

28 August 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
You have been our refuge

St Alipius parish



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MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Wednesday, 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 2 this week
Counting begins at 9:30 AM

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.

WE PRAY FOR

Recently deceased: Neil Sheehan
and John Cocking.

Anniversaries: Eileen O'Meara

Unwell: Remy Bourke, Anne
D'Cruz (Singapore), Margaret
Forster, 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.*



St Alipius
Parish Community

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

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Respect:
Confronting
Violence and
Abuse

A VISITOR TO OUR PARISH

This weekend, 27–28 August, we welcome Fr. Jorge back after his retreat. Fr. Jorge will be accompanied by Fr. Jayson Endaya, who is the Provincial Superior of the Oblates of St. Joseph – Philippine Province, Fr. Jayson will be staying in our parish for several days. To welcome him, we will have a morning tea after our 10.30 AM mass at St. Alipius on 28 August. We hope that many parishioners will be able to attend to meet Fr. Jayson, who is keen to learn more about the area in which Frs. Jorge and Eladio live and work. If you can join us, we ask that you bring a plate of food to share. Thank you.

CARING GROUP

The Caring Group will meet in St Alipius Parish Hall next Friday, 2 September at 2:00 PM. All are most welcome to attend for a cuppa and a chat. Please bring a small plate to share.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today is Social Justice Sunday. The 2022-23 Social Justice Statement, "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse", invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives, 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.' We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy, and action. The statement and the full range of resources are available at socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23/.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Children and adults (with a valid Working with Children card) who are interested in being altar servers are invited to a 45-minute training session on either Wednesday 7 September at 4:00 PM, or Saturday 10 September at 10:00 AM.

ROUND TABLE ECOLOGICAL THEOLOGY SESSIONS

Those who sent submissions to the recent Plenary Council asked, among other things, for sound adult theological education. For some years now, Fr. Barry Ryan and Sr. Veronica Lawson have offered regular adult theology classes. A new series begins on Wednesday, 7 September (afternoon group 1–3 PM and evening group 7–9 PM) at the Mercy Centre, 16 Gent Street, Ballarat East. If you are interested, kindly send your name, mobile number, and email address to Sr. Veronica veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au and she will provide you with further information on the sessions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fr Jorge returns from leave and retreat
27 August

Welcome Fr Jayson morning tea at St Alipius
28 August, after 10.30 AM mass

Caring Group – cuppa and a chat (all welcome)
Friday 2 Sept, 2:00 PM. St Alipius Parish Hall

Altar Serving Training
Wed 7 September, 4:00 – 4:45 PM or
Saturday 10 September, 10:00 – 10:45 AM

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.

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Creating a secure future for the sick and retired priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by the Clergy Support Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, while others live in supported accommodation. Caring for those who cared for us is the Church community's responsibility.



Next weekend a collection for the fund will be taken up. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

BAPTISMS

Georgia Kathleen Boadle
Child of Nicholas and Amy

Spencer Andrew Farrow
Child of Troy and Hannah

*The church gives 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 – **\$1,244**

Presbytery and Priest support

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$437.20**

*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

150TH ANNIVERSARY

St Augustine's Church, Creswick, will celebrate its 150th anniversary over the weekend of 17–18 September. For details, visit: <https://staugustines150.weebly.com/>

PLENARY DECREE ON DEACONS AND WOMEN

A free webinar will be held on Saturday, 3 September from 10.00 AM – 12.00 noon to explore the permanent diaconate and women's diaconal ministry, following the Plenary Council's decree, "That, should the universal law of the Church be modified to authorise the diaconate for women, the Plenary Council recommends that the Australian Bishops examine how best to implement it in the context of the Church in Australia." Brought to you by Australian Catholics Exploring the Diaconate and supported by Catholic Religious Australia, the webinar will be a chance to pray, learn, discuss and be inspired by diaconal ministry past, present and future. Register at <https://liturgyonthemargins.org/events/>.

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.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The Australian National Synthesis for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, colloquially known as the Synod on Synodality, has been published. The Australian synthesis draws from the local diocesan consultations that took place between October 2021 and March 2022, after which diocesan reports were prepared. Countries around the world are producing national syntheses that will assist the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in its ongoing work to prepare for the international gathering in Rome in October 2023. More information is available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/australian-synthesis-for-global-synod-of-bishops-published/>

CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

menALIVE to the MAX is a national catholic gathering of men to be held from 7–9 October in Sydney. The theme this year is RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. After several years of almost no live events, participants are looking forward to gathering to listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. More information is available at: <https://www.menalive.org.au/menalive-to-the-max/>

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

22 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 14:1, 7–14

For the past six years, Catholics have accepted the invitation of Pope Francis to join with other Christians across the planet in celebrating the Season of Creation. This extended celebration of creation was launched in 1989 by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople and joined progressively by other Christian communities. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1 and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Over this period, we might reflect on what is happening to our planet and pay particular attention to the eighth work of mercy, “care of our common home”. As a spiritual work, care of our common home calls us to “grateful contemplation of God’s world”. As a corporal work, it calls us to “simple daily gestures” that create a more sustainable and equitable world.

Today’s gospel calls us to redress imbalances in the human community, imbalances that have ultimately affected the earth itself. Jesus is under scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. In Luke’s gospel, the Pharisees are generally depicted as hostile to Jesus. This portrait reflects the

situation of the time the gospels are being written when Pharisaic Judaism and Christian Judaism had parted ways. At the time of Jesus’ ministry, the Pharisees were a minority group of well-respected experts in the Law. Despite the hostility from his host, Jesus is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual, he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers. He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God’s kin-dom where those who seek the first places find themselves last and the last are first.

Care of our common home

Jesus’ advice for his host is more removed from first-century Palestinian experience than is his



advice for the guests: do not invite friends, family, and wealthy neighbours; invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, invite those considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return your hospitality. This was a confronting suggestion in that culture. It embodied the inclusive values of the kin-dom vision that Jesus had preached from the outset. It is confronting for us in our times. It is easy to welcome like-minded people into our land and our homes. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us. We are invited to look on them with love rather than hostility and to secure a place for them in our hearts and in our common home.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIRACH 3:17–20, 28–29
HEBREWS 12:19–19, 22–24
LUKE 14:1, 7–14

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WISDOM 9:13–18
PHILEMON 1:9–10, 12–17
LUKE 14:25–33