



# St Alipius Parish Community

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for the work you have done preparing your child to Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The way that the children behaved during these liturgies was impressive and they should be congratulated for this. I thank Frs. Justin and Shaiju for giving up three evenings to be with the children at this special time.

Having completed their sacrament of Reconciliation, your child will now move on to prepare for their first Eucharist. This preparation begins with a compulsory Parent Information Session on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>. You can choose between a 10.30 am session or a 6 pm session, both will be held in the parish hall.

On the weekend following the Parent Information Session, your child will be required to attend one of our parish Masses, where they will be presented to the parish community. At this Mass they will also receive their preparation booklets. Masses on that weekend (May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) will be held at the following times and places:

Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Alipius' Church, Ballarat East – 5pm (please note the time change)

Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Alipius' Church, Ballarat East – 9 am

Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong – 10.30 am

Following a period of preparation with their families the children will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time at one of the following Masses. A Trybooking Link will be made available following the Parent Information Sessions to allow you to choose you preferred day and time for your child's first Eucharist.

<b>Celebration of First Eucharist will be during parish Masses as follows:</b>		
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	St. Alipius	5 pm
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Ss. Peter & Paul's	10.30 am
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	St. Alipius	5 pm
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ss. Peter & Paul	10.30 am
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	St. Alipius	5 pm
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Alipius	10.30 am

Children do not require a sponsor for Eucharist but will require their stole which should be worn on the day.

The cost of this program is \$50 and I would be grateful if you can make payment prior to the parent session wherever possible.

Please use the following link to register for a Parent Session and provide the relevant details for your child:  
[First Eucharist Enrolment](#)

If you have any questions about this process, please contact me via email or call the office on 0437 505 517, otherwise I look forward to seeing you on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,

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