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▶ **ST ALIPIUS**
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OPEN TUE – FRI
10.00 AM – 1.00 PM

18 June 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are his people

St Alipius parish

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

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 (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 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:

Anniversaries: Danny Roche

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

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Funeral Ministry

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**Refugee
Week**

Coordinated by
Refugee Council of Australia

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Supporting our parish priests	\$1,145
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	\$953.20

FIRST EUCHARIST

This weekend we welcome the 49 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.

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 to attend.

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. Donations can be made to the House of Welcome Ballarat, BSB 633-000, account number 1440 44963.

SUNGLASSES FOUND

A pair of sunglasses were found at Ss Peter and Paul's church in Buninyong recently. Please contact the Parish office if they are yours.

PRAYER FOR REFUGEE WEEK

Lord, no one is a stranger to you, and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees and asylum seekers, those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost, and those who have been exiled from their homes. Bring them safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need.

Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

JUBILEES OF ORDINATION

Bishop Paul will celebrate mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood this year at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, 27 June at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Priests of the diocese will concelebrate. All are welcome to attend. You are also invited to join the choir, which will be downstairs. Practice at 4:30 PM on the day of the mass.

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.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

St Patrick's Cathedral is establishing Choral and Organ Scholarships to provide an opportunity for children with an aptitude and interest in music to sing regularly at Cathedral Masses. The children will receive annual scholarship payments towards their general education in return for their participation in the Cathedral Choir. They will benefit from vocal and musical tuition, and develop skills in teamwork, time management, professionalism, and discipline. Children in grades 3-6 are welcome to audition for the choir, which will have a gender balance.

The safety of the children will be of the highest priority, with the choir following the Diocese's Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy.

An information session will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday 3 August in the Mackillop/Glowrey room at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. The Choir Handbook, audition form and further information can be obtained by contacting the Choir Director, Mr Vincent Sully, on 0407 310 115 or vincenzo101923@gmail.com.

BAPTISMS

Elizabeth Christine and Hadley Raymond Riach
Children of David Riach and Karen Dovaston

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

Pope Francis

SILOAM PROGRAM

Siloam is a program for the formation of competent, experienced spiritual directors. It is open to women and men of varying faith and cultural traditions, who are drawn to listen deeply to their own hearts and the hearts of others and seek to discern whether they may be called to the ministry of spiritual direction. Siloam may be undertaken either full-time over one year (in-person) or part-time over two years (in-person or via Zoom). The part-time stream meets on Mondays for about 35 weeks each year. To register or for more information, visit <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/spiritual-formation/siloam-program/> or telephone (03) 9890 1101. A 90-minute taster session of Heart of Life's formation programs will be held via Zoom at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 20 June. Register here: <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/taster-session/>.

REFUGEE WEEK PROGRAM

You can view the Refugee Week Program for Ballarat at the Ballarat Regional Multicultural Centre website: <https://www.brmc.org.au/refugee-week-2023-ballarat-program/>

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/>

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.

VOICE WEBINAR SERIES

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) and Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) invite you to a series of webinars to discuss the upcoming referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Voice to Parliament on 29 June and 27 July from 4.00 PM – 5.00 PM via zoom. The cost is \$12.00 per session. CSSV and CSSA members are free of charge. Register at www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799?eid=1052799&. Enquiries to Kate Stilwell – office@css.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.

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 9:36–10:8

On May 14 this year, a category five cyclone made landfall along the coasts of Myanmar and Bangladesh, with devastating consequences for two of the world's most vulnerable nations. In Bangladesh, which houses the world's most populous refugee camp, over a million Rohingya refugees were once more displaced from their temporary and disease-ridden shelters. Images of this event and its aftermath dominated the news for a few days so that the plight of those affected touched the hardest of hearts. Although the aid agencies are responding, the "harvest" of suffering humanity remains overwhelming, and the "labourers" are ever so few.

The compassion of Jesus signals nearness of God and of God's reign.

Compassion is an anticipated human response in the face of such tragedy. Not everyone, however, moves from the feeling of compassion that such events elicit towards action for transformative change. With so much suffering across the globe, those of us with access to food and shelter and clothing can easily lose perspective. Matthew has recounted story after story of the

compassion in the heart of Jesus of Nazareth who never lost perspective in the face of suffering. His compassion poured itself out in restoration to community life for a leper, in healing for a centurion's servant, in return to health and a call to ministry for Peter's mother-in-law, in a practical response to hunger ("You give them something to eat") and much more. He was "moved with compassion" (*esplanchnisthē*) and to be "moved with compassion" in the biblical tradition is never just a feeling. It is always expressed in action. The Greek verb means to be moved in the depths of one's being, one's innards or guts. It implies a physical reaction in the face of suffering. It translates the Hebrew *rahām*, to have "womb compassion". Like the Greek, its Hebrew antecedent has elements of deeply experienced emotion expressed in action to alleviate suffering. Compassion, womb love, gut love, parental love, and pity all communicate something of the meaning of this concept. Compassion is a key value in Matthew's gospel, a key value of God's empire or kin-dom.

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a structure is needed if that is to happen. Twelve male disciples are named as the core group invited to carry forward the work of Jesus, although other references in this gospel suggest that discipleship is by no means limited to the twelve. They are given authority to preach and to heal. For the present, their mission is restricted to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Jesus reaches out beyond his own people. His disciples, women, and men will do so only after they have walked the whole journey to Jerusalem in his company. The "harvest" is no less demanding in our times and our mandate is no less compelling than that of our first-century counterparts. We seek out the ways that are possible for us, always with compassion in our heart.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXODUS 19:2–6

ROMANS 5:6–11

MATTHEW 9:36–10:8

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JEREMIAH 20:10–13

ROMANS 5:12–15

MATTHEW 10:26–33