



*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 6, 2022
Word of God Sunday – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Happy are they who hope in the Lord

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

SS Peter & Paul's Church
701 Fiskin 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
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Masses during the week
St Alipius' Church at 9.30am

Weekday masses will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and 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 . 1 will be on this week.
Noonan, Clarkson, Mullane

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Tony Cullen
Anniversaries: Tom Shannon, Martin Moran
Unwell: We pray for Jacinta Wilson, Joan O'Beirne, Colin Duck, 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)



Neve Renga

Daughter of Olivia and Joshua

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

A Special Prayer

We ask all parishioners to extend their hands in prayer for Fr Jorge's parents who are celebrating their 67th Wedding Anniversary.

"It takes a second to fall in love, and a lifetime to prove its worth."

Happy Anniversary



Liturgy News



A quick reminder that the Liturgy Roster for February and March is now being created. We ask all those who have been contacted via email to click on the link included and complete this form. If you do not receive details via email please call the Parish Office for assistance. If you have any concerns please contact the Office or the Liturgy team on the details provided: ballarateastliturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5332 6611

Word of God Sunday – this Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

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.

Upcoming Dates in the Parish Community



February

8 th	Liturgy Meeting	5.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul Church, Bunin
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		
26 th	Rite of Election	12.30pm	St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

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.

Sacramental Plan

In the coming weeks the Parish will release the 2022 Sacramental Plan.

If you would like to support the children receiving their sacraments this year please contact the Parish Office. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Counting Roster

A new roster is now available in the St Alipius Sacristy for the Counting Team.

If you would like to consider joining those who help with this ministry please contact the Parish office. We look forward to hearing from you.

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community and one which is greatly appreciated by all who participate. This applies to both adults and children of catechetical age who have undertaken formation. The Rite of Election for catechumens, candidates and children of catechetical age will take place on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022 at 12.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat**. The presider will be Bishop Paul Bird CSsR. At the conclusion of the ceremony all are invited to join the Bishop in the Cathedral Hall for a light lunch.

Mass of the Oils 2022

The Mass of the Oils will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

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 \$ 1136.00

Parish \$ 1188.20

We thank you for your continued support

Reflection on the Gospel-5th Sunday in Ordinary Time C (Luke 5:1-11)

Veronica Lawson RSM

The gospel reading for this Sunday [Word of God Sunday in Australian Catholic communities] opens with Jesus by the lake shore looking for a little space from the people who are pressing around him to hear “the word of God”. For the gospel writer, the word of Jesus *is* the word of God. The listener/reader has been gradually prepared, in the baptism scene and in the episode in the Nazareth synagogue, to receive this momentous truth. Jesus is the anointed of God who brings good news/God’s word to the destitute. The gospel narrative assumes that the crowd by the lake receives his teaching as God’s word.

Jesus sees two empty boats and gets into the one that belongs to Simon Peter. The implication is that Jesus knows Peter: he feels free to get into Peter’s boat and ask him to move the boat out from the shore. Having gained the distance he needs, Jesus sits down and teaches the crowd from the boat. God’s word thus comes to the people from the potentially regenerative waters of the lake and from the boat that is made of precious earth resources. Simon no doubt has one ear on Jesus’ teaching as he and his despondent business partners clean the nets and pack up ready to go home without any fish. They have fished all night without a single catch.

Evoking the creation story of Genesis where God’s spirit moves over the face of the deep, Jesus invites Simon and his companions to put out into deep water and lower the nets for a catch, even though there is little likelihood of a catch. Simon Peter hesitates, noting that they have laboured without success all night. He nonetheless follows Jesus’ instructions. The dramatic result of his attending to Jesus’ word brings Simon to his knees: he acknowledges his limitations, his “sinfulness” in gospel terms. Jesus then commissions him to engage fearlessly in a new mission of reaching out beyond his present business enterprise in order to “catch people”. This commission is not to be understood as a recruitment drive for the reign of God movement. As the gospel story unfolds we discover that it is, rather, a mission to bring the vulnerable safely to shore where they can know the compassion and justice and the “hospitality” of God.

While Peter and his companions are said to “leave everything” and “follow” Jesus, the subsequent narrative makes it clear that they do not abandon their fishing activities. They simply re-centre their lives on the following of Jesus. In other words, they undertake to live out in their lives the pattern of Jesus’ life amid the ordinary concerns of daily life. The previous chapter has provided glimpses of that pattern: bringing good news to the destitute, release to the shattered, healing to the sick and the broken. In our times, we are beginning to realise that the “shattered” that need to be freed include the despoiled Earth, its waters and the endangered species of both land and sea.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Is 6:1-8

Second: Ps 137:1-5, 7-8 **Gospel:** 1 Cor 15:1-11

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Ps 1:1-4

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

