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OPEN TUE – FRI
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

29 October 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love your neighbour as yourself

St Alipius parish

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

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Tuesday – Friday 9:30 AM
Saturday 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th weeks)
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

Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.

WE PRAY FOR

Faithfully departed: James (Jim) Clementson, Anne Gilmartin

Anniversaries:

Unwell: Peter McLachlan, Sarah McLachlan, Eleanor McMahon, Patricia Murry, Shelley Pawang, Carole Simmons, Johnny Lamb

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Fr Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Visiting Priest

Fr Barry Ryan

Sacramental and Parish Coordinator

Cathy Prunty

Administrative Assistant

Natalie Shannon

Finance Officer

Bernadette Prestwood

Child Safety Officer

Emily Clarke

PARISH VISION

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.

PARISH MISSION

Our mission in the Parish of St Alipius is to actively engage and serve our combined communities, embodying the teachings of the Gospel. Strengthened in the spirit of faith, hope, love acceptance and Mercy, we strive to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment. Guided by God's call to service, we aim to build strong connections, provide spiritual nourishment, promote social justice, and offer support to individuals and families in their journey of faith. Through our dedicated interactions, we seek to deepen our relationships with God, inspire transformation, and make a positive impact in the lives of those we encounter, spreading God's love and compassion to all.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

We welcome all those who have joined us at masses this weekend in memory of a loved one. We continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers. We hope you can join us for a cuppa after the 6:00 PM and 10:30 AM masses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Filipino Community All Saints Day Mass
4:00 PM, Wednesday 1 November, St Alipius

Melbourne Cup Luncheon
11:00 AM, Tuesday 7 November, Parish Hall

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

After the great success and fun that was had at last year's Melbourne Cup Luncheon, we have decided to hold the event again. You are invited to join us for a luncheon to celebrate the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday 7 November from 11:00 AM in St Alipius Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person. Lunch of chicken, salad and dessert will be supplied. BYO alcohol. Soft drinks will be supplied. Please confirm numbers with the parish office by 31 October. Prizes for the best male and female fascinators. Sweeps will be available. If anyone can bring a salad or a dessert, please let the office know.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

The Filipino community of Ballarat invites everyone to All Saints Day mass at St Alipius at 4:00 PM on Wednesday 1 November. Hope to see you all there.

REMEMBRANCE BOOKS

Remembrance books have been placed in the foyers of both churches to allow parishioners to record the names of loved ones who have passed away at any stage. People whose names are recorded in these books will be prayed for during masses throughout November.

WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

Anima Women's Network is hosting a day retreat entitled "Preparing our Hearts for Christ" at St Alipius Hall from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday 11 November. The day includes Mass, Confession, a talk by Anna Krohn, lunch, and a lino print Christmas card workshop with Ballarat Artist Marie Mason. The cost is \$35 plus booking fee: www.trybooking.com/CMNFK

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Supporting our parish priests	\$1,087
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	\$525.40

We invite anybody who would like to join the program to please contact the parish office.

VINNIES BREAD RUN

Each Monday night between 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM, Vinnies volunteers can be found in the St. Alipius Church Hall providing bread to 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.

CEMETERY MASSES

All are welcome to celebrate mass at Pootilla Cemetery on Sunday, 12 November at 9:30 AM and Gordon Cemetery on Sunday, 19 November at 11:00 AM.

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 raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



ST BRENDAN'S DUNNSTOWN

All are invited to celebrate the 'End of an Era' at St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown from 2:00 PM on Saturday, 25 November. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone that you think may be interested.

More information is available from this website:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/celebrating-the-end-of-an-era-at-st-brendans-primary-school-dunnstown/

ACRATH 2024 CALENDAR

The calendar features stories and education on modern slavery and human trafficking, links to raise awareness, yearly projects, and advocacy work. It is an education tool for schools, parishes, workplaces, and families and helps raise funds to support ACRATH's work. Order at <https://acrath.org.au/2024-acrath-calendar/>

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Catholic Theological College online information session at 7:30 PM Monday, 30 October. Register via <https://ctc.edu.au/information-session>.

BAPTISMS

Navi Nicaulo Casino

Child of Marco and Sharnae Casino

Thomas Ray Phillips

Child of Aaron and Marnie Phillips

Eleanor Lorna and Audrey Hope Robson

Children of Jarryd and Jessica Robson

Poppy Thompson

Child of Alan and Sarah Thompson

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

Pope Francis

LITURGY FORMATION

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Brigid's Church Ballan Gathering Space on Sunday, 5 November. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will celebrate Mass at 10:30 AM with the formation program beginning at 12:00 noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and scripture reflection. All are welcome to attend. The program for the day and registration information is available from the diocesan website.

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-formation/. Register by clicking or scanning the QR code.



FAITH AT WAR EXHIBITION

The Ballarat Catholic Diocesan Commission Archives have an exhibition that explores priests from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat who served during WWI, WWII, in Vietnam and Afghanistan. Priests could serve as Chaplains in the Australian Army, Australian Royal Air Force, or the Australian Royal Navy, or at RAAF bases at Ballarat, Hamilton, and Nhill. The "Faith at War" exhibit will remain on display until Monday, 13 November. You can visit the archives by appointment Monday to Friday or view the display online via the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/stewardship/diocesan-historical-commission/faith-at-war-and-the-priests-who-served-from-the-catholic-diocese-of-ballarat/. To visit the archives please contact the archivist by email archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au

ACU PUBLIC LECTURES

In the lead-up to the 60th anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II, 4 Dec 1963), the ACU Centre for Liturgy presents two exciting public lectures by international liturgical scholars. Renowned liturgical scholar Professor Teresa Berger (Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School) will deliver a lecture live via Zoom on Monday, 6 November at 10:00 AM on the topic of: "Liturgy's Imagined Futures: Beyond Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy." Acclaimed liturgical historian and theologian Rev Professor John F Baldovin SJ (Boston College) will lecture live in person on ACU's Melbourne Campus on Sunday, 3 December from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM on the topic of "A Liturgical Reform in Peril? Sacrosanctum Concilium sixty years on." Fr Baldovin's public lecture will also be live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. For more information and to register, scan or click the QR code.



MARIST HOUSE FOR STUDENTS

Marist House is a residential program for university students studying in Melbourne. It provides a safe, stable, and supportive environment. It is hosted by a resident community of Brothers. Situated in Fitzroy it is very accessible to many universities and tertiary colleges. Enquiries for 2024 are most welcome by contacting Br Frank, ph. 0407943473. For more information scan or click the QR code.



CARITAS GAZA APPEAL

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. *"This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated the needs of the people in Gaza and the West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict."* Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, Caritas can support partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal by scanning or clicking the QR code.



Intensity of Love is the Issue

Gospel reflection by Veronica Lawson RSM

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 22:34–40

This Sunday marks the final day of the 2023 Session of the Synod on Synodality.

The Synod is about “enlarging the space of our tent” and discerning the call of the gospel in our times. It returns us to the foundations of our faith, to our communal and individual commitment to follow the way of Jesus of Nazareth.

Today’s gospel has Jesus affirming the most central of Jewish traditions, namely the command of Deuteronomy 6 known as the Shema (so-called from the first word in the statement meaning “hear”).

The words of the Shema are recited repeatedly every day by every faithful Jew. Although not a prayer in itself, the Shema is an integral part of Jewish liturgy and prayer. It is a creedal statement that continues to function like an overture to Jewish life and practice.

The doorpost at the entrance to a Jewish home generally features a tiny rectangular box known as a mezuzah. It contains a scroll bearing the text of the Shema. Those who enter touch the mezuzah with the greatest reverence.

When I first encountered this practice, I was deeply affected by the power of

the symbol to link one with the deep story of Judaism.

In Matthew’s story, Jesus the Jew provides an honest response to the less-than-honest questioning of an expert in Jewish law. He overlooks the hostility of the lawyer and evokes the text of the Shema.

Jesus thus invites the lawyer to return to the heart of their shared tradition. He links the teaching of the Shema on wholehearted love of God with a second commandment taken from Leviticus 19, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself”.

*You shall love your neighbour
as yourself*

The lawyer’s unfair “testing” of Jesus is evidence that this is precisely what he fails to do: he addresses Jesus as teacher, a term of respect, and yet fails to show him the respect due to him as neighbour.

For Jesus, the Law and the prophets can be summed up in the commandments to love God with all of one’s being and to love one’s neighbour as oneself.



Not just love, but intensity of love is the issue here. One is to care for others as one cares for oneself.

We saw such intensity of love in those who gave their lives to save those infected with Covid-19. Front-line health workers were three times more likely to contract the infection than others and yet few hesitated to turn up day after day to be there for their patients. WHO estimates that some 180–200K health professionals lost their lives to the virus.

The commitment of those workers functions like the mezuzah in our lives: it draws us back into the heart of the gospel tradition and calls us to a deeper, more intense love.

It might also help us to deal with the insincerity of those who seek to score points and undermine the dignity of others of those who work for justice.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
EXODUS 22:20–26
THESSALONIANS 1:5–10
MATTHEW 22:34–40

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MALACHI 1:14–2:2, 8–10
THESSALONIANS 2:7–9, 13
MATTHEW 23:1–12