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

20 November 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*This is the King of the Jews*

# St Alipius parish

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[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballar-at-east/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballar-at-east/)

## MASS TIMES

### St Alipius

Wednesday, 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 7 this week  
Counting Tuesday 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:** Des Burke,  
Leondis (Mary) Dean, Gerard  
McCarty, Connor Prunty

**Anniversary:** Andrew O'Brien

**Unwell:** Remy Bourke, Anne  
D'Cruz, Dale Fletcher, Waffa Ghali,  
Ray Gregory, Heather Healy, Peter  
Martin, Betty McGarry, Peter  
McLachlan, 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 this land's  
traditional owners and custodians  
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

Paul O'Beirne

### 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)



## OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

The final edition of ODC 2023 has been published. Please take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to help spread the news from the diocese.

## OLHC CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Wendouree is hosting a free lunch on Christmas Day in their parish hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00 – 2.00 PM. Transport is available if needed. Limited places, so bookings are essential. Phone 0419 975 914 to book or to register your availability to volunteer on the day.

## MAKING A SCENE DISPLAY

Making a Scene at Christmas is a display of over 500 Nativities from more than 60 countries, as well as frankincense, myrrh, and coins from around the time Jesus was born. Entry by gold coin donation. Bridge Mall, Saturday 3 December and from 10–23 December.

## VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Aussie families are struggling to survive the increasing cost-of-living pressures. Your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who is doing it tough this Christmas and give them hope for a better future:

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

## STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Collection basket – **\$1,043**  
*Presbytery and Priest support*

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$563.20**  
*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)

## ONLINE ADVENT COURSE

**Advent: A Holy Waiting** is a 4-week subject in the Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program run by Dayton University and beginning 27 November at a cost of US\$50. This is the only subject available in this cycle. Registrations are now open. For information visit:

[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/), email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or telephone 5337 7121.

## SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The Catholic Church has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Prayer resources, including the document and access to the submission portal, are available at [www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)

## GORDON PARISH CEMETERY

The Parish of Gordon will be celebrating Mass for the Commemoration for all the Faithful Departed at the Gordon Cemetery on Sunday, 27 November at 11.00 AM. All are welcome to attend.

## BAPTISMS

### Isla May Edmends

Child of Allister and Amy Edmends

### Kade Glen Plover

Child of Jason and Karly Plover

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

Pope Francis

## DISABILITY FOCUS GROUP

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) Disability Project Office invites people with disabilities and carers of people with disabilities to be the core participants of an online focus group from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM on Saturday 24 November and hosted by Damien Gardiner, Disability Projects Officer for ACBC, to consider the Synod of Bishops Continental Report. Email [damien.gardiner@catholic.org.au](mailto:damien.gardiner@catholic.org.au) for more information.

## GIVING TREE APPEAL

The last two years of the COVID pandemic have had a devastating impact on low-income families. Rent prices, unemployment, and mental and physical health issues are just some of the things which can lead to a financial crisis. Please help families in need this Christmas by donating to CatholicCare Victoria's Giving Tree Appeal [www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/19/giving-tree-appeal](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/19/giving-tree-appeal)

## CARDS AND CALENDARS

2023 Columban calendars (\$10) and St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards (5 for \$5) are available at the piety stall. Proceeds support disadvantaged and homeless people.

## WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

Discover what's happening this World Children's Day – UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children. From climate change, education, and mental health, to ending racism and discrimination, children and young people are raising their voices on the issues that matter to their generation and calling for adults to create a better future. Kids are standing up for a more equal, inclusive world [www.unicef.org/world-childrens-day](http://www.unicef.org/world-childrens-day)

## 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

## VATICAN HYMN COMPETITION

The Dicastery for Evangelisation invites entries for the Hymn for the Holy Year 2025. Entrants are asked to set to music a text proposed by the Dicastery's Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelisation in the World, which expresses the essence of the jubilee event. The hymn should have a liturgical purpose and be capable of being sung by a church congregation and by a schola cantorum. Entries close 25 March 2023. [www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/news/giubileo-2022-09-19.html](http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/news/giubileo-2022-09-19.html)

## FREE ADVENT RESOURCES

Advent resources, including a 2022 Advent Calendar, Nativity packs and more, that provide practical ideas to help families journey through Advent, are available at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/>

## PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention that covers various areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope, and calling us to loving service and he asks us to join him in prayer. The Pope's intention for November is for children who are suffering, including the homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and experience family affection. The Pope Video forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network and can be viewed at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org)

## PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

You are invited to Prepare for Christmas this Advent with a new Daily Devotional series starting 27 November. Each day, Bruce "The Catholic Guy" Downes, will send you a short inspirational video that is full of real-life stories, and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent> or email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

## MUSIC MINISTRY COURSE

Liturgy Brisbane is offering a 3-hour online course **Music Ministry in the Liturgy**. Using short, engaging videos, readings, quizzes and detailed downloadable notes, the course offers comprehensive formation to provide parish and school music ministry teams with the liturgical and musical knowledge, understanding and skills to confidently and competently choose and lead music in the liturgy. Complete the course at your own pace, in your own home, at times that suit you and download a certificate of completion. Course cost is \$25.00 (+GST if applicable), with group discounts available. For more information visit <https://liturgy-brisbane-learn-discover.learnworlds.com/course/musminc>

## VIRTUAL ADVENT SERIES

Garrett Publishing presents a series of free virtual Advent talks by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week. Speaking to us from their own area of expertise will be Prof Mary Coloe PBVM, Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, Dr Chris Monaghan CP, Dr Janina Hiebel. Sessions will be held via Zoom on Tuesdays – 22 and 29 November, and 6 and 13 December, from 7.00 PM–8.00 PM. Registration <https://garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/2022-virtual-advent-series/> The sessions will be recorded and available to view online the Friday after each event.

## YCW CRICKET CLUB REUNION

Former players, supporters and families of the club are invited to get together for lunch on Sunday 4 December at midday, at the Robin Hood Hotel. Call Terry on 0401 730 670 or John on 0409 864 080 to RSVP.

## VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION

The Bishops of Victoria have written to the Catholic community in Victoria to provide an election guide designed to help Catholics consider and navigate key issues of significance, particularly those related to the common good. The documents are available at <https://melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022>

# Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

*Feast of Christ the King: Luke 23:35–43*

Sadly, there have always been those who scoff at others or make fun of them, generally because they themselves feel inadequate or threatened in some way. Those who suffer such bullying behaviour often feel powerless and demeaned. There may be some comfort for such people in today's gospel. We find here a serious case of bullying and two dignified responses that undermine the destructive power of those who taunt or deride.

The first response is that of Jesus who refuses to retaliate when the soldiers mock him or when another convicted criminal ("one of the criminals hanging there") derides him. Another dignified response comes from "the other" criminal. This man has the insight to recognise that Jesus is innocent. He also has the courage to challenge the injustice of what is going on around him. Having offered his challenge, he then turns to Jesus and addresses him by name: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kin-dom." His request reveals his faith in Jesus as the human face of God. It also reveals his knowledge of Jesus' mission, first announced in Galilee:

"I must proclaim the good news of the kin-dom of God ...."

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*Today you will be with me*

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Jesus points to God and God's reign or empire. Jesus' criminal companion points in his turn to the reign or empire of Jesus. The reign of God and the reign of Jesus are one and the same. In turning to Jesus and putting his request, this criminal becomes a disciple and receives the assurance of a share in Jesus' life with God: "Today you will be with me...." "Jesus, remember me" is a fitting prayer in the face of all life's struggles. It is a prayer for mercy. Next time we sing these words or pray them in our hearts, we might spare a thought for the one who first uttered them, a convicted Jewish criminal who had the courage to rise above his own suffering and challenge the unjust oppression of an innocent neighbour. Like Jesus, this criminal was and continues to be an instrument of God's reign. His capacity to challenge the injustice of Jesus' execution might be a source of inspiration for us as we struggle to find mercy and justice



for the Earth as well as for the innocent ones who seek asylum only to find themselves subjected to the torture of exile and hopelessness.

The title of today's feast reminds us of the boundless nature of God's rule or reign: we celebrate Christ Jesus as ruler of the universe, of all that is and of all that will be. As our understanding of the universe expands, we find ourselves caught up in the ever creative and saving presence of a compassionate, merciful God who has been revealed to us in Jesus of Nazareth. This feast might serve as a reminder to allow the peace of Christ to reign in our hearts even in the face of derision.

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

2 SAMUEL 5:1–3

COLOSSIANS 1:12–20

LUKE 23:35–43

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

ISAIAH 2:1–5

ROMANS 13:11–14

MATTHEW 24:37–44