitute who are declared blessed and the wealthy who are told to watch out? What does this gospel offer to those who attract neither praise nor blame? There are no easy answers to any of this, beyond the clear evidence that Luke's Sermon on the Plain engages the theme of reversal that permeates this gospel.

The poor are told that the reign of God is theirs. In other words, it is a present rather than a future reality. The poor can at least know that they are acceptable to God in ways that may be incomprehensible to the wealthy who, in their turn, are challenged to share their wealth. It is not much consolation for the hungry or those who weep to know that their "reward will be great in heaven" if heaven is a place enjoyed only in the afterlife. "Heaven" is better understood as a way of talking about God's empire of justice and compassion both present and to come. Reversal is expected in this life rather than the next. Weeping is usually connected in the prophetic literature with the disasters that flow from "ungodly" decisions. In our times, there are many weeping over "ungodly" decisions in relation to asylum seekers and carbon emissions. Laughter seems a remote possibility for many displaced people of our world and for those still unable to access vaccines. We are reminded today of the gospel imperative to work and pray that war-torn, pandemic and climate affected countries will once again resonate with the sound of happy laughter.

Finally, our experience makes us wary of those who flatter or put us on pedestals. It is generally only a matter of time before we fall from favour and find ourselves on the receiving end of criticism or even attack. It is ultimately better to be misunderstood and to be at peace with one's conscience in the pursuit of compassion and justice than to be the object of adulation and praise. It is only in handling life's challenges with dignity, grace, and single-minded focus on the gospel that we find blessing or happiness.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Jer 17:5-8

Second: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 **Gospel:** Lk 6:17, 20-26

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Second: 1 Cor 15: 45-49 **Gospel:** Lk 6:27-38

