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OPEN TUE – FRI
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

22 October 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Give the Lord glory and honour

St Alipius parish

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MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Monday – Friday 9:30 AM

Saturday 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th weeks)

10:30 AM (2nd & 4th)

Rosary – Tuesday 6:30 PM

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 5 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:

Anniversaries: Eileen Power

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

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

Our annual Remembrance Mass, **celebrating the lives of those who have passed away in the last 12 months** will be next weekend at 6:00 PM on Saturday 28 October at St Alipius. These people will be remembered at all masses that weekend. If you have lost a loved one in the past twelve months, but they weren't buried from our parish, please contact the parish office to have them remembered at this mass. A cuppa will follow the 6:00 PM mass at St. Alipius and the 10:30 AM mass at Buninyong.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mass of Remembrance

6:00 PM, Saturday 28 October, Parish Hall

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.

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.



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK

Children's Week is an annual event in Australia to celebrate the right of children to enjoy childhood. The theme for 2023 is based on UNCRC Article 31: Children have the right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy. The Children's Week Council of Australia have developed a range of activities and tip sheets to celebrate the week and promote children's rights awareness. Scan or click the QR code for more information.



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.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Supporting our parish priests	\$1,029
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	\$261.20

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

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.

FR ROBERT MCCULLOCH

Fr McCulloch will celebrate mass and give a presentation on the Columban's work in Pakistan, titled "Dungeon, fire and sword – keeping the faith in Pakistan for 1200 years" on Wednesday, 25 October in St Anne's Chapel at 6:30 PM. The presentation will be in the Nazareth Hall at 7:00 PM. Entry by donation and envelopes will be available on the night. Please bring a plate of supper. Enquiries to Carmel, ph. 0401175045 or annekav1234@gmail.com.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the love, support, condolences, and prayers on the passing of Gary. We appreciate everyone who attended and helped us celebrate his life. A special thank you to Fr Eladio, Fr Jorge, Fr Concord, and the bereavement team. God bless. Betty, James, Emma, Daniel, and grandchildren.

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.

BAPTISMS

Edith Mae Ford
Child of Jenna and Richard Ford

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

Pope Francis

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Inspired by the Pope's message for World Mission Sunday, this year Catholic Mission is raising awareness of the life-giving work of lay and religious missionaries around the world with the theme "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move." In his message, Pope Francis reflects on the resilience that everyday missionaries demonstrate in their life-giving work and the burning passion for God and people that inspires their hearts. Dedicating their lives to others, in partnership with communities, missionaries aim to create a positive change through spiritual care and the implementation of grassroots projects, such as healthcare and education, reaching far beyond Catholic communities. To support missionaries or for information visit: www.catholicmission.org.au/wearestillhere

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.



PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

Lord, fill the hearts of your missionaries with the Holy Spirit. Guide their steps with your mighty arm and with the power of your grace. Strengthen them in spirit so that they will not falter through weariness. Look kindly on your servants, who you have sent forth as messengers of salvation and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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/

THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

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

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/>

DIOCESAN YOUTH BOOKLET

The Ballarat Diocese Youth Booklet outlines opportunities to assist young people on their faith journey with information about a variety of youth ministry and young adult activities, as well as details on faith formation, social justice, and outreach initiatives. A range of social media networks and online forums offering choices for young people to connect with the wider Catholic community is also included. In addition, there are links to resources to support young people in prayer and spirituality, such as information about reflection days, festivals, immersions, and pilgrimage experiences for them to take part in to grow in their faith, and qualifications available in theology, ministry formation, training and much more. With the support of Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, the booklet has been distributed to all secondary schools for Year 12 students and senior school leavers. If you have any questions or would like more copies, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Give to God what Belongs to God

Gospel reflection by Veronica Lawson RSM

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 22:1–103

The emergence of a common enemy is often the catalyst for sworn enemies to unite.

In first-century Palestine, Pharisees were the respected religious teachers of the law and Herodians represented secular Jewish power and wealth. They despised each other on both religious and political grounds. When faced with a perceived threat to their authority, however, they united in opposition.

Jesus of Nazareth becomes the threat that unites them. His teaching and healing draw the crowds and threaten their authority.

They come together and try to set a trap for him. In attempting to set him up, they ironically pay him the greatest of tributes: addressing him as “teacher”, they acknowledge his sincerity and admit that he teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. They witness to his lack of concern with status and hierarchical division.

The question of these traditional enemies is intended to put Jesus in a “no win” position: “Is it lawful to pay tribute to the emperor or not?”

Jesus turns the question back upon them. He lets them know that he is aware of their malicious intent and

asks them to produce the coin used for the tax. He thus makes the issue one of images, a sensitive issue for all Jews, rather than of tribute.

The Roman denarius that they produce bears the bust of the Roman emperor and the Latin inscription, “Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest”.

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Jesus’ response, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God”, can be interpreted in several ways.

Is Jesus simply exposing their hypocrisy as bearers of images?

From a Jewish perspective, everything belongs to God, the earth and all its riches. The disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians are Jews, even if the sympathies of the latter lean towards the Roman occupiers.

Is he telling them to pay the tax while still recognising God’s prior claim? Is he telling them not to pay the tax precisely because the emperor has no claim on what belongs to God? Is he



critiquing the Roman occupation or legitimising it? Or is he saying something else? They are left to interpret his response as they wish.

One thing is clear: Jesus’ words have nothing to do with the modern distinction between Church and secular state.

There are good reasons for paying taxes in a secular state and for contributing financially to the life of the Church, something we may need to revisit in the light of decreased post-pandemic participation.

It is quite anachronistic, however, to invoke this text in support of paying state taxes or of supporting the Church financially. The story is more about sincerity and truth in our relationships with each other and with the God of all truth. That is the key criterion for any personal or global alliance.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ISAIAH 45:1, 4–6
THESSALONIANS 1:1–5
MATTHEW 22:15–21

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