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▶ **ST ALIPIUS**
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OPEN TUE – FRI
9.00 AM – 1.00 PM

25 September 2022

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus was rich but became poor

St Alipius parish

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

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Tuesday – 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)
Rosary – Thursday 11:00 AM

Mass and prayer resources

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Counting team 6 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: Mollie Flynn,
Bob Vigar

Anniversaries:

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 pay our respects to Elders past,
present, and emerging.*



Parish Priest

Fr Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Parish Coordinator

TBC

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



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

PASTORAL HOME VISITS

As a parish, we are keen to hear from or of parishioners who would appreciate a visit to their home by Fr. Jorge or another member of the parish. If you or someone you know is unable to come to mass, please contact the parish office on 53326611 and we can arrange a visit, which can include communion.

FILIPINO CHOIR

The Filipino Choir will be leading the singing at the 10.30 Mass this weekend. Following mass, they invite you to join them on the grass between the church and the presbytery for a BBQ lunch. They have some prizes planned, so come along and meet them and spend some time within our community.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

24 September is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mercy. We keep all the Sisters of Mercy in our prayers on this special day and we thank them for the continued gifts they share in our parish.

CASSEROLE EVENING

A social evening is planned for 30 September at 6:00 PM at Saints Peter and Paul church hall in Buninyong. \$15 per person, with profits going to St Vincent de Paul Society. Please bring food to share. Drinks provided.

SING ASSEMBLY

An event to explore the role of the assembly in enriching the mass will be held on Saturday 8 October from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. Speakers include Paul Taylor, Fr Kevin Lenehan, and Sophy Morley. Further information and booking details to come.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Collection basket – **\$1,069**

Presbytery and Priest support

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$653.20**

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

SEASON OF CREATION

Welcome to the Season of Creation. The theme and invitation are "Listen to the voice of creation." The ecumenical phase begins on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a sweet song in praise of our Creator God; along with an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this, our common home. Our Earth weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Our children plead with us to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet's ecosystems and to preserve the ancestral lands of our first nations peoples. During this 2022 Season of Creation, let us pray that the human family can work effectively in confronting the double crises of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity. May we respond in prayer and action so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in God's creation. Resources for the celebration of the Season of Creation 2022 are available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2022/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Filipino Choir and BBQ

25 September, 10.30 AM, St Alipius

Casserole Evening

30 September, 6:00 PM, Buninyong church hall.

BBQ after mass

29 October, after 6 PM mass at St Alipius

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Save the date for the Ballarat Diocesan launch of the Social Justice Statement 2022–23 on Saturday 1 October from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This free event is a unique opportunity to learn about this year's statement, which is titled "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse." There will be a speaker from the Victorian Police and one from Centacare. Bookings are now open at www.trybooking.com/CCSWQ

WALKING WITH WISDOM SERIES – IN PERSON OR ZOOM

This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own hearts, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody RSM and Julie Adam over four Thursdays, 6–27 October, 10 AM–12.30 PM. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, telephone (03) 9890 1101, or email office@heartoflife.melbourne.

CTC – ENGAGING YOUR FAITH

Engaging Your Faith is a series of short online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics including Theology, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Pastoral Studies, Laudato Si', Christian Meditation, Lectio Divina, Future Technology, and Science and Religion. Choose from 12 online sessions from 10-28 October. The cost is \$25 per session or \$40 per session for teachers. Visit www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=954030&

ONLINE STUDY

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50 USD) 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 24 October. There are 39 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/ or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR

Registrations are now open for Catholic Religious Australia's National Justice Seminar 2022 titled 'Now is the Time!'. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, 19 October from 9.30 AM – 3.30 PM at The Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue Parkville, Melbourne. Speakers are Cathy McGowan AO, Geraldine Atkinson, and Brigid Arthur CSB AO. This seminar for justice animators and colleagues of religious congregations will engage you in conversations on advocacy and action and apply these to contemporary justice issues. There will be opportunities for sharing with your peers and reflecting on the speakers' inputs. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3T8WWkQ>

PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL

The devastating floods in Pakistan have left a trail of destruction across the country, claiming the lives of more than 1,100 people. The United Nations estimates that around 33 million Pakistanis have been affected by the flooding, with more than one-third of the country completely submerged by the heaviest recorded monsoon rains in a decade. There are fears that the death toll will continue to rise. Caritas Australia's partners are responding to support flood-affected communities who need immediate assistance. Your generous support can help provide emergency support to help families recover and rebuild from the disaster. Donate now at www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods

ACU PUBLIC LECTURE ON THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is very pleased to host an upcoming public lecture on the future of the Catholic sacrament of Marriage on 10 October from 10.00 AM – 11.30 AM AEDT to be presented by Professor Julie Hanlon Rubio, an expert in marriage theology, from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA. For more information and to book, visit: www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources.

INTERFAITH WEBINARS

In the spirit of Nostra Aetate, Garratt Publishing – in conjunction with Yarra Theological Union – invite you to a 4-week webinar series exploring other religious traditions from a Catholic perspective. As Australian Catholics, we increasingly engage others from differing faiths – in our everyday life, in our local communities, and especially in our Catholic schools. Catholic educators will find these sessions ideal as we increasingly welcome people from differing faiths into our school communities. Accreditation for Professional Development hours may be available on completion of the series. These sessions will also appeal to all Catholics across Australia, offering important understandings to help interfaith engagement and enhance relationships with those of other faith traditions. For more information and to register go to [www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=951602&ct=\(nostra-aetate-webinar-series\)&mc_cid=4b77cd0e28&mc_eid=b16ae971e3](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=951602&ct=(nostra-aetate-webinar-series)&mc_cid=4b77cd0e28&mc_eid=b16ae971e3)

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

26 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 16:19–31

Global inequality of income and of opportunity has increased dramatically in the past few years. The gospel reading invites us to look, collectively and individually, at the wealth we enjoy, to sharpen our awareness of the needs of those who seek to share the bounty we claim for ourselves, to notice those who wait for justice at our gates and seek a part in the life we enjoy. Above all, it invites us to respond to the needs of those rendered poor by virtue of their physical limitations or disabilities. Such an inclusive embrace is the vision we espouse as we move towards the fourth week of the Season of Creation.

The gospel parable presents a nasty mega-rich character using his wealth to support a totally self-centred lifestyle. He dresses in the finest clothes and feasts extravagantly every day. He has no concern for, or interest in, the destitute and badly wounded man, Lazarus, who has been cast at his gate and who longs for a share in whatever falls ('scraps' in our translation) from the rich man's table. The reference here is probably to the pita bread commonly used by diners at

banquets to wipe their hands. The bread would be discarded after use and snapped up by the dogs. There is a reasonable chance that, even if the servants fail to offer Lazarus the leftovers, the dogs might share with him their daily fare. Begging for food was often the sole means of sustenance for those with disabilities. Lazarus has a serious disability: he is "sorely wounded"; he is "cast" at the gate and has no capacity to prevent the dogs from licking his sores.

The gospel invites us to respond to the needs of those rendered poor

Lazarus dies and is transported by angels into the arms of Israel's iconic ancestor, Abraham. In contrast, the rich man dies and suffers the torment of Hades. There is no mention of angels to transport him to the place of his ancestors. The rich man's suffering is exacerbated by the vision of the man whose needs he ignored in life now "a long way off" in Abraham's embrace. Earlier in Luke's story, Jesus has declared the bent-over woman to be a daughter of Abraham. Later, he will



call the toll collector Zacchaeus a "son of Abraham." To be "of Abraham" is to be true to the tradition inaugurated by Israel's ancestor in faith. It is to "hear" Moses and the prophets and their call to justice and right relationship.

Riches belong, not to the few, but to the whole Earth community. If they are all-consuming, they destroy our capacity to see or hear what really matters. All the honour and status they might bring are quite worthless in the final analysis. The rich man of the Lukan parable came to this realisation too late. An occasional walk in the woods or a period of digital detox might provide us with time to reflect and to find ways to restore the balance required for the health of all on our planet.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AMOS 6:1,4–7
1 TIMOTHY 6:11–16
LUKE 16:19–31

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HABAKKUK 1:2–3, 2:2–4
2 TIMOTHY 1:6–8, 13–14
LUKE 17:5–10