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OPEN TUE – FRI
10.00 AM – 1.00 PM

30 October 2022

Thirty-First Sunday Ordinary Time

Today salvation has come

St Alipius parish

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

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Tuesday – Friday 9:30 AM
Tuesday 7:00 PM All Saints
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 4 this week
Counting begins Wednesday 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

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.



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
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BBQ AFTER VIGIL MASS

The Parish Pastoral Council invites everyone to join your fellow parishioners for a BBQ in the St Alipius Hall 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.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

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, or BYO your drinks of choice. Please confirm your attendance by 30 October by calling Natalie on 0413 301 872. Prizes for the best-dressed male and best-female fascinator. Activities and sweeps throughout the day. Profits to support the parish.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Collection basket – **\$1,517**
Presbytery and Priest support

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$683.20**
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

ST VINNIES ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday 8 December the Ballarat East Conference of St Vincent de Paul will celebrate the 110th anniversary of its formation. To mark this milestone members will gather for the 9.30 AM Parish Mass and then move to the Parish Hall for morning tea. We would be delighted if past members could join us for this special occasion. To assist with catering, please leave your name with the Parish Office by 11 November if you are attending.

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 Fr John McKinnon will present a workshop on scripture reflection. All welcome. Register: www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=974367&

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 one training session as listed below in Upcoming Events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BBQ after vigil mass

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

Melbourne Cup luncheon

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

Caring Group

Friday 4 November, 2:00 PM, St Alipius Hall.
All welcome. Please bring a small plate to share.

Altar server training

Saturday 5 November, 10:00–11:00 AM, St Alipius

Liturgy Committee meeting

Thursday 8 November, 5:30 PM, St Alipius presbytery

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

CARING GROUP

The Caring Group will be meeting in St Alipius Hall on Friday 4 November at 2:00 PM. All are welcome. Please bring a small plate to share.

DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The latest edition of the Diocesan e-New is available at: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/news/

RCIA PROCESS WEBINAR

Catholic Initiation Australia Network's (CIAN) free webinar on the challenges in establishing and maintaining a parish RCIA process is on Monday 14 November from 7.00 PM – 8.15 PM via Zoom. The presenters, Lisa McKerr, Kathy Horan, and Christine Wood, will provide practical ideas to get RCIA processes back on track after COVID lockdowns. There will be breakout groups for participants to discuss their parish's RCIA processes. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/mtx42peu>

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/

DIOCESAN YOUTH BOOKLET

The Ballarat Diocese youth booklet outlines opportunities to assist young people on their faith journey, including 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, pilgrimage experiences to grow in their faith, qualifications in theology, ministry formation, and training. With the support of Bishop Paul Bird, the booklet is being distributed to all secondary schools for Year 12 students and senior school leavers, and parishes across the Diocese. If you have any questions or would like a copy, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office at pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

2023 LITURGICAL CONFERENCE

The National Liturgical Council and the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network are pleased to announce a combined liturgy and music conference to be held in Brisbane from 28-30 September 2023. The conference is called *Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration* and is a welcome collaboration after several years of being unable to gather for conferences. US liturgical theologian Timothy O'Malley (Notre Dame) and British composer Bernadette Farrell are keynote speakers, along with many expert local workshop presenters and facilitators

ST VINNIES FLOOD APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by calling 13 18 12 or visiting the appeal website: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>

You can also make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shop at the point of purchase, or via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

CSSV ANNUAL DINNER

After a two-year hiatus, Catholic Social Services Victoria will be holding its Annual Dinner on Friday, 11 November in Parkville at 5.30 PM. 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! Guest speaker to be announced. It promises to be a fantastic event! Details at <https://css.org.au/events/cssv-annual-dinner/>. Tickets: www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=972288&

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.

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/>

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

31 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 19:1–10

Several years ago, a little book came my way and proceeded to turn my world upside down. The author of that book was German forester Peter Wohlleben, its title *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from a Secret World*. I have long mourned the destruction of trees, local and global, including the threatened trees of the Amazon. I grew up loving, valuing and sometimes climbing the trees in the shadow of Geboor (Mount Macedon). My present neighbours are the trees of the Woowookarung Regional Park. Wohlleben's book brought home to me how much I had still to learn about these precious gifts of life and love.

Luke's story of the toll collector Zacchaeus provides me with yet another opportunity to give thanks for the wonder of trees, their intrinsic beauty and the life they sustain. A sycamore tree is at the heart of this story. Once I would have thought of this tree simply as one of the props in the human story that unfolds, providing as it does the platform for a height-challenged would-be disciple of Jesus who wants to "see". The

human encounter with the holy is foregrounded in this story and is in no way to be discounted. This is not a reason to relegate the tree to the status of prop. The forests of the Amazon, of Australia and elsewhere, continue to be threatened by extensive land clearing. The planet cannot breathe without its trees. We might keep this in mind as we turn to the human elements in the story of Zacchaeus.

Jesus assures Zacchaeus that salvation has come to his house

Zacchaeus is a wealthy man, a chief tax collector, possibly responsible for overseeing the activities of other tax collectors. He wants to see what Jesus is like and he lets nothing get in the way. He runs ahead and climbs the sycamore tree. Jesus looks up and tells him to come down quickly, "for I must stay at your house today." Zacchaeus offers hospitality "joyfully". Hospitality, joy, haste to respond to divine visitation: these are constant themes in Luke.

"All those who see" complain that Jesus chooses to stay with a



sinner, no doubt considering themselves more worthy hosts for God's prophet. There are clues in the text that Zacchaeus has already changed his ways, however. The future tense in translations ('I will pay') obscures this important element. He gives half his property to the destitute and, if he has cheated anyone, he pays them back four times the amount. Jesus looks at Zacchaeus and assures him that salvation has come to his house. He then acts to restore honour to Zacchaeus in the eyes of those who hold him and his kind in contempt. Zacchaeus is affirmed as a true descendant of his forbears in faith. Salvation for our house, our "common home", will only come with comparable attention to what we have despoiled.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WISDOM 11:22–12:2

2 THESSALONIANS 1:11–2:2

LUKE 19:1–10

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 MACCABEES 7:1–2, 9–14

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16–3:5

LUKE 20:27, 34–38