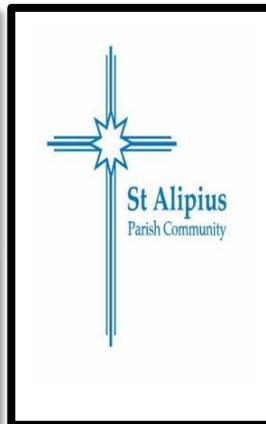


*Welcome to*  
**St. Alipius Parish**  
 Ballarat East & Buninyong



*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*

***Ascension of the Lord***  
*May 29, 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 Fisker St. Buninyong 3357

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

**Parish Office & Presbytery:**

- 84 Victoria Street  
Ballarat East 3350
- 5332 6611
- ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://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](http://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](mailto:ballarateastliturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au)  
**Funeral Ministry:** Carmel Flynn  
[stalipiusfuneral@gmail.com](mailto:stalipiusfuneral@gmail.com)

**Masses during the week**

Mass will be said Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
 Friday and Saturday mornings at 9.30am  
 Saturday 6.00pm  
 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 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 (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)  
***Counting Team No 3 will be on this week.***  
*Counting begins at 9.30am*

***In our prayers we remember.....***

**Recently Deceased:** John William Duck

**Anniversaries** George Pearse

**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



		<b>June</b>	
3	Caring Group gathering	2.00pm	St Alipius Parish Hall
14	Liturgy Meeting	5.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's Church
14	Confirmation Liturgy	6.00pm	St Alipius Church, Ballarat East
15	Confirmation Liturgy	6.00pm	St Alipius Church, Ballarat East
16	Confirmation Liturgy	6.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong

### Parish Spaces for Hire

A reminder to all in our Community that both Buninyong and Ballarat East both have halls for hire for private functions at reasonable rates.

If you are considering hosting a function please contact the Parish office for further details.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

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



### House Wanted

We have a parishioner looking for a 2 or 3 bedroom house.

If you know of anything that may be available please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

### 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](mailto:ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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## ***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://aliveinthspirit.com.au/>

## ***Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Open Day***

Acknowledging the Feast of the Sacred Heart: Saturday, June 18, 2022 at 362 Albert St, East Melbourne from 10.00am – 4.00pm:

- Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available at 11.00am;
- Mass in the Chapel at 1.00pm;
- Take a tour of the Museum;
- Visit the Gift Shop;
- Refreshment options available for purchase.

For further information and to register for the walk and Mass go to <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/>, ph. 9926 9300 or email [admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au](mailto:admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au)

## **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](http://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-Feast of the Ascension Year C

(Luke 24:46-53)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Loss is part of the human condition, and the physical death of a loved one is among the most painful experiences of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-memorating his death and resurrection. As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of Jesus who has been raised.

The Lukan Ascension stories as found in the gospel and in today's first reading (Acts 1:1-11) presuppose a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's realm from whence the Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people. This vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement. We must begin to use language in prayer and liturgy that recognises God's presence everywhere, not only in the "heavens" above.

In Acts, Jesus' family and friends who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: they must return to Jerusalem for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus ("clothed with power from on high"), to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world. Like us, the early Christians needed time to grasp each dimension of the one great mystery of God's presence among them.

In the gospel account, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem are to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are to proclaim a gospel of "repentance and forgiveness". In the gospel (Luke 24:47) their audience is "all peoples", while in Acts 1:8, they are commissioned to be witnesses to Jesus "in all Jerusalem, in Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". In other words, the good news is not only for the earth's human inhabitants but for the earth itself. Pope Francis, in calling us to be attentive to the cry of the poor, insists that the earth itself is "among the most maltreated and abandoned of our poor" (*Laudato Si'* 2).

Joy, peace, prayer and blessing have the final word in Luke's gospel. They have permeated Luke's story from the outset. As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we might pray that the spirit of joy that animated the earliest Christians will fill our hearts so that the entire planetary community might know the blessing of God.

### *The Ascension of the Lord*

**First:** Acts 1:1-11

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

### *Pentecost Sunday*

**First:** Gen 11:1-9

**Second:** Rom 8:22-27 **Gospel:** Jn 7: 37-39

