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OPEN TUE – FRI
10.00 AM – 1.00 PM

16 October 2022

Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time

Our help is from the Lord

St Alipius parish

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

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Monday – 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 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

Faithfully departed: Tom
Prendergast

Anniversaries: Beatriz Arroyo,
Eileen Power

Unwell: Remy Bourke, Anne
D'Cruz (Singapore), Margaret
Forster, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall,
Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Betty
McGarry, Peter McLachlan, Connor
Prunty, Letitia Simmons, Margie
Wilmott, and all who are 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

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Funeral Ministry

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**Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth**



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

You are invited to join us for a chicken and champagne lunch to celebrate the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday 1 November at 11.30 AM in St. Alipius Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person payable on entry. Lunch of chicken, salad and dessert will be supplied, along with champagne and soft drinks. Please confirm your attendance by 30 October by calling Natalie on 0413 301 872. Prizes for the best male and female fascinators. Sweeps available. Profits will go to support the parish.

REMEMBRANCE MASS

Our annual Remembrance Mass will be on Saturday 29 October at 6 PM at St Alipius, Ballarat East. This Mass will be recorded and will be available on the St Alipius Parish liturgy website (sapliturgy.net.au) in early November and will stay online for a month. It will not be live-streamed. Please spread the word to those you know who might like to attend.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who have celebrated their First Eucharist at masses during the past two weekends. We look forward to having them join us again. Thank you to all those who helped in their preparation.

NATIONAL CARERS WEEK

National Carers Week, from 16–22 October, is a time to recognise and celebrate the 2.65 million Australians who provide care and support to a family member or friend <https://carersweek.com.au/>. *We pray for all carers:* Lord God, we pray for all who care for family members and friends. Surround them with the love, encouragement, and the strength of others in all their works. Lord hear us.

PARABLE WORKSHOP

Speakers from the Sapientia Project, Anna Krohn and Fiona Bradley, will run an afternoon workshop on The Parables of Jesus on Saturday 22 October from 1.30 PM – 4.15 PM at St Patrick's Cathedral in the MacKillop & Glowrey rooms. The afternoon includes talks from both speakers, discussion, and afternoon tea. All welcome. Cost: \$5 donation. For more information see the flyer on the parish noticeboards or call Fiona on 0402 474 074 or email info@sapientiaproject.com.

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.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Collection basket – **\$1,543**

Presbytery and Priest support

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$483.20**

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

LITURGY MINISTRY TRAINING

The Liturgy Committee will be conducting training throughout November. People who are currently rostered on as, or who are interested in becoming, readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, offertory procession participants, or altar servers are asked to attend at least a training session as listed below in Upcoming Events:

UPCOMING EVENTS
BBQ after mass Saturday 29 October, after 6:00 PM mass at St Alipius
Melbourne Cup lunch Tuesday 1 November, 11:30 AM, St Alipius, \$20pp
Reader training Wednesday 2 November, 7:00–8:00 PM, St Alipius Wednesday 9 November, 7:00–8:00 PM, Buninyong
Altar server training Saturday 5 November, 10:00–11:00 AM, St Alipius
Special Minister of the Eucharist training Wednesday 16 November, 7:00–8:00 PM, St Alipius Wednesday 23 November, 7:00–8:00 PM, Buninyong
Offertory Procession training 30 mins after masses on 5 and 6 November

LITURGY ROSTER

A new roster is being prepared for November through January. Anyone wishing to be involved can complete an online form at sapliturgy.net.au or fill in a paper survey available at the rear of the churches.

PASTORAL 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 5332 6611 and we can arrange a visit, which can include communion.

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>

DIOCESAN YOUTH BOOKLET

The Ballarat Diocese has produced a booklet that outlines opportunities to assist young people on their faith journey. It outlines youth ministry and young adult activities and information on faith formation, social justice, and outreach initiatives. Social media networks and online forums offering choices for young people to connect with the wider Catholic community are listed, as are links to resources to support young people in prayer and spirituality. Information is provided about reflection days, festivals, immersions, and pilgrimage experiences to grow in their faith. Qualifications in theology, ministry formation, training and much more are described. With the support of Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, the booklet is being distributed to all secondary schools for Year 12 students and senior school leavers, as well as a small number of copies for parishes across the Diocese. If you have any questions or would like a copy, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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/>

LITURGY FORMATION

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Joseph's Warrnambool on Sunday 13 November. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30 AM with the formation program beginning at 12.00 PM on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and scripture reflection. All are welcome to attend. More details and registration information to come.

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

Anti-Poverty Week, 16–22 October, will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year. Governments have been called upon to take action on two key things: To unlock poverty for individuals, families, and children; raise income support above the poverty line and invest in social housing <https://antipovertyweek.org.au/> *We pray:* Loving God, we pray for those who live in poverty. May we never be so comfortable that we are numbed to their discomfort. We pray for those who are in crisis. May we never be too busy to see pain in the face of a stranger. We pray for those who are marginalised. May we never be so privileged to forget those who have little. Amen.

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 a museum (free entry) accommodation, and a gift shop: www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time when the Australian community comes together to promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is - 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections.' MHFA invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October <https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

Prayer for Mental Health month: 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, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

29 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 18:1–8

In today's gospel, the narrator has the Lukan Jesus introducing the reader to a parable "about the need to pray always". If the parable that follows were really about prayer, then the unjust judge would image a God who has no respect for anyone and is reluctant to hear the pleas of the exploited! There are clearly problems with this, and scholars are divided on how to explain it. The most likely explanation is that, in the editorial process, the gospel writer has added Jesus' introductory words, his final instruction to pay attention to the judge's words and the three questions at the end. The original parable was almost certainly told in another context and ended with the words of the judge. It has acquired different meanings as it has shifted from an oral to a written context and the Lukan author adjusts it rather awkwardly to the issues he wants to address with his communities.

The action is located in "a certain city", suggesting that it is a story for any and every city where the vulnerable persist in seeking justice. There are two main characters, the judge, and the

widow. There is another non-speaking character in the wings, namely the widow's opponent. The hearer or reader is invited to fill in the gaps. Who is this opponent? What sort of injustice is the widow experiencing? Since the judge clearly recognises the validity of the widow's claim, why does he refuse to hear her plea? There may be a hint in this that he is accepting bribes from the woman's adversary. We might well ask what sort of judge, especially a judge in the Jewish tradition, would admit that he has no respect for God or anyone else.

Those with little power can win out in the end if they have the courage to persist in their struggles for justice

A vital clue to understanding the parable lies in the translation of the final words of the judge. A literal translation reads: "so that she won't finish up giving me a black eye". Translators have consistently softened the impact of this with a metaphorical reading. Might Jesus be drawing attention to the plight of those in that society who can only



get justice from a corrupt judiciary if they resort to violence? The widow in this story is one feisty woman: without the support of a husband or the benefit of social security payments, she has only her own personal resources to rely upon. The judge operates from the untested assumption that she is prepared to use her fists. In fact, like the God of Israel, she uses only her constant appeal for justice. Jesus tells his hearers to pay attention to what the "unjust judge" has to say. It is not entirely clear what the reader is meant to take from this story. One possibility is that those who seem to have little power can win out in the end if they have the courage to persist in their struggles for justice, an encouraging message in the face of ongoing planetary distress.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIRACH 35:12–14, 16–19
2 TIMOTHY 4:6–8, 16–18
LUKE 18:9–14