

4 September 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

You have been our refuge

St Alipius parish



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MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Mon Thurs, Fri 9:30 AM

Saturday 9:30 AM and 6.00 PM

Sunday 9.00 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th)
10.30 AM (2nd & 4th)

Rosary and Divine Mercy in church
after 9:30am mass

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 3 this week
Counting begins at 9:30 AM

WE PRAY FOR

Recently deceased: Bruno Micic

Anniversaries: Mona Reed
(Ballinger).

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.*

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

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Funeral Ministry

Carmel Flynn

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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.



CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

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.

This 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.

THANK YOU FROM VINNIES

The Ballarat East Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is most grateful for the generosity shown by both parishioners and school communities to our recent Winter appeal.

This money donated will help those most in need in our community in these challenging economic times.

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 this 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.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Collection basket – **\$1,355**

Presbytery and Priest support

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$568.20**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Altar Serving Training

Wed 7 September, 4:00 – 4:45 PM or

Saturday 10 September, 10:00 – 10:45 AM

ONLINE CONFERENCE FOR EVANGELISATION

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry warmly invites all Catholics to 'Evangelise' through a national, online conference to be held from 20–22 October. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation and prayer. Individual registration (\$25 each) and further information can be found at www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au.

GOOD SAMARITAN STUDY AND MENTORING PROGRAM

Applications are now invited for the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program for 2023. This program offers financial assistance for tertiary theological study to a maximum of \$8000 per year. The grant can be spent on tuition or other expenses associated with the completion of the qualification. For more information or to request an application pack, please contact samleadership@goodsams.org.au. Applications close on 16 September.

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

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/apostolic-letter-desiderio-desideravi-of-the-holy-father-francis/>

LUMINOUS: JOHN ORVAL, STAINED GLASS ARTIST

An exhibition of the work of John Orval, whose beautiful stained glass work can be seen in some of our region’s churches, will be held in Hamilton from 20 August – 30 October. Alongside this free exhibition, there will be an immersive bus tour to see Orval’s work in Hamilton, Coleraine, Nareen and Tahara on 30 September 22. The latest edition of “Our Diocesan Community” features an article on Orval’s stained-glass windows in our diocesan churches <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/odc/>. For more information on the exhibition go to <https://www.hamiltongallery.org/events/john-orval/>

NATIONAL JUSTICE SEMINAR, “NOW IS THE TIME!”

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>

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.

CWL AFTERNOON

The Catholic Women’s League, Cathedral Branch, invites parishioners to join them for a social afternoon at the Mary Glowrey Room, on Wednesday 7 September at 1.30 PM. There will be afternoon tea, a stall, and a competition. Entry free. Come along and bring a friend and meet our members and other parishioners. Contact Carmel 0401175045 or annekav1234@gmail.com.

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/>

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 CARE DONATIONS

Can final donations for the Catholic Care Appeal please be finalised by next weekend? 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.

CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

The Australian Church in Need (ACN) is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing, new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. Can you help build churches to support the faithful throughout the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/construction for more information.

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

23 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 14:25–33

As we continue to join with Christians across the globe in celebrating the Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), we might attend to the 2022 theme, “Listen to the voice of creation” and renew our commitment to the gospel call to care for all that constitutes our common home. Listening is a prerequisite for hearing the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. If we truly hear the diverse voices of creation, then we might be predisposed to consider carefully what we must do and what we must leave aside in the interests of planetary survival.

In today’s gospel reading, we are confronted with the pain involved in living a way of life that respects the rights of all created beings. On the long journey from Galilee through Samaritan territory to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus attracts a huge following and teaches relentlessly about the ways of God. By the time he reaches Jerusalem, the crowds have thinned considerably. Is this because it is too hard to persist with their initial impulse to follow the way of the gospel and the one who embodies its values? Implicit in Jesus’ teaching about carrying one’s cross is a reminder of the

intense pain and sacrifice involved in being a disciple. It sometimes means going against what other family members want. It may even involve risking one’s life for the sake of life. In the context of the Roman Empire, criminals who were sentenced to die by crucifixion carried to the place of their execution the cross beam on which they would hang. The cross image is shocking for anyone. It is quite alienating for the faint-hearted.

Listen to the voice of creation

The term “hate” (*misein*) in this context may seem harsh. The English translation fails to do justice, however, to the original Greek or to the Hebrew that underlies this biblical notion. To “hate” in biblical terms is to “leave aside”. Disciples are expected to love one another. There are times, however, when they have to “leave aside” the wishes of those they love most for the sake of a gospel call to justice, compassion, and a right relationship. If we are attentive to the gender bias of this ancient text, we might note that



married men are addressed while married women are not. Here as elsewhere, women have to read against the grain of the text in order to hear its message.

Finally, there is a call in this gospel passage to “leave aside” unnecessary possessions. In this time of planetary vulnerability and of growing division between the privileged and the marginalised of the Earth community, the teaching of the Lukan Jesus has a particular resonance. There is no place in a gospel way of life for self-indulgence, for exploitation of others or for a self-centred appropriation of the goods of the earth. Hearing the voice of creation implies systemic change so that the needs of all the creatures of the earth might be met within the means of the earth to provide.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WISDOM 9:13–18

PHILEMON 1:9–10, 12–17

LUKE 14:25–33

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXODUS 32:7–11, 13–18

TIMOTHY 1:12–17

LUKE 15:1–10