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OPEN TUE – FRI
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

11th August 2024

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

‘Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.’

St Alipius parish

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MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Tue 5:30 PM,

Wed - Fri 9:30 AM

Feast of the Assumption – See Notice

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 1

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

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

WE PRAY FOR

Faithfully departed:

Jimmy McKee, Dorothy Snell, Neil Quinlan, Helen Sawkins

Anniversaries: Lawrence McCartin

Unwell: Socorro De Chavez Shelley Pawang, Peter McLachlan, Sarah McLachlan, Carole Simmons

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Fr Justin Driscoll

Assistant Priest

Fr Matthew Restall

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.

Community
Remember Revitalise
Hope

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

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

Supporting our parish priests	\$1286
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	\$1313

UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish and Eureka Anniversary Planning Meeting
Sunday August 11th at 3pm, Parish Hall

Parish Finance Council Meeting
Thursday August 22nd at 7.30 am, Presbytery

Liturgy Team Meeting
Thursday August 22nd at 5.30 pm, Presbytery

Trivia Night
6:30PM for 7PM start, 30 August, Parish Hall

BISHOP PAUL VISITING

As part of the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, Bishop Paul is visiting each of the 29 parishes of the Diocese. He will celebrate the Masses in our Parish on the weekend of September 14th – 15th with 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Alipius and 9.00am Sunday Mass at Ballarat East and 10.30am Mass at Buninyong. How might we recognise this visit of Bishop Paul to our Parish? Please forward your suggestions to the Parish Office in the coming weeks.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

This coming week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.
Mass times in our Ministry District will be as follows:

Wednesday August 14th (Vigil Mass)
5.30pm Dunnstown

Thursday August 15th
9.00am Bungaree
9.30am Ballarat East
10.30am Ballan
11.00am Mercy Place
5.30pm Ballarat East

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Leadership and Governance for a Synodal Church

Thank you to all who attended the formation gathering at Buninyong in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly. Members of our Parish Council, Finance Council and Liturgy Team were joined by parishioners from Bungaree and the Cathedral parishes, together with members of Diocesan Commissions, Councils and Boards as well as Sisters of Mercy. Thank you to the Buninyong community for hosting this gathering for the Diocese.

In preparation for the Ballarat Diocesan Assembly (November 15th - 16th), these formation gatherings are being held to inform and explore the focus of the Diocesan Assembly. Each of the 29 parishes of the Diocese will be invited to nominate two delegates to attend the Assembly that will be held at Federation University, Mt Clear.

Pope Francis is providing leadership for a synodal Church and the Plenary Council of the Australian Church has recognised that the practice of synodality requires greater transparency in decision making, with the appropriate participation of all the baptised, giving witness to the equal dignity of women and men. The Plenary Council has affirmed a culture of synodality for parishes and dioceses, where healthy and fruitful relationships between clergy and laity “recognise different but complementary charisms and opportunities for co-responsibility”, and desire “consultative and collaborative approaches to governance at all levels in the Church.” The emphasis on listening and discernment for a synodal Church reveals how the People of God may be more centred on Christ, build healthy and respectful relationships amongst ourselves, and be effective missionary disciples in the Spirit.

Members of Parish Leadership Teams, together with all interested parishioners are invited to register to attend the formation gathering to be held on Tuesday August 13th from 5.00pm at OLHC Church Gillies St Wendouree. Please register your attendance with Jane Collins in the Pastoral Ministry Office, jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au

SAFETRAC MODULE

This Thursday, August 15th we are conducting a group session for any volunteers from the parish who need to complete their Safetrac Module. This session will be held in the hall starting at 4 pm. If you have not been able to complete your module to date, we would ask that you make yourself available for this session if you possibly can. Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults must be a priority in our parish.

BAPTISMS

Hudson Dan Ruyg
Child of Danielle Ruyg

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

As we enter the final month of Winter we would like to acknowledge the wonderful support we have received from both the parish and school communities for our current appeal.

We recently received a donation of 4 hand made quilts which we are raffling with all proceeds going to our Winter Appeal. Tickets- \$2 for 1 or \$5 for 3 will be available in the foyer. Winners will be announced Saturday 31st.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

Issue 2 for 2024 of Our Diocesan Community is available now in church foyers. Don't miss your copy. Sit down with a cuppa and the ODC magazine and find out what's happening in the diocese. This edition is also available to view online.

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/ODC-July-2024-1.pdf>

ACU BIG SING FOR A BIG CAUSE - AUGUST 25, 2024

The Australian Catholic University, in partnership with St Patrick's Cathedral (Melbourne) and St Patrick's College (Ballarat) is hosting "Big Sing for a Big Cause", which will see singers, choirs and instrumentalists combine for a special performance, raising funds for those affected by homelessness. The concerts will be in Ballarat and Melbourne, performing Street Requiem, a piece co-composed by Dr Kathleen McGuire, a renowned composer and ACU senior lecturer in Music Education. Donations will be raised for Peplow House (a ministry of CatholicCare Victoria) and ACU's Urgent Financial Hardship Grant. For more information go to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/acus-big-sing-for-a-big-cause/>

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR RCIA

Are you someone or do you know someone who... Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Dallas 0412 532 572, Kevin 0421 959 960 or the Parish Office on (03) 5332 6611.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Have you booked your table for our trivia night? Unfortunately our phones have not 'run hot' with people booking tables for this night. We need a minimum of 8 tables, so please let the office know if you would like to attend. If you can't get enough people together for a time, individual bookings are most welcome. It will be held on August 30th, doors open from 6:30 PM for a 7:00 PM start. Tables of 8 can be booked through the parish office. Tickets are \$15 per person. BYO drinks and nibbles. What a great way to end winter and welcome the spring! A fun night is assured.

ANNIVERSARY PREPARATION

Come along to our next meeting to discuss preparation for the anniversaries occurring in our parish. It will be held on this Sunday, August 11th in St. Alipius hall at 3pm. In December 2024 the 170th anniversary of Eureka and the 150th of the opening of the current St Alipius Church will be acknowledged. As a parish we will recognise these anniversaries on Saturday December 14th with the 6.00pm Vigil Mass followed by a byo picnic in the Church grounds. We thank the many parishioners who have already provided photos and stories, but there are many more out there. Do you have photos, stories or both which might be of interest to fellow parishioners? If so remember that we are looking to collect these as we plan an event to recognise 150 years of our church. Whether from Ballarat East, Buninyong or Clarendon we are keen to gather as many stories and photos as we can to share with those who attend this function, but we cannot do it without your help.

Stop Grumbling and Listen

Gospel reflection by Veronica Lawson RSM

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus was a Jew, as was John, the author of the gospel. It may seem strange, therefore, that John has the “Jews” complaining about Jesus. It is indeed strange and it has caused many a reader to wonder. John seems to use the designation “Jew” as a code word for the opponents of Jesus. These opponents are almost exclusively Jewish leaders rather than the ordinary people who followed Jesus. The designation does not include all the Jewish leaders of course: Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea stand out as leaders who came to believe in Jesus as the Christ or Messiah and to take risks on account of their faith. The complaint of the “Jews” relates to Jesus’ claim, “I am the bread that came down from heaven”. Jesus shares the world view or cosmology of his contemporaries: God is in the heavens above, so that anything or anyone coming from God in that world view comes *down from heaven*. The problem for his adversaries is that Jesus is one of them: they know his father Joseph and his forebears, so how can he be making such a claim? They make the mistake of thinking that this is all there is to know about his origins. “Stop grumbling” is Jesus’ response to them. He proceeds to tell them that there are dimensions of his being of which they know nothing. And yet, they need to know, as do we. It is God who draws us to the teaching and to the way of Jesus. Like the opponents of Jesus, we need to listen and to learn, to be taught by God. We need bread in order to live and we also need the bread of God’s teaching.

Jesus makes a future promise: the bread he offers is different from the bread the Israelites ate in the desert, in that those who eat of it will live forever. Furthermore, the bread that he will give for the life of the world is his flesh. This leads to further misunderstanding and the opportunity for Jesus to teach at another level. The eucharistic overtones in today’s reading are subtle but nonetheless present, as they were in the feeding story.

John is writing some seventy years after the death of

Jesus for communities that gathered every week for the breaking of the bread-in remembrance of him and of all that he enacted. Like the early Christians, we reflect on the meaning of eucharist. We recognise and honour the materiality of the bread that Jesus shares with all living creatures. At the same time, we are invited to reflect on the symbolic or metaphorical resonances of both bread and flesh in the context of the claims of the Johannine Jesus. The question for us then becomes: “How do we live into this extraordinary mystery as we face the demands of our endangered planet and the challenge of dealing with the dislocating effects of war and global inequity?”

THIS WEEK’S READINGS **19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

KINGS 19:4-8
EPHESIANS 4:30 - 5:2
JOHN 6:41-51

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS **20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

PROVERBS 9: 1-6
EPHESIANS 5:15-20
JOHN 6: 51-58