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OPEN TUE – FRI
10.00 AM – 1.00 PM

23 October 2022

Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time
The Lord hears the cry of the poor

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 and 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 3 this week
Counting begins at 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: Fr Bill Melican
(funeral Monday 10.30 AM St Pats)

Anniversaries: June Auchettl, Fr
Denis Dennehy, Margaret (Marge)
McGuigan, Alfredo Piad OSJ,
Sancho Sison OSJ, Urro Gotri OSJ

Unwell: Remy Bourke, Margaret
Forster, Mary Hall, Heather Healy,
Peter Martin, Betty McGarry, Peter
McLachlan, Connor Prunty, Letitia
Simmons, Margie Wilmott, and all
who are unwell.

*Our parish is committed to the
safety, well-being and dignity of all
children and vulnerable adults.*

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



St Alipius
Parish Community

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

Kerrie McTigue

Finance Chair

TBA

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www.sapliturgy.net.au

Funeral Ministry

Carmel Flynn

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BBQ AFTER MASS NEXT WEEK

The Parish Pastoral Council invites everyone to join your fellow parishioners for a BBQ at St Alipius after the 6.00 PM mass on Saturday 29 October. Sausages, hamburgers, and salads will be supplied. A plant fundraiser to raise money for the parish will be held.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

You are invited to join us for a chicken and champagne lunch to celebrate the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday 1 November at 11.30 AM in St. Alipius Hall. Tickets are \$20 per person payable on entry. Lunch of chicken, salad and dessert will be supplied, along with champagne and soft drinks, or BYO your drinks of choice. Please confirm your attendance by 30 October by calling Natalie on 0413 301 872. Prizes for the best-dressed male and best female fascinators. Activities and sweeps throughout. Profits will go to support the parish.

REMEMBRANCE MASS

Our annual Remembrance Mass will be on Saturday 29 October at 6 PM at St Alipius, Ballarat East. This Mass will be recorded and will be available on the St Alipius Parish liturgy website (sapliturgy.net.au) in early November and will stay online for a month. It will not be live-streamed. Please let interested people know about it.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who have celebrated their First Eucharist at masses during the past three weekends. We look forward to having them join us again. Thank you to all those who helped in their preparation.

LITURGY ROSTER

A new roster is being prepared for November through January. Anyone wishing to be involved can complete an online form at sapliturgy.net.au or fill in a paper survey available at the rear of the churches.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to our stewardship program. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Collection basket – **\$1,232**

Presbytery and Priest support

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$783.20**

Parish – buildings, office, administration, grounds maintenance.

For any queries or concerns, or should you wish to join our Stewardship Program to support our Parish, please phone our Finance Officer Kerrie on 5331 2933 or email ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

LITURGY MINISTRY TRAINING

The Liturgy Committee will be conducting training throughout November. People who are currently rostered on as, or who are interested in becoming, readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, offertory procession participants, or altar servers are asked to attend at least one training session as listed below in Upcoming Events:

UPCOMING EVENTS
BBQ after mass Saturday 29 October, after 6:00 PM mass at St Alipius
Melbourne Cup luncheon Tuesday 1 November, 11:30 AM, St Alipius, \$20pp
Reader training Wednesday 2 November, 7:00–8:00 PM, St Alipius Wednesday 9 November, 7:00–8:00 PM, Buninyong
Caring Group Friday 4 November, 2:00 PM, St Alipius Hall. All welcome. Please bring a small plate to share.
Altar server training Saturday 5 November, 10:00–11:00 AM, St Alipius
Special Minister of the Eucharist training Wednesday 16 November, 7:00–8:00 PM, St Alipius Wednesday 23 November, 7:00–8:00 PM, Buninyong
Offertory Procession training 30 mins after masses on 5 and 6 November

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is a day dedicated to the great work of Mission. To celebrate this event, Catholic Mission is inviting all of us to answer our call to be missionaries. Through their international network of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Catholic Mission has created a 2022 #wearestillhere message that witnesses the dedication of missionaries around the world and is a celebration, an acknowledgment, and a thank you message to everyone who is answering the call of being missionaries wherever they are. Together, let's reach out and give life. Join Catholic Mission as a missionary and learn what Mission means to our brothers and sisters at www.catholicmission.org.au/wearestillhere

DIOCESAN YOUTH BOOKLET

The Ballarat Diocese youth booklet outlines opportunities to assist young people on their faith journey, including youth ministry and young adult activities and information on faith formation, social justice, and outreach initiatives. Social media networks and online forums offering choices for young people to connect with the wider Catholic community are listed, as are links to resources to support young people in prayer and spirituality. Information is provided about reflection days, festivals, immersions, and pilgrimage experiences to grow in their faith, qualifications in theology, ministry formation, and training. With the support of Bishop Paul Bird, the booklet is being distributed to all secondary schools for Year 12 students and senior school leavers, and parishes across the Diocese. If you have any questions or would like a copy, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

CATHOLIC CARE VOLUNTEERS

Around 10% of the services provided to people in need by CatholicCare Victoria wouldn't be possible without the support of our volunteers. Volunteers run and support a range of services including administrative support at several offices, emergency relief intake, English conversation classes for newly arrived refugees, academic support and encouragement for disadvantaged adults enrolled in the Clemente program, event help and organisation, sewing groups, homework clubs, pastoral support in prisons and hospitals. CatholicCare is grateful for the many wonderful people who give their time, skills, and experience to help respond to an ever-increasing demand for services. By volunteering, people contribute to making our community a better place and providing hope for a brighter future. Volunteers are welcome from all backgrounds, and life stages and with a broad range of skills. Volunteers under 18 years of age must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian. Visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/47/volunteer#opportunities

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 promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is - 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections.' MHFA invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October <https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

LITURGY FORMATION

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Joseph's Warrnambool on Sunday 13 November. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30 AM with the formation program beginning at 12.00 PM on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and Fr John McKinnon will present a workshop on scripture reflection. All are welcome to attend. Details and registration on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

BAPTISMS

Archie James Stewart

Child of Isaac Stewart and Courtney Sheridan

Elise Celestina Martin

Child of Shaun and Nikol Martin

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

Pope Francis

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK

Children's Week, 22-30 October, is an annual event celebrated in Australia around the fourth Wednesday in October to celebrate the right of children to enjoy childhood. The theme for 2022 is based on UNCRC Article 27: All Children have the right to a standard of living that supports their well-being and healthy development. Visit <https://childrens-week.org.au/> for a range of activities and tip sheets for the week.

NCLS RESEARCH WEBINAR

A free webinar on Thursday, 27 October titled, "How healthy are Australian churches?" will be presented by the National Church Life Survey's Dr Ruth Powell, and Sam Sterland. The latest NCLS survey provides a snapshot of the reality and experience of church life. Tickets via [NCLSHealthychurches.eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ncls-healthychurches-research-webinar-2022-1027)

ONLINE STUDY

Diocesan partner, Dayton University, offers online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next cycle begins on 24 October and costs US\$50. There are 39 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/ or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

30 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 18:9–14

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the courageous widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated “virtuous”) and justified (translated “at rights with God”). It is addressed to “certain people” who might find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honourable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law, who made up a very small percentage of the population. In the gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people’s lives. In Luke, some of Jesus’ harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the gospel.

The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. That is what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a collector of tolls and customs. Toll collectors were required to pay the occupying forces up front and then recoup the

money. They were therefore very susceptible to fraud, so not exactly to be trusted and certainly not connected with proper worship. The Pharisee prays “to himself” or “by himself” or “about himself”: any one of these translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law. The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God’s mercy, and recognising God as the source of compassion and forgiveness. For an audience who “have confidence in themselves that they are righteous”, this portrait of the toll collector in right relationship with God is confronting.

There is no room for self-righteousness in a gospel way of life

The language of the toll collector’s prayer, “God be merciful to me a sinner”, evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The



young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37). The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in a gospel way of life. We all need to admit our failings with humility, turn to God for forgiveness, and change our ways. Right now, this is what we are called to do as a human community that has failed to respect the integrity of the natural world and has exploited it for our own selfish ends. We might learn from the toll collector.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIRACH 35:12–14, 16–19
2 TIMOTHY 4:6–8, 16–18
LUKE 18:9–14

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WISDOM 11:22–12:2
2 THESSALONIANS 1:11–2:2
LUKE 19:1–10