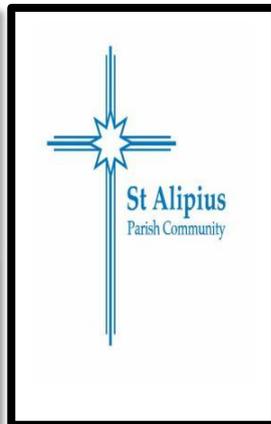


Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

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.



Pentecost Sunday

June 5th, 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 Fiskin 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
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 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
Friday and Saturday mornings at 9.30am
Saturday 6.00pm
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.

St 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 3 will be on this week.
Counting begins at 9.30am

In our prayers we remember.....

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries Leo Tuddenham, Christos Maurikis

Unwell: We pray for Peter McLachlan, Remy Bourke, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall, Betty McGarry, Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Peter Saunders, Agnes Peters, Ray, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, Letitia Simmons, and all who are unwell.



Upcoming Dates in the Parish Community

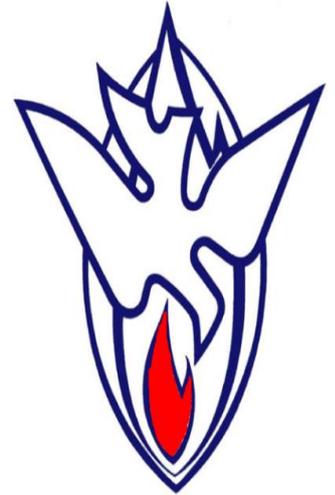


June

14	Liturgy Meeting	Time (TBC) St. Alipius Presbytery
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

Confirmation 2022

During the past few weeks, over 100 children have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation within our parish. These children attend both our local Catholic and State Primary schools. It is always a pleasure to journey with the children and their families during this preparation, which is family based, but supported by their schools and the parish. During this past week the children have attended their final preparation session which involved a run through of the actual sacrament, which allows them to feel confident on the night. We are excited for all those who will be confirmed at St. Alipius or Ss. Peter and Paul during the week beginning June 13th and ask you to continue praying for them.

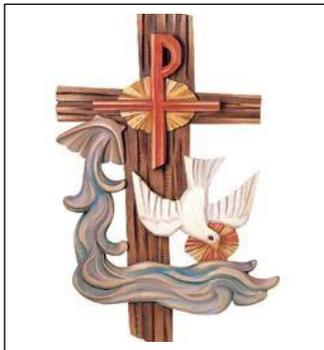


A big thank you to all those who have been involved in the preparation and running of the program.

This weekend we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

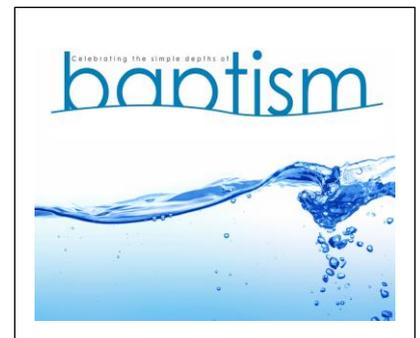
"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow ..."

(Pope Francis)



Jensen Nathan Horvart
Child of Renae and Nathan

Sophie Ava Kochskamper
Child of Sarah and Nathan



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.

World Environment Day – Sunday, June 5, 2022

Celebrated every year since 1974, World Environment Day is a good time to focus on the environmental dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals. This year the theme is celebrating “Only One Earth”. This was the slogan for the 1972 Stockholm Conference; 50 years on, this truth still holds – this planet is our only home. With nature in emergency mode, the #OnlyOneEarth campaign for World Environment Day 2022, wants you to celebrate the planet through collective environmental action. #OnlyOneEarth advocates for transformative environmental change on a global scale. The campaign shines a spotlight on climate action, nature action and pollution action while encouraging everyone, everywhere to live sustainably. While our individual consumption choices do make a difference, it is collective action that will create the transformative environmental change we need, so we can advance to a more sustainable and just Earth, where everyone can flourish. <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

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

Refugee Week: June 19-25, 2022

You are invited to join the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace for an online prayer service on World Refugee Day. Registration to attend the prayer service, which will be broadcast live on June 20 at 6.00pm (AEST) is now open. The two Offices have also combined to produce resources to encourage the celebration of Refugee Week 19-25 June. Register for the online prayer service at <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarships for Lay Ministry

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close on Friday, July 29, 2022. Details are available at <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

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 \$ 963.00 Presbytery \$ 1,023.00 Direct Debit \$ 725



Reflection on the Gospel-Pentecost Sunday Year C

(John 20:19-23)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Pentecost Sunday is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning “fiftieth”) was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the harvesting of the first sheaf. When the Jerusalem temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. The Jews of the first century, including Christian Jews, celebrated the great pilgrimage feast of Pentecost. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God’s new covenant with God’s people.

In today’s first reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God’s Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God’s presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God’s Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke’s account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongues. In other words, the dispersion and division created by the hubris of those who built the Tower of Babel is symbolically reversed with this outpouring of God’s Spirit.

For the content of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples huddled behind locked doors. He “shows them his hands and his side”. In other words, he provides incontrovertible evidence that he is the crucified one. He offers the simple greeting: “Peace be with you,” the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. The disciples respond with joy. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will “retain” or “seize hold of” the sins or transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they “retain”.

To seize hold of evil-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, amnesty only exacerbates the problems. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance and of our capacity to deal with or “seize hold of” the sins of the perpetrators of violence in our world. Let us pray that the Spirit will guide us in the way of truth and give world leaders the courage to deal with the perpetrators of war and other evils in our world. We do our part by conscientiously holding our leaders to account.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

First: Gen 11:1-9

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

TRINITY SUNDAY

First: Prov 8:22-31

Second: Rom 5:1-5 **Gospel:** Jn 16:12-15

