

4 June 2023

The Most Holy Trinity
God so loved the world



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MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Tues - Sat 9.30 AM in the Parish Hall

Saturday 9.30 AM, 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 6 this week – 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: Dennis
Storer

Anniversaries: Leo Tuddenham,
Fr John Readman

Unwell: Peter McLachlan, Sarah
McLachlan, Carole Simmons

*Our parish is committed to all
children, young people, and
vulnerable adults' safety, well-
being, and dignity.*

*We acknowledge this land's
traditional owners and custodians
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

Bernadette Prestwood

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FIRST EUCHARIST

This weekend we welcome the 32 children who are joining us to celebrate Eucharist for the first time. We congratulate them on becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. The children have been preparing for this sacrament both with their families and in their schools. Please continue to pray for these children.

PIETY STALL

The piety stall has a range of very affordable cards and gifts for sale. The current display shows items suitable for **First Eucharist**.

During a recent stocktake, many slow-to-move articles were identified. These have been placed on tables near the piety stall and are either free or \$2 each.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Finance Meeting	5:30 PM, Tuesday 13 June, Presbytery
PPC Meeting	6:30 PM, Thursday 15 June, Presbytery
Buninyong Casserole Night	6:00 PM, Friday 30 June, Ss Peter and Paul's
Parish Trivia Night	7:00 PM, Friday 4 August, St Alipius Hall

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

We are holding a Trivia Night at 7:00 PM on Friday 4 August. Tickets will be \$10 per person with tables of up to 8 people. BYO nibbles and drinks. Tea and coffee will be supplied. Please contact the office if you can secure a donation or would like to donate a prize for the raffle. For further information about the trivia night, please call.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to our stewardship program. Your generosity is appreciated.

Supporting our parish priests	Collection	\$1,049
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	Envelopes	\$418
	Credit cards	\$420
	Direct debits	

VINNIES BREAD RUN

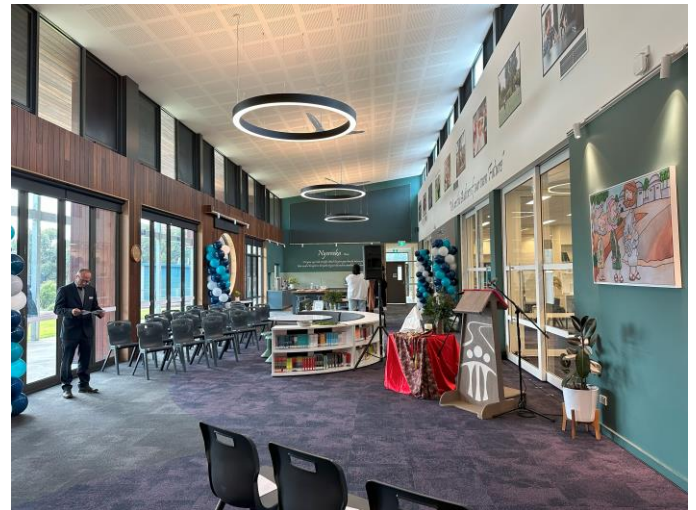
Each Monday night between the new time of 7:00 and 7:30 PM, Vinnies volunteers can be found in the St. Alipius Church Hall providing bread for those in need. If this would benefit you, or someone you know please call into the hall and bring a bag to put the bread in.

CASSEROLE NIGHT

To be held at Ss Peter and Paul's in Buninyong at 6:00 PM on Friday 30 June. Please bring casseroles or other food to share. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be available. \$15 per person. Everyone is welcome.

NEW EMMAUS BUILDING

Congratulations to the staff and students at Emmaus who gathered to witness the blessing and opening of their Leadership building last Friday. We know that this building will bring much joy and excitement to each of the senior learners at the school. Fr. Jorge had the pleasure of opening and blessing the building and was very impressed by what he saw.



ACU LITURGY PODCAST

The ACU Centre for Liturgy presents Australia's first liturgy podcast, which features local and international experts exploring a wide range of liturgy-related topics, including thought-provoking discussions on Catholic liturgy, liturgical music, art and architecture, liturgy in Catholic schools, preaching and more. Listen at www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/the-liturgy-channel

PRAYING WITH THE POPE

Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. The Pope's intention for June is for **the abolition of torture**: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families. Lord, hear us. View 'The Pope Video' – www.thepopevideo.org.

BAPTISMS

Heidi Mae Liersch

Child of Rarl and Melissa Liersch

Wilkie Lou and Elliot Mae Renga

Children of Joshua and Olivia Renga

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

Pope Francis

LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere. The online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through the Diocese of Ballarat's partner, Dayton University at a cost of US\$50. There are 39 subjects to choose from. Registrations are open for the next cycle, which begins on 10 July. For more information, visit www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/, phone 5337 7121 or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

POST GRADUATE STUDIES

In July 2023, Australian Catholic University's (ACU) Faculty of Theology and Philosophy and the ACU Centre for Liturgy are offering an intensive post-graduate unit in Liturgical Music taught by Professor Clare Johnson and

special guest presenters. *THLS502 Liturgical Music* will be offered as an intensive face-to-face class between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM on 3–6 July at ACU's Melbourne Campus. Teachers, parish musicians, clergy, diocesan personnel and interested others are most welcome to enrol in this unit as professional learners (no assessment) or as auditors. For further information go to the website www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/professional-development.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Appeal envelopes are located at the ends of the pews. People wishing to support the work of SVdP through our local conference can place their donation in an envelope and return it via the collection plate. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and can be made at www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal, at Vinnies shops, or by calling 13 18 12.

POPE'S PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this day. Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears, and divisions will be overcome. They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace. May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests. Please, no more war.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice, and pastoral care. Visit pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship for more information and application forms. Applications close on 4 August.

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop's Dinner in support of Corpus Christ Seminary will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, 1 September at Moonee Valley Racecourse. The guest speaker is Corpus Christi College Seminary Rector, Fr. Cameron Forbes. More information is available from www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081831675720

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

Pentecost: John 3:16–18

“In the beginning is not the solitude of a One, of an eternal Being, alone and infinite. Rather, in the beginning is the communion of the three Unique Ones” (Brazilian theologian Leonardo Boff). Trinity Sunday is the day that we set aside to celebrate who God is in Godself and who God is in relation to everything that exists. We celebrate the nearness of the Triune God who draws us as participants into the mystery of life, of communion, of love and of salvation.

Today’s gospel passage forms part of Jesus’ dialogue with a Pharisee called Nicodemus whom Jesus leads from a basic and fairly literal understanding to new understandings of what it means to be in relationship with God. The need to be “born of the Spirit” is part of the conversation that forms the context for this gospel reading. God is not a distant God, but rather a God of communion, and a God in communion with the world: “God so loved the world....” John uses the term “world” in today’s gospel to refer to humanity in need of salvation. Jesus, “God’s child”, is the one through whom the world is saved.

Trinitarian language pervades John’s gospel and is present elsewhere in the Christian scriptures, almost certainly reflecting the incipient belief of the earliest communities that God is one, as Jewish faith asserts, and at the same time three-in-one. This belief was to develop over the subsequent centuries into the doctrine of the Trinity which is at the very heart of Christian faith.

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harmonious union of love.*

Perichoresis, a Greek term suggestive of both permeation and diversity in unity, is one of the earliest and probably one of the most striking metaphors used to explain this Trinitarian life of God. The life that is in God is three and yet one in a totally harmonious union of love. Another early metaphorical explanation was of three unified suns, with their three lights mingled into one light. No one image can capture the mystery of God’s dynamic Trinitarian existence. Every image falls short in some respect. Since God is



neither male nor female, it is important to remember that the traditional male language of Father, Son and Spirit is one way of imaging the Trinity and is not to be absolutized or taken as a literal description of God who is three in one.

Trinitarian love casts out hatred and enmity and wanton destruction. It calls us to live in harmony with one another and with the whole of the Earth community. It calls us to examine our tendency to privilege those who look and act like us and who see the world as we do. It calls us to hear the plea of Pope Francis to “enlarge the space of our tents” (Isa 54:2) and walk together in faith and hope and love as we prepare for the October session of the Synod on Synodality.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
EXODUS 34:4–6, 8–9
2 CORINTHIANS 13:11–13
JOHN 3:16–18

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
DEUTERONOMY 8:2–3, 14–16
1 CORINTHIANS 10:16–17
JOHN 6:51–52