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OPEN TUE, THU, FRI  
9.00 AM – 1.00 PM

10 July 2022

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Who is my neighbour?*

# St Alipius parish

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## MASS TIMES

### St Alipius

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 AM

Saturday 9:30 AM and 6.00 PM

Sunday 9.00 AM (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)

10.30 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

Rosary and Divine Mercy in presbytery  
after 9.30 AM mass

### Ss Peter and Paul's

Sunday 9:00 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

10:30 AM (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)

### Mass and prayer resources

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Counting team 3 this week

Counting begins at 9:30 AM

## WE PRAY FOR

### Recently deceased:

**Anniversaries:** Edward John Duck

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

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.

*Our parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*

*We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.*



SEA SUNDAY

## POSITION VACANT – ST ALIPIUS PARISH AND SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Applications are currently being sought for the position of **Parish and Sacramental Coordinator**. This is a part-time position that ensures the effective operation of the parish office by providing office coordination, reception, and administrative assistance. The role also entails coordination with all the schools within the parish for the implementation of the sacramental programs designed by the Diocese. For a copy of the position description and application, please visit the parish office during office hours. Applications close Friday 22 July.

## RAFFLE RESULT

The winner of the crochet rug was Diana Ailey, who is the hairdresser at Mercy Place. All money raised goes to the St. Vincent de Paul winter appeal. Thank you, Sr. Angela.

## EUCCHARIST PREPARATION AND FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will take place in Term 3. To participate in this program, your child must have been confirmed. This program will be open to children in Year 4 or those in higher years who have missed out on the sacrament previously. Further information will be made available early in Term 3. Please watch this space.

## STELLA MARIS APPEAL

10 July is Sea Sunday when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Every year, over 28,000 merchant ships visit Australian ports. These ships are crewed by over 300,000 seafarers. Most of these mariners come from developing countries and are employed because they represent cheap labour for the ship owners. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for our daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy.

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

## VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL

Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support of the 2022 Vinnie's Winter Appeal will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, and material assistance. To donate, go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>

## ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday 22 July at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00 PM. All are welcome to attend. For those who are unable to attend, the Mass will be live-streamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

## THANKSGIVING MASS

The Thanksgiving Mass of Fr Matt Restall will be celebrated at St Alipius on Saturday 23 July, at 11:30 AM.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### SACRAMENTAL TEAM

THURSDAY 14 JULY, 2:00 PM  
ST ALIPIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

THURSDAY 21 JULY, 6:30 PM  
ST ALIPIUS PRESBYTERY

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Checking in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but are still recommended. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

## RCIC PROGRAM

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

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



**Florence Victoria Perry**  
Daughter of Penelope and David

**Peri May Glab**  
Daughter of Amy and Stephen

*The church gives the faith to your children through Baptism, and you have the task to make it grow*  
Pope Francis

## Stewardship Program

THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS WHO  
CONTRIBUTE TO OUR STEWARDSHIP  
PROGRAM. YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT IS  
GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Collection basket (Presbytery and Priest  
support) **\$1,222.00**

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits  
(Parish – buildings, office, administration,  
grounds maintenance) **\$1,202.20**

For any queries or concerns, or should you wish to join our  
Stewardship Program to support our parish, please contact our  
Finance Officer Kerrie on 5331 2933 or email  
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### Parish Priest

Fr Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

### Parish Coordinator

TBA

### Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Cathy Prunty

### Finance Officer

Kerrie McTigue

### Finance Chair

TBA

### Child Safety Officer

TBA

### Liturgy Coordinator

David Santamaria

### Liturgy Online

[www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au)

### Funeral Ministry

Carmel Flynn

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# Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

15 Sunday Ordinary Time Year A: Luke 10:25–37

The present ecological catastrophe calls us to new ways of being neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire fourteen-billion-year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created beings and especially for God who is the Source and the Sustainer of all that exists. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being neighbours in our local and global environments.

Today's gospel story is about being a neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. He addresses Jesus as "teacher" and Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed a teacher when he puts the question back to his interrogator and invites him to answer his own question. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and love

of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another "test" question: "Who is my neighbour?" The lawyer would know very well that, for a Jew, the neighbour was another Jewish male. Jesus responds with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the bandits?" The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word "Samaritan" he answers obliquely with the words, "the one who showed mercy".

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The Samaritan in the story is said to be "moved with compassion", literally "moved in the depths of his being". The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on earthly resources to care for him: fabric to bind the wounds, wine and oil for healing, his "own animal" as transport, finance for



accommodation, companionship at the inn, and provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who "pass by".

Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on the human characters from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, on the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove and on the silver coins formed of material derived from cosmic activity, extracted from the earth and ultimately engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is.

#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

##### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DEUTERONOMY 30:10–14

COLOSSIANS 1:15–20

LUKE 10:25–37

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

##### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENESIS 18:1–10

COLOSSIANS 1:24–28

LUKE 10:38–42