

11 June 2023

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
*I am the living bread*

# St Alipius parish



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## MASS TIMES

### St Alipius

Wed – Fri 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 (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 – 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:** Florita (Flo)  
Mercado Cue

**Anniversaries:** Sheila McCartin,  
Tania Giles, Bill Murphy

**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

### Finance Chair

Paul O'Beirne

### Child Safety Officer

Emily Clarke

### Liturgy Coordinator

Jason Fletcher

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

### Funeral Ministry

Carmel Flynn

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## 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 Committee Meeting

5:30 PM, Tuesday 13 June, St Alipius Presbytery

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

6:30 PM, Thursday 15 June, St Alipius 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. Please call the office for further information.

## STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Supporting our parish priests	Collection	\$1,173
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	Envelopes	\$838.20
	Credit cards	\$590
	Direct debits	

## VINNIES BREAD RUN

Each Monday night between 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.

## SUNGLASSES FOUND

A pair of sunglasses were found at Ss Peter and Paul's church in Buninyong after 10:30 AM mass last week. They are at the parish office if anyone is missing them.

## REFUGEE WEEK LUNCHEON

The House of Welcome Ballarat, who assist refugees, asylum seekers, students, and those in need, are holding their annual Soup and Sandwich Luncheon which resumes this year after pausing during the pandemic. This year's event will be held at 1:30 PM on Wednesday 21 June in the Uniting Church Hall, 107 Lydiard Street South, near the corner of Dana Street. There will be stalls, competitions, and great company. The guest speaker is Mr Anthony Krohn (BA(Hons), LL.B, B.Theol), who is a former member of the Refugee Review Tribunal and the Migration Review Tribunal. Entry is \$25 and all are welcome to attend. To book, text your name to 0401 175 045 or email [annekav1234@gmail.com](mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com). Donations can be made to the House of Welcome Ballarat, BSB 633-000, account number 1440 44963.

## 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](http://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal), at Vinnies shops, or by calling 13 18 12.

## MUSIC CONFERENCE

The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network & National Liturgical Council are hosting a joint national liturgy and liturgical music conference entitled "Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration" to be held at the Hilton Brisbane from 28–30 September. There will be 6 keynote speaker presentations, 50 workshop options, networking and discussion, prayer, and liturgy. Watch the conference promo video – <https://youtu.be/rpFbN0NgR2s> For more information and to register go to: <https://www.mysteryandmission.com.au/register>

## NATSICC WEBSITE

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has launched a new website called "One Journey, Together" for Catholics to learn about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. The website hosts stories and anecdotes from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, Catholic figures, and Catholic organisations. Visit the website at this address: <https://indigenousvoice.church/>

### BAPTISMS

**Mason Joseph and Cooper Thomas Drew**  
Children of Daniel Drew and Taylor Robertson

**Parker James Reid**  
Children of Child of Jack and Hayley Reid

**Vienna Marie Curtis**  
Children of Shannon Curtis and Nancy Cabel

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

Pope Francis

## 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.

## 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/](http://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](mailto:djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

## 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](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

## 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](http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship) for more information and application forms. Applications close on 4 August.

## 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](http://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/the-liturgy-channel)

## MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Museum Gift Shop supports the Sisters of St Joseph. The shop stocks communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items <https://www.mmhc.org.au/facilities/gift-shop/>

The Heritage Centre also offers accommodation in well-appointed one and two-bedroom apartments, including free parking and wi-fi, at very reasonable rates. To book, contact Kate on 9926 9300 during business hours.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081831675720)

# Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

*Body and Blood of Christ: John 6:51–58*

As I watch the birds foraging for food in my front yard, I am transported back to the poetry of Gerard Manly Hopkins who began his famous work, *The Wreck of the Deutschland*, with the prayer: “Thou mastering me God! giver of breath and bread.” Every creature needs bread and every creature need breath. “I can’t breathe”, that cry of African American George Floyd has echoed across the globe for over three years now, making of both Pentecost and Trinity strange reminders of the right of all to the breath of life. It will haunt us until we effect the conversion of heart that eliminates white supremacy and every form of violence.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi, we remember the two billion or more across the globe who yearn for “bread” in order to remain physically alive. We cannot appreciate this feast and what it signifies unless we have some appreciation and some satisfying experience of the material reality that underpins the symbolism of bread and wine. At the most basic level, this Feast is about bread broken and shared. It calls us to share our daily bread.

Today’s gospel passage belongs within a section of John’s gospel

generally called the Bread of Life Discourse. Some scholars suggest that the discourse as a whole is cast in the form of a synagogue homily. In this view, it is a rabbinic-type exposition of Exodus 16:4 and Psalm 78:4–5 on the manna/bread that God rains from heaven. In John 6:51–58, there are allusions to Eucharist as both meal and sacrifice. Jesus is the manna or bread from heaven. Life comes from eating his flesh/body. It also comes from drinking his blood. For the ancient Israelites, the life was in the blood. Blood poured out is life poured out. To drink the wine/blood is to participate in the life of Christ poured out.

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An analogy from my own context might help us to grasp something of the mystery that we call Eucharist. My hometown, Ballarat, is the site of the Eureka Rebellion. The Eureka flag is housed in a place of honour in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka. At one level, this flag is fabric and thread. At another, it far transcends the materials from which it is



crafted. These materials were transformed, possibly by women from our own parish, into a symbol of freedom for the Eureka rebels. In the process, they changed their purpose and meaning; so too with the bread and wine of our Eucharistic celebrations. They have become, in a very real though mysterious sense, the body and blood of Christ. While we reflect on this mystery, we ground our faith in action designed to address the issue of global hunger and the circumstances that inhibit access to “bread” for all. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to careful consumption of the world’s resources so that all God’s people and all God’s creatures may have life.

## THIS 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

## NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXODUS 19:2–6

ROMANS 5:6–11

MATTHEW 9:36–10:8