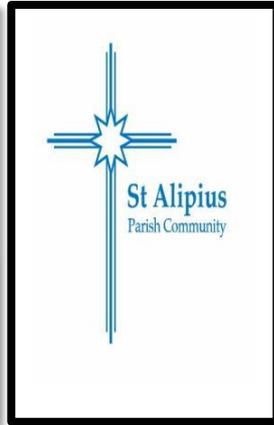


Welcome to
St. Alipius Parish
Ballarat East & Buninyong



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022

“The combined communities of St Alipius Parish reach out in the Spirit of faith, hope, love and acceptance, as God calls us to in the Gospels.”

SS Peter & Paul’s Church
701 Fiskens St. Buninyong 3357

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

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 84 Victoria Street
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 5332 6611
 ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
Office Hours:
The Parish Office will open on the following:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm
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
stalipiusfuneral@gmail.com

Masses during the week
Mass will be said Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
Friday and Saturday mornings at 9.30am
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.
Counting begins at 9.30am

In our prayers we remember....
Recently Deceased: Eileen Dodd, Graeme Dodd
Anniversaries
Unwell: We pray for Peter McLachlan, Remy Bourke, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall, Betty McGarry, 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.



Upcoming Dates in the Parish Community



May		
21	Confirmation Preparation	6pm /10.30 St Alipius Church
22	Thank you Morning Tea	11.30 St Alipius Hall
June		
3	Caring Group gathering	2.00pm St Alipius Parish Hall

A Thank you Morning Tea

Fr Jorge and the Parish Liturgy Committee would like to invite you to a special gathering for Morning Tea following the 10.30am Mass on Sunday May 22 at the St Alipius Parish Hall to thank you for your generous contributions to our Easter ceremonies.

Tea and coffee will be available, but we ask those attending to bring a plate of finger food to share.

Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference

“Alive in the Spirit” is for lay and clergy, staff, leadership teams, finance teams, pastoral councils, pastoral ministers and volunteers, those in education, counselling, pastoral care, youth ministry, family ministry, aged care and chaplaincies and anyone who wants to be “Alive in the Spirit”. The conference will be held from May 26-28, 2022. For more information and to register go to

<https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>

RCIC Program

The parish will be holding an information evening on RCIC in coming weeks. If you would like to have your child/children participate in this program or offer support please contact the Parish Office.

Liturgy Rosters and Participation

The latest Liturgy Roster is now available in the Sacristy of each church.

The liturgy Team in the Parish is always looking for more people to join in supporting the Parish Mass and liturgies. If you would like to support the parish in this way please contact the Parish Office on 5332 6611. We would love to hear from you.



Confirmation 2022

The children of the parish are now preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We ask the parish community to keep these children in their thoughts and prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament.

The Caring Group

The caring group will gather in the hall at 2pm on Friday June 3rd.

Please bring a small plate to share. If you would like to come and require transport please contact the Office. All Welcome.

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

Parish \$ 783.20 Presbytery \$ 1052.00 Baptisms \$ 300.00

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)

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

Maddison Daly
Daughter of Rachel and Justin

Ariella and Dashiell O'Brien
Children of Linda and Brendan



Legion of Mary Reflection Day – May 27, 2022

The Legion of Mary will host a “Day of Reflection” on Friday, May 27, 2022 in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia. Father Nathan Rawlins of St Peter's Parish, Epping, will be the Keynote Speaker for the day. All members of the Legion of Mary Family, active, auxiliary and past members, including parishioners from all parishes of Ballarat, are cordially invited to participate in this event. The day will start at 9.15 am and finish at 3.15 pm and will be held in the St Patrick’s Cathedral Parish Ballarat MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms.

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

We invite you to be part of our annual Winter Appeal.

**The theme of this year’s Winter Appeal is ‘Make it Stop’,
focusing on the importance of providing safety to families and individuals fleeing
domestic violence.**

For the period between July 2020 – June 2021

*A total of \$8,174,085.00 worth of assistance was provided to people experiencing disadvantage
across the whole of Victoria.*

While in greater Ballarat the total was \$216,525.00

We are most grateful for the support we receive from our parish as it enables us to
continue to support those in need.

**If anyone is interested in joining our group
please contact the Parish Office.**

**We are currently in need of volunteers for the
Wednesday Session (9.30am - 12pm) at the BAC in Dawson St.**

How To Donate

You can donate to our appeal via:

1. **Envelopes** that are available at the end of each pew and at the piety stall.

Envelopes can be put in the collection plate.

Please write your name and address if you require a receipt.

2. **Online**

vinnies.org.au (to ensure that your donation is used locally type in

“Ballarat East” in the “Comments/Conference Name” section in the final
box on the second page of the online donation process.

3. **Phone** 13 18 12

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Reflection on the Gospel-Easter 6C
(John 14:23-29)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

“Take from my heart all painful anxiety.” This is the prayer of the first Sister of Mercy, Catherine McAuley. It echoes the words of the Johannine Jesus, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.” It is all a matter of love. Disciples of Jesus know that they need not be anxious or afraid “for perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18). Today’s gospel makes it clear that “love” finds expression in the keeping of God’s word.

In the prologue to the gospel, John has presented Jesus as the Word, the *Logos* who has been with God from the beginning. Jesus is the word of God in human form, the embodiment of God’s communication with the cosmos. Jesus keeps God’s word. Disciples are to demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping the word that he both embodies and proclaims. In other words, they are to live as Jesus has lived and be faithful to what he has taught in God’s name. They will thus become a dwelling place for the divine. The implications of this teaching are overwhelming. If we truly believed and “kept” the words of the Johannine Jesus, we might be more inclined to treat each other and “our common home” with the utmost reverence and respect.

Jesus refers once more to his imminent departure. When he is no longer physically present, God’s Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with them. The Greek word translated as “advocate” carries a range of meanings. It literally means “one called alongside to help” whenever necessary. In other words, the disciples need not be troubled or afraid because they are never alone. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is always with them to defend them, to intercede for them, to comfort them, as well as to keep them focussed on all that Jesus has said to them. Earlier in this chapter of John’s gospel, the Advocate is called the Spirit of Truth who remains with them and is actually in them. Only through the power of the Spirit will the disciples be empowered to “keep the word” of Jesus.

Jesus gifts his friends with peace, a peace “that the world cannot give.” In John’s gospel, the “world” is first and foremost the tenting place of God’s Word: it is God’s creation. Occasionally, as here, it refers to whatever is opposed to Jesus as God’s Word. The gift of peace that Jesus brings is a peace that casts out fear. It carries all the weight of the Hebrew *shalom*: it brings total well-being and peace of mind. True peace comes from being centred in God and gathering in all of God’s creation. As Jesus leaves them, the proper stance for the disciples is joy in the knowledge that, although he is going away, he is also “coming to them” since the “Father” will send the Spirit to be with them. The gospel reading thus leaves us to find peace in the unfathomable mystery of God.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Second: Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 **Gospel:** Jn 14:23-29

The Ascension of the Lord

First: Acts 1:1-11

Second: Eph 1:17-23 **Gospel:** Lk 24:46-53

