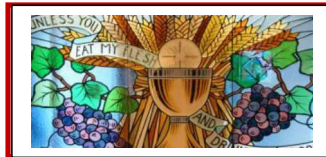


Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

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.



BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY

June 19th, 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.”

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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
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Masses during the week
Mass will be said Tuesday, Wednesday, 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 at the Presbytery.

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 6 will be on this week.
Counting begins at 9.30am
Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

In our prayers we remember.....

- Recently Deceased:**
Anniversaries Rosalie Barry, Danny Roche
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

June 23 Thursday – 6:30 pm PPC Meeting - Ss. Peter and Paul Hall - Buninyong

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU

This weekend we congratulate the 130 children from local schools who have been confirmed by Fr. Jorge at liturgies in our parish during this week. The excited children and their families attended a liturgy at either St. Alipius or Ss. Peter and Paul and, wearing the white sash that they received at their baptism, took the next step in their journey of faith. These liturgies were the culmination of several preparation sessions supported by families, schools and the parish. Thanks, must go to the staff from each of our parish schools, who have worked hard during recent weeks to prepare these children and the beautiful liturgies during which confirmations took place. We could not have done it without you and appreciate all the assistance that has been given. We look forward to having the children return in 2023 for first reconciliation and to celebrate their First Eucharist and in doing so, complete the Sacraments of Initiation.



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

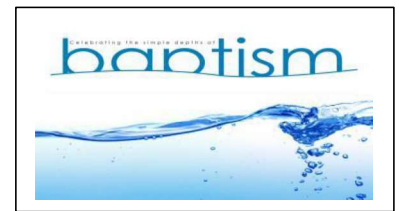
"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow ..."

(Pope Francis)



Nicholas Romel Talbot
Son of Brazil and Anthony

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.

The Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee welcomes three new members, coming on as Team Leaders for Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Sacristans. The roles will be shared between Mary Gilmartin, Susan Begbie and Angelica Murillo. We thank these generous people for taking on these roles.

We now have a new Visual Display Guideline and people may notice a difference in the slides being presented during Mass, beginning this week. The Visual Display Guidelines can be viewed on the SAP Liturgy website under the 'Liturgical Ministries' menu.

Due to the Diocesan Privacy Policy and the Recommendations of the Royal Commission, the parish can no longer provide all those involved in the ministries a list of contacts to find a fill-in if you're unavailable for a rostered Mass. So we will be using WhatsApp where people can choose to opt-in and opt-out as appropriate. Those involved in the ministries will receive an invitation to join WhatsApp in the coming week.

Plenary Council conversations around the diocese

Leading up to the second Assembly of the Plenary Council (July 3 -9), there will be an opportunity to gather for a conversation around the diocese with the diocesan members to encourage and affirm their participation in the Council. The Motions Framework document has been published and is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Motions-Framework-31a-May-2022.pdf> and this will also be a focus for prayer and engagement.

Horsham – June 22, 2022 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Horsham

Ballarat – June 23, 2022 at 7.00pm in Mackillop/Glowrey Room, Cathedral Precinct

Warrnambool – June 29 at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, Warrnambool

RCIA Course at CTC in Semester 2, 2022

The Sacramental Theology of the RCIA unit will be offered at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, during the semester 2 this year. The course is offered by Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB both face-to-face and online. You can enrol as an Audit student (no essays) or as a Degree student. For more information go to <https://units.divinity.edu.au/unit/CT2111C/scheduled>, ph. (03) 9412 3333 or email registrar@ctc.edu.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>

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, as well as material assistance. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>

Advance Notice: Ordinations to the Priesthood

Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend. For those not able to attend the Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

Annual Collection for the Pope: June 25-26

The annual collection for the Holy Father is taken up throughout the world on the weekend near the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (June 29). Our parish will have the annual collection for the Pope on the weekend of June 25-26.

Celebrating Clergy Jubilees of Ordination

Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this year will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.15pm. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be priests of the diocese. All are welcome to attend. You are invited to join the Choir for this Mass, which will be downstairs. Practice prior to Mass at 4.30pm.

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.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM NEW ENVELOPES PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all parishioners who continue to contribute to our Stewardship Program. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

New planned giving envelopes (commencing 3 July, 2022) will be available for collection at the foyer of the church this weekend.

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 via email ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Thank you for contributing to the Parish collections this week:

First Collection (Presbytery - Priest support) \$ 987.00

Second Collection (Parish - buildings/office/administration/grounds maintenance) (including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits) \$ 1248.20



Reflection on the Gospel-Body and Blood of Christ Year A

(John 6:51-58)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The gospel for today brings together elements that have traditionally formed part of Christian worship. In the first part of the story, Jesus welcomes those who follow him. He then speaks to them of God's kingdom and heals those in need of healing. In the second part, he takes the loaves, blesses them, breaks them and puts them before the disciples who distribute the bread to the assembled people. All eat and are satisfied.

The second part of the story is full of eucharistic symbolism. The setting is a "desert" place, recalling the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert of Sinai. The hunger of the people recalls God's care of Israel in the wilderness. God feeds God's people in the deserts of life, but only if those called to be disciples recognise their responsibility to be the hands of God. "Send them away" is one solution, clearly not the one preferred by Jesus. Rather, he says, "You give them something to eat". They are said to number "five thousand men (andres)". The women and children are simply not counted. When the people sit down in circles and share their food, they find there is more than enough for everyone. They gather up the broken pieces, just as we must remember to gather up the pieces that so often go to waste.

Jesus' actions and words over the bread [and the fish] are echoed in the account of his final meal with the disciples: the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. In the celebration of Eucharist, bread broken and wine poured out change their meaning. While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by thinking of the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread, but it is no longer simply the sum of its material parts, precious as they are. The restored flag is housed in a special place and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what that stands for in Australian history, it has taken on a meaning other than the goodness of the materiality of fabric and thread. In the celebration of Eucharist, the God-given gifts of bread and wine likewise become more than their material parts. They are life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. Eucharistic life is covenanted life. Recognition of another level of meaning does not discount the integrity and goodness of the underlying material reality, but rather affirms it.

Sharing in Eucharist means giving life for the sake of the many, sometimes to the point of heroism, sometimes simply by sharing our resources or our left-over pieces with others in need. Finally, it is important to remember that the healing is the prelude to the sharing of the bread. We are called to ensure there is a place at the table for those so often excluded from community by disability, ill-health or any kind of prejudice.

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY (CORPUS CHRISTI)

First: Gen 14:18-20

Second: 1Cor 11:23-26 **Gospel:** Lk 9:11-17

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First: 1Kings 19:16, 19-21

Second: Gal 5:1, 13-18 **Gospel:** Lk 9:51-62

