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

18 September 2022

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Praise God who lifts up the poor*

# St Alipius parish

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## MASS TIMES

### St Alipius

Monday – Friday 9:30 AM  
Saturday 9:30 AM and 6.00 PM  
Sunday 9.00 AM (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)  
10.30 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)

### Ss Peter and Paul's

Sunday 9:00 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>)  
10:30 AM (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>)  
Rosary – Thursday 11:00 AM

### Mass and prayer resources

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Counting team 5 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:

**Anniversaries:** Frances Becks,  
Bev Dawson, Corey Fletcher,  
Robert Stevenson

**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](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au)

### Funeral Ministry

Carmel Flynn

[stalipiusfuneral@gmail.com](mailto:stalipiusfuneral@gmail.com)



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

## CASSEROLE EVENING

A social evening is planned for 30 September at 6:00 PM at Sts. 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.

## 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](http://www.trybooking.com/CCSWQ)

## 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/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2022/)

## LAKE BOLAC CELEBRATION

The St Bernard's community at Lake Bolac is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of their old and new churches on Sunday 25 September. Bishop Paul Bird will say mass at 11:00 AM, followed by lunch at 12:30 PM at the Lake Bolac Memorial Hall. RSVP Jane Higgins via email at [mjhiggins58@bigpond.com](mailto:mjhiggins58@bigpond.com) or phone Leanne Breen – 0400 301 100.

## STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Collection basket – **\$1,575**

*Presbytery and Priest support*

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$633.20**

*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](mailto:ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Casserole Evening

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

## SACRED HEART REUNION

A reunion of Sacred Heart College Class of 1965 plus any other students will be held on Sunday 9 October. The reunion will commence at 10:00 AM with a campus tour of Damascus College, followed by lunch 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM at the Golden City Hotel. \$45 per person. To attend, please contact Lois Knight via email [loisknights345@hotmail.com](mailto:loisknights345@hotmail.com).

## 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)

## 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods)

## 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.

## 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](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), telephone (03) 9890 1101, or email [office@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:office@heartoflife.melbourne).

## 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/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/) or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

## BENDIGO REUNION

On Saturday, 15 October there will be a celebration of the Sports Hall of Fame/ Reunion of past students of St Vincent's College Bendigo (1955-77) Dinner at the Bendigo Club, Park Street, Bendigo. If you would like to attend, please contact Tim Coates. ph. 0407 403 574 or email [timothycoates@gmail.com](mailto:timothycoates@gmail.com).

## 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 October 10-28, 2022. The cost is \$25 per session or \$40 per session for teachers. Visit [www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=954030&](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=954030&)

## 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](http://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources).

## 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>

# Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

25 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 16:1–13

The third week in the Season of Creation confronts us with the issue of the strategies we may need to employ if we are to create more sustainable ways of inhabiting the planet. A measure of cunning may be needed. In *Dancing with Strangers* (2003), Melbourne-based historian Inga Clenninden offered a new perspective on the famous incident of the spearing of Governor Arthur Phillip at Manly Cove NSW on September 7, 1790. The “accident” at Manly was no accident, she argued, but a carefully staged and brilliantly executed response to the indignities inflicted by the British, albeit unwittingly, on the local inhabitants. The hero at Manly Cove is Baneelon (later known as Bennelong) who secures, for a time at least, the honour and survival of his people. He does so with all the cunning, if not the subterfuge, of the steward in Luke’s parable, and wins an uneasy approval. A constant motif in the story of these early British-Australian encounters is the understanding of possessions and land peculiar to each.

From eighteenth-century Manly Cove back to first-century Palestine is quite a leap. At stake in both

arenas are survival and honour. Luke’s unlikely hero is a property manager or steward accountable to a landowner (the master) for the collection of rent from land poor tenants who work the land and pay their rent in produce. The steward is reported for mismanagement. He is called in, asked to produce the books, and told he is about to be sacked. He thinks quickly, approaches the debtors, reduces their sizeable debts with the stroke of a pen, and thus gains their undying loyalty. He then hands over the books. While he has engaged in a series of smart moves, he is far from honest. The master is caught in a cleft stick: his steward has outwitted him and secured his own survival; the master has no honourable redress. He shakes his head and acknowledges the cunning or practical wisdom of the steward.

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*Disciples need to have the practical wisdom or cunning of the steward*

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It must be noted that there is no critique in this parable of the injustices inherent in a system that maintains privilege and subordination. That may be a



matter of consideration for disciples in our times. The parable reminds us, rather, that disciples need to have the practical wisdom or cunning of the steward, though to different ends. The parable gives way to a number of sayings about money and its use or misuse. While “money” as a means of exchange has long been an integral part of life in the Earth community, it can become an obstacle or even a substitute for right relationship with God, as the increasing global wealth disparity demonstrates. The implication in the final saying is that disciples are called to “enslave” themselves to God. Contemporary attitudes to slavery might suggest that we find more appropriate expressions for our relationship with God. Not everything in the gospel parables is to be emulated.

## THIS WEEK’S READINGS

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AMOS 8:4–7  
1 TIMOTHY 2:1–8  
LUKE 16:1–13

## NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

### TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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