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BUNINYONG 3357



▶ **ST ALIPIUS**  
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BALLARAT EAST 3350



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OPEN TUE – FRI  
9.00 AM – 1.00 PM

9 October 2022

Twenty-Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time

*Your faith has saved you*

# St Alipius parish

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## MASS TIMES

### St Alipius

Monday – Wednesday, Friday 9:30 AM

Thursday (funeral mass) 10:00 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 1 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

**Faithfully departed:** Johanna Van Styn

**Anniversaries:** John Barrett, Mary Cooper, Vera Gittings, Sandra Van Kempen.

**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.*



St Alipius  
Parish Community

### Parish Priest

Fr Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

### Sacramental and Parish Coordinator

Cathy Prunty

### Administrative Assistant

Natalie Shannon

### Parish Pastoral Council Chair

David Morrison

### Finance Officer

Kerrie McTigue

### Finance Chair

TBA

### Child Safety Officer

Emily Clarke

### Liturgy Coordinator

David Santamaria

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

### Funeral Ministry

Carmel Flynn

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



## THANKS FROM VINNIES

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the organisers of the Casserole Evening at St Peter and Paul's Buninyong. The occasion provided all who attended with a wonderful social evening and SVdP received a generous donation from the profits raised by the event.

## BBQ AFTER MASS 29 OCTOBER

The Parish Pastoral Council invites everyone to join your fellow parishioners for a BBQ at St Alipius after the 6.00 PM mass on Saturday 29 October. Sausages, hamburgers, and salads will be supplied. A plant fundraiser to raise money for the parish will be held.

## LITURGY MINISTRY TRAINING

The Liturgy Committee will be conducting training throughout November. People who are currently rostered on as, or interested in becoming, readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, offertory procession participants, or altar servers are asked to attend at least one training session. Details and dates will be provided in the coming weeks.

## 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.

## MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 8-15 OCTOBER

The theme for Mental Health Week this year is, "Where we live. How we live. What we've lived." Understanding how the body, mind and environment intersect is essential to overall wellbeing. Physical health – both inside of us and in the world around us – has a major impact on mental health. The nutrition we consume, the movement of our bodies, the health of the planet and the quality of our housing and neighbourhoods all play a part in building healthy communities and individuals <https://mentalhealthweek.org.au/>

Prayer for Mental Health Week: Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, so that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Collection basket – **\$1,114**

*Presbytery and Priest support*

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$488.20**

*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

### BBQ after mass

29 October, after 6:00 PM mass at St Alipius

## CSSV ANNUAL DINNER

After a two-year hiatus, Catholic Social Services Victoria will be holding its Annual Dinner on Friday, 11 November 11 in Melbourne. Members, social services staff, volunteers, and friends of CSSV are invited to join us for this special evening. After the disruption of the pandemic, we are looking forward to gathering together! Guest speaker to be announced. It promises to be a fantastic event! More details to come at <https://css.org.au/>

## WISDOM WORKSHOP

Free self-discovery workshops in the Ballarat region for young adults (aged 16–25). Over three sessions, participants will learn powerful skills to clarify and align with personal values, manage difficult thoughts and emotions, and create a life of meaning and purpose. Wednesday 12, 19 & 26 October from 7–8.15 PM at Lucas Community Hub. More info and bookings: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wisdom-workshop-free-self-discovery-course-for-young-adults-in-ballarat-tickets-415691814407](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wisdom-workshop-free-self-discovery-course-for-young-adults-in-ballarat-tickets-415691814407)

## MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre's open day is Saturday 26 November from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Includes tour of the museum, walking tour at 11:00 AM, Mass at 1:00 PM in the chapel where Mary prayed, and exhibition on the life and work of Mary's collaborator, Fr Julian Tenison Woods. MMHC also offers accommodation, a gift shop, and a museum (free entry): [www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/](http://www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/)

## CATHOLIC CARE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers play a critical role in the delivery of services at CatholicCare Victoria. In fact, around 10% of the services provided to people in need wouldn't be possible without the support of our volunteers. Volunteers run and support a range of services including administrative support at a number of our offices, emergency relief intake, English conversation classes for newly arrived refugees, academic support and encouragement for disadvantaged adults enrolled in the Clemente program, event help and organisation, sewing groups, homework clubs, pastoral support in prisons and hospitals. CatholicCare is grateful for the many wonderful people who give their time, skills, and experience to help respond to an ever-increasing demand for services. By volunteering, people contribute to making our community a better place and providing hope for a brighter future. Volunteers are welcome from all backgrounds, and life stages and with a broad range of skills. Volunteers under 18 years of age must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian. For more information, visit [www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/47/volunteer#opportunities](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/47/volunteer#opportunities)

### BAPTISMS

**Lottie Rae Murphy**  
Child of Drew Murphy and Sharni Waight

**Evie Mae Edgar**  
Child of Leigh Daniel Edgar and Amanda Barry

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

Pope Francis

## EVANGELISATION CONFERENCE

Hosted by the Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM), 20–22 October, this national online conference will promote understanding of, and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship and mission in the world (BCELM mandate). Opening with a reflection on the Plenary Council and Australian reports to the General Synod on Synodality, the conference will progress to explore personal experiences and local strategies of evangelisation. More information is available from the conference website <https://nce.catholic.org.au/bcelm-conference/events/bcelm-conference>

## ACU PUBLIC LECTURE ON THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is hosting a public lecture on the future of the Catholic sacrament of Marriage on 10 October from 10.00 AM – 11.30 AM by Professor Julie Hanlon Rubio, an expert in marriage theology, from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley. 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) for information and to book.

## 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&](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=954030&)

## ONLINE STUDY

Our partner, Dayton University, offers 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 and costs US\$50. There are 39 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information: [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.

## ACRATH 2023 CALENDAR

The 2023 ACRATH calendar features stories and information on forced marriage, ethical shopping, resources, and important publications. It has become an important education tool for schools, parishes, workplaces, and families. Along with the important role of raising awareness, the calendar assists ACRATH in raising funds to support its work. Order the calendar at <https://acrath.org.au/acrath-2023-calendar/>

## PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL

Your generous support can help Caritas provide emergency assistance to millions of people affected by devastating floods in Pakistan. Please donate at [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods)

# Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

28 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 17:11–19

Every day we hear news of race riots, ethnic violence, and discrimination somewhere in our world, often quite close to us. Even those who do not resort to violence can tend to be suspicious of those who have different origins and different ways from them. The worst atrocities are frequently perpetrated between those who have differing understandings of the same faith. There are elements of this in both the protracted Syrian war and the present Ukrainian conflict, even if religion is only one component in each situation. We are seeing, there as elsewhere, the end product of a failure to recognise the shared humanity of all people.

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Today's gospel story invites us to reflect on the potential goodness of everyone. It continues last week's focus on the saving power of faith. Just four Greek words make up the most telling sentence in the story: "And he was Samaritan!" A new element has entered into the narrative: faith is not the sole preserve of the Jewish people. A despised half-Jew can have faith,

faith buried deep within and actively at work like the life in the mustard seed.

Jesus is approached by ten lepers in a village in border territory. All have been excluded from participation in village life on account of their chronic skin disease. All beg for inclusion: "mercy us" is their plea. All follow the prescription of the Law of Moses to show themselves to the priests (Leviticus 13-14). All are declared "clean". In other words, they have been "mercied", freed from the power of illness and restored to community life. Only one turns back, praises God in the marketplace, falls at Jesus' feet and thanks him. Readers do not know to this point whether the village and its inhabitants are Galilean or Samaritan. They know only that the village is situated in the region between Galilee and Samaria. Now the shocking truth is revealed: one is a Samaritan, doubly marginalised as a "foreigner" or "stranger" and it is this one alone that gives thanks to Jesus and honour to God. This one alone receives the now familiar affirmation: "your faith has saved you". Jesus tells the Samaritan to rise up and continue on his way, on



his journey of faith. The other nine are healed, presumably because they too have some limited faith. They have nonetheless forgotten the source of their healing and abandoned the journey to life.

One measure of our faith is our capacity to acknowledge and to celebrate the source of our well-being when life is good and we have no felt need for healing. A more telling measure is our capacity to say a simple word of thanks to all those who mediate to us the goodness of a compassionate and merciful God, whatever our circumstances. We might also take time this week to focus on and give thanks for the wonderful diversity of life in our world, diversity within the other-than-human as well as within the human community.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KINGS 5:14–17  
2 TIMOTHY 2:8–13  
LUKE 17:11–19

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXODUS 17:8–13  
2 TIMOTHY 3:14–4:2  
LUKE 18:1–8