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OPEN TUE, THU, FRI
9.00 AM – 1.00 PM

14 August 2022

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let us not lose sight of Jesus

St Alipius parish

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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarata-east/

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Friday 9:30 AM

Saturday 9:30 AM and 6.00 PM

Sunday 9.00 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th)

10.30 AM (2nd & 4th)

Ss Peter and Paul's

Sunday 9:00 AM (2nd & 4th)

10:30 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th)

Mass and prayer resources

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Counting team 7 this week

Counting begins at 9:30 AM

WE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries: Geoffrey McCartin,
Lawrie McCartin.

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

*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.*



PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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.

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

Emily Clarke

Liturgy Coordinator

David Santamaria

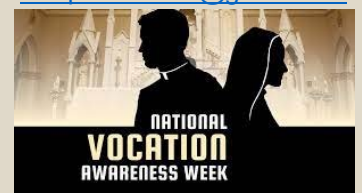
Liturgy Online

www.sapliturgy.net.au

Funeral Ministry

Carmel Flynn

stalipiusfuneral@gmail.com



VINNIES APPEAL CONCERT

The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, 14 August 2.00 PM – 4:00 PM at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. No booking is required. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This weekend we are pleased to welcome some of the children who are currently preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. They will be introduced to the community during masses over the next few weekends. We ask you to pray for these children as they journey to full initiation within the Catholic Church.

FR ELADIO ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Fr Eladio, who recently celebrated the 18th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We continue to pray for Fr Eladio and thank him for the wonderful work that he does.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to our stewardship program. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Collection basket – **\$832.50**

Presbytery and Priest support

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$1333.20**

Parish – buildings, office, administration, grounds maintenance.

For any queries or concerns, or should you wish to join our Stewardship Program to support our Parish, please phone our Finance Officer Kerrie on 5331 2933 or email ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP

ACRATH is hosting an online breakfast on Tuesday, 16 August at 8.00 AM to celebrate women leaders going forward from the recent Plenary Council. The breakfast will feature speakers Clare Condon SGS and Elizabeth Young RSM sharing their thoughts about the Plenary Council, with breakout room discussions to follow. More information is available at <https://acrath.org.au/join-acrath-for-breakfast/>

NATIONAL VOCATIONS WEEK

This is the second weekend of National Vocations Awareness Week. In the context of the call to all baptised we especially pray for an increase in vocations to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, the Diaconate, and the Priesthood.

DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

Planning for the next issue of Our Diocesan Community is underway and contributions are welcomed. Stories from communities, schools, parishes, and agencies from all around the diocese on the 2022 themes of the Plenary Council and International Year of Glass are especially welcomed. The ODC team plans to have the issue out in the week beginning 10 October, so the latest date for submissions is Friday, 2 September. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files, and not inserted into a Word document. When sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time to time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications. Material can be emailed to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vinnie's Appeal Concert

St Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday 14 August, 2:00 PM

Fr Jorge is on leave and retreat

9 August – 26 August

RCIA

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptised?
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in small groups to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of church and prepare individuals to become Catholics. There are separate sessions for children or youth.

Participants are welcome to engage in the process with their questions, insights, and faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information, please contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr. Jorge De Chavez, OSJ. Email: ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5332 6611.

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families, and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential.

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief, and trauma.

Your donation to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal supports our community's most vulnerable and marginalised. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax-deductible.

BAPTISMS

Luca David Head

Child of David Head and Shannon Clarke

Patrick Colin Jones

Child of Paul and Gabrielle Jones

Frankie Daisy Meade

Child of Hannah and Matthew Meade

Billie Staley

Child of Neil Staley and Madeleine Wadsworth

Henry Colin Thornton

Child of Chris and Grace Thornton

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

Pope Francis

ONLINE STUDY

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program has partnered with Dayton University to offer a low-cost (US\$50) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next cycle begins on 5 September. There are 37 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/, email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au, or phone 5337 7121.

175TH ANNIVERSARY

Over the weekend of 27-28 August, celebrations will be held for the 175th anniversary of All Saints Parish Portland, which is the oldest parish in the Diocese of Ballarat. For more information regarding the weekend celebrations, please contact the Portland parish office by email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5523 1046.

AFRICA FOOD CRISIS

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. We must act now and “Make Hunger History.” Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to donate now.

RCIC PROCESS

The parish will be holding an information session for those interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC), in the final week of this term. The date will be made available in the coming weeks, but people who have older children looking to complete the sacraments of initiation are asked to attend. This meeting will outline the process which will be run in a similar manner to that of the RCIA. Those who elect to be involved in this process will receive their sacraments next Easter. We would warmly welcome anyone interested to come along to the meeting, where we would hope to be able to answer any questions you may have.

VACANCY AT ST JOHN OF GOD

St John of God Hospital has an exciting opportunity available for a dedicated and committed Pastoral Practitioner to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services to patients and clients. Applications close on 17 August. Position description and application details are available at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/

APOSTOLIC LETTER

The Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* from Pope Francis to the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, to consecrated men and women, and to the lay faithful on the liturgical formation of the People of God, is available to download from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/apostolic-letter-desiderio-desideravi-of-the-holy-father-francis/

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

20 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 12:32–48

There is a sense of urgency in today's gospel. Jesus feels constrained or under stress until the "fire" he has come to cast on the earth is kindled and the baptism of fire that John the Baptist foreshadowed in 3:16 takes effect. Elsewhere in Luke's writing, fire is associated with judgement (3:9, 17; 9:17; 17:29), and with the presence of the Holy Spirit (3:16), especially in the Lukan story of Pentecost (Acts 2:3) where "tongues as of fire" appear and rest on all those assembled in the upper room. Fire is a sign of the end times when the Spirit of prophecy will come upon all God's people (Acts 2:18-19). Those who have experienced fires in Australia and California, as well as those presently suffering the effect of fires in northern Africa and southern Europe, can appreciate the power of this image. Climate change is undoubtedly increasing the risk of destructive fires across the globe. Drier conditions wither plant life that then becomes fuel for the fires. Fire can take all before it. It can also bring the most astonishing new life in its wake. We have much to learn from First Nations peoples on this score.

Linked with the image of fire is that of water: Jesus has a "baptism with which to be baptised". Once more, a sense of urgency is expressed as the power of water is evoked. Like fire, water has the power to destroy and power to save. Fire and water become metaphors for the hard-won gospel path to peace. Jesus seems to be contradicting so much of what he has stood for to this point. At his birth, he is presented as the bringer of peace (Luke 1:79 and 2:14). He tells the hospitable woman of 7:50 and the faith-filled woman of 8:48 to "go in peace". He instructs his disciples to bring peace to the families they visit (10:5-6). He refuses to be a divider (12:13-14). And now he declares that he has come not to bring peace but division. His hearers can expect members of families to be divided one against another. How can this be?

Fire is a sign of the end times.

The Lukan Jesus is almost certainly describing the status quo rather than prescribing what ought



to prevail. In other words, by the time Luke is writing, it is clear that some have accepted the gospel way of peace and justice and compassion and others within the same families have not. Acceptance of the gospel and of Jesus as the Christ or Messiah would have involved a monumental shift for Jews on the one hand and for adherents of the diverse philosophies or faiths of the Roman world on the other. Today's families of mixed faith might be able to get inside this experience and to understand the suffering involved when a family member makes a life choice that other members of the family find hard to accept. This is not an easy text to understand or even to accept. We are invited to struggle with its ambiguity.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JEREMIAH 38:4–6, 8–10

HEBREWS 12:1–4

LUKE 12:49–53

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ISAIAH 66:18–21

HEBREWS 12:5–7, 11–13

LUKE 13:22–30