

28 May 2023

Pentecost

Receive the Holy Spirit



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

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MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Tues, Wed, Thurs and Fri 9.30 AM
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 5 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: Margeurita Keogh

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

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PENTECOST

FIRST EUCHARIST

This weekend we welcome 20 children who are joining us to celebrate Eucharist for the first time. We congratulate each of these children 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 them.

CARING GROUP

The caring group will meet at 2:00 PM on Friday 2 June in the St Alipius parish hall. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Caring Group 2:00 PM, Friday 2 June, St Alipius Hall
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

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 available. The cost is \$15 per person, and everyone is very welcome.

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. Anyone who may be able to secure a donation for a prize can you please call the office and let us know? For further information call the office.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Collection: *presbytery and priest support* – **\$1,008**
Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits: *parish buildings, office, admin, grounds maintenance* – **\$665**

VINNIES BREAD RUN

Vinnies volunteers provide bread to those in need each Monday between 7.00 –7.30 PM **new time**. If this would benefit you or someone you know please visit the hall during this time. Please bring a bag to put the bread in.

VINNIES RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to our two lucky raffle winners – Maree from Mercy Place and Maureen Mason. What a perfect time to win a blanket.

We are most grateful to Sr Angela Caine for providing the two prizes, one of which she crocheted. We wish to thank all who supported this fundraiser, with \$686.00 raised for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. This week appeal envelopes will be placed 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 Vinnies shops, or www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal or by calling 13 18 12.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

We celebrated Catholic Education Week with the theme – “Let the words you speak always be full of grace.” We give thanks for our parish schools and to all the staff and students. Visit the Catholic Education Week website at <https://dobcel.catholic.edu.au/news/catholic-education-week/>

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.

CAR PARKING

Concerns have been raised about traffic safety on our church grounds. To ensure that everyone and everything is safe, please only park in allocated car parks. Be mindful of parking for the disabled and the raised garden beds near St Alipius Hall. Thank you for your support.

MASS COUNTS IN MAY

The final Diocesan mass count will take place this weekend. Collectors, please take note.

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

Planning is underway for the second issue with the themes of Year of the Millet, Synod of Synodality, and Plenary Council continuing. You are invited to contribute and share significant events from the parish. Send your material to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au by Friday 2 June. Photos should be sent as separate files and permission to be published should be sought from anyone in the photos. Occasionally these photos may be used in other Diocesan publications.

BAPTISMS

Max Peter Stonehouse

Child of Blake and Danielle Stonehouse

Charlie Aaron and Frederick Lyle Johnson

Children of Aaron and Alana Johnson

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

Pope Francis

ACU LITURGY PODCAST

The ACU Centre for Liturgy presents Australia's first liturgy podcast, which features local and international experts exploring a wide range of liturgy-related topics, including thought-provoking discussions on Catholic liturgy, liturgical music, art and architecture, liturgy in Catholic schools, preaching and more. Listen at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/the-liturgy-channel>

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](mailto:djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.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 May is for **church movements and groups**: We pray they may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. View 'The Pope Video' – www.thepopevideo.org.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

The CECV Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Working Party has written a prayer to celebrate National Reconciliation Week (NRW). All are invited to join in unity and voice by saying the prayer during the week. The prayer can be accessed here: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/CECV-Reconciliation-Week-Prayer-2023.pdf

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria's Archbishop's Dinner in support of Corpus Christ Seminary will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, 1 September at Moonee Valley Racecourse. The guest speaker is Corpus Christi College Seminary Rector, Fr Cameron Forbes. More information is available from www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081831675720

THEMATIC ENVIRONMENT

The City of Ballarat is developing a Thematic Environmental History to understand the themes that have shaped the city, our buildings, commerce, services, communities, families, and social activities. This will include a review of the current extent of the heritage overlays and associated policies, as well as assess new heritage precincts and individually significant places. An invitation is open to everyone to attend a community consultation on Tuesday 30 May in the Trench Room at Ballarat Town Hall between 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

POPE'S PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

I ask you to pray the Our Father for peace in Ukraine, now and throughout this day. Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that all hurts, fears, and divisions will be overcome. They are a people who have suffered; they have suffered from hunger, suffered from much brutality and they deserve peace. May the prayers and supplications that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders, so that dialogue may prevail and the common good be placed ahead of partisan interests. Please, no more war.

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

Pentecost: John 20:19–23

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. The earth itself features powerfully in the imagery associated with this feast: harvest, mountain, earthquake, thunder, and fire. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning ‘fiftieth’) was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the opening of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mt Sinai. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God’s new covenant with God’s people. In today’s first reading (Acts 2:1–11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God’s Law on Mt. Sinai. Just as God’s presence in Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God’s Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant in the upper room appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke’s account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai was divided into seventy tongues and all the nations

received God’s Law in their own tongue.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

For the teaching at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19–23. The resurrected Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: “Peace be with you,” the greeting we have been in the practice of offering each other with a simple gesture at every Eucharistic celebration – until Covid-19 challenged us to find other ways of communicating the peace of Christ. Jesus sends his disciples on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive and will “retain” or “seize hold of” the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they “retain”. To seize hold of wrongdoing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on.



In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem.

Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of both church and civic leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence. The Holy Spirit is likewise the source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance and our power to ensure restoration and healing. In our times, the earth itself cries out for forgiveness, for restoration and for healing. As we celebrate this feast of the Holy Spirit, we might consider engaging in a “values inventory” by looking at how much of our personal and collective resources we invest in the things that make for peace.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

PENTECOST

ACTS 2:1–11

1 CORINTHIANS 12:3–7, 12–13

JOHN 20:19–23

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

EXODUS 34:4–6, 8–9

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11–13

JOHN 3:16–18