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OPEN TUE – FRI
10.00 AM – 1.00 PM

2 July 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise God who called you

St Alipius parish

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MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Tue, 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 3 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: Jean Lewis, Lawrie Fitzpatrick

Anniversaries: Peter McDonald, Lena Macklin, Bernard and Mary Dowling

Unwell: Peter McLachlan, Sarah McLachlan, Carole Simmons, Shelley Pawang, John O'Toole

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

Visiting Priest

Fr Barry Ryan

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 Coordination

www.sapliturgy.net.au

Funeral Ministry

Carmel Flynn

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MORNING TEA AT ST ALIPIUS

The Parish Pastoral Council invites all to stay for morning tea in the St Alipius Hall after the 10:30 AM mass on Sunday 9 July. Please bring a plate of food to share.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Liturgy Committee Meeting

5:30 PM, Tuesday 4 July, St Alipius Presbytery

Morning Tea after 10:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM, Sunday 9 July, St Alipius Hall

Confirmation Information Sessions

10:30 AM or 6:00 PM, Thursday 13 July

Parish Master Plan Discussions

After 10:30 AM masses on 16 July at Ss Peter and Paul's and 23 July at St Alipius

Parish Trivia Night

7:00 PM, Friday 4 August, St Alipius Hall

PARISH MASTER PLAN

The Parish Finance Committee is embarking on a process to establish a parish master plan to maximise the potential of our buildings and land. By generating income through these assets, we can better support the upkeep of our churches, our various ministries, programs, and ongoing pastoral initiatives, thereby serving our community more effectively.

We seek your insights, suggestions, and creative ideas. Together, we can envision new possibilities and identify sustainable income streams that align with the mission and vision of our parish. If you have expertise in real estate, business, or finance or simply possess a passion for our parish's wellbeing, your input is invaluable.

Please join us after the 10:30 AM masses on 16 July at St Peter's & Paul's and 23 July at St Alipius to discuss the parish's asset holdings and ideas for their future use.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Parish Liturgy Committee is scheduled to meet in the St Alipius Presbytery at 5.30 PM on Tuesday 4 July.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

We are holding a Trivia Night at 7:00 PM on Friday 4 August. Tickets are \$10 per person with tables of up to 8 people. BYO nibbles and drinks. Tea and coffee will be supplied. Please contact the office for tickets and if you can help with donating prizes for the evening.

CONFIRMATIONS

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin with parent information sessions at 10:30 AM or 6:00 PM on Thursday 13 July. If you or anyone you know has a child in Year 3 or older who would like to be confirmed, please contact the parish office, or refer to the parish website. Confirmation is the second Sacrament of Initiation and will be celebrated in September.

DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT

Our Parish Vision Statement is printed on the front of this notice sheet. At our most recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting, the following Mission Statement was drafted:

Our mission at the Parish of St. Alipius is to actively engage and serve our combined communities, embodying the teachings of the Gospel. Rooted 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 relationship with God, inspire transformation, and make a positive impact in the lives of those we encounter, spreading God's love and compassion to all.

We invite and encourage all parishioners to consider the contents of the Mission statement and welcome your feedback.

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.

VINNIES BREAD RUN

Each Monday night between 7:00 and 7:30 PM, Vinnies volunteers can be found in the St. Alipius Church Hall providing bread for 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.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Supporting our parish priests	\$1,024
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	\$1,078.20

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are available for collection at the back of the churches. Thanks to all who participate in the stewardship program for your contributions. We invite anybody who would like to join the program to please contact the parish office.

BAPTISMS

Eloise Angela Coates
Child of Brett and Nicole Coates

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

COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

The annual collection for the Holy Father is taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (June 29). Through this collection, we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

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/>

ABORIGINAL OUR FATHER

You are our Father, You live in heaven, We talk to You.
Father You are good.
You are our Father, You live in heaven, We talk to You.
Father You are good.
We believe your Word, Father, We are Your children, give us bread today.
We believe Your Word, Father, We are Your children, give us bread today.
We have done wrong, we are sorry, Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.
We have done wrong, we are sorry, Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.
Others have done wrong to us, And we are sorry for them, Father, today.
Others have done wrong to us, And we are sorry for them, Father, today.
Stop us from doing wrong, Father, Save us all from the evil one.
Stop us from doing wrong, Father, Save us all from the Evil One. (Repeat first verse)

Taken from the NATSICC 2023 digital resource book

VOICE WEBINAR

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) and Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) invite you to a webinar to discuss the upcoming referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Voice to Parliament on 27 July from 4.00 PM – 5.00 PM via zoom. The cost is \$12.00. 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

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.

BRIGHT FUTURES BREAKFAST

Damascus College invites you to their Bright Futures Breakfast at 7:00 AM on Thursday 10 August at the Damascus Events Centre. The guest speaker is Shelby Sherritt, class of 2013, who will share her inspirational and motivational personal journey, from being diagnosed with a rare form of cancer when she was just 20 to being a full-time artist with an international following. Your support is needed for this event, as all proceeds raised go towards the Bright Futures Scholarship, which gives a child the opportunity to attend Damascus who may not otherwise be able to attend. Adult tickets are \$35 per person, and student tickets are \$25 per person. Book your tickets at: www.trybooking.com/CIPOS

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 10:37–42

Today's gospel reading concludes the so-called missionary discourse in which Jesus instructs his disciples on what it means to be a disciple. While some of the nuances of those instructions are lost in translation, Jesus' words to the disciples in first-century Galilee can still speak to us as contemporary disciples. Discipleship today is about creating a just, equitable and healthy planetary community and about recognising the source of our power to do so. Discipleship requires us to examine our loyalties, to recognise that our first loyalty is to the one who calls us to discipleship and shows us the way to bring life.

Our planet is experiencing a climate crisis, dramatic species loss and mindless warfare. It is recovering from a pandemic that claimed the lives of some 6.8 million people ([statista.com](https://www.statista.com)). There is growing consciousness of the discrimination and violence experienced by people of colour. What price are we prepared to pay to change the way we live so that the lives of those hitherto discounted might matter to everyone without exception? What price are we prepared to pay that we might have peace and meet the

needs of all within the means of the planet? We have the witness of countless health workers who died from COVID-19 contracted from their patients. We have the witness of parents who have one meagre meal per day so that their children might be sheltered and nourished. We have the witness of courageous people across the globe taking up their respective "crosses" and laying down their lives for suffering others.

*Taking up the cross is
a powerful metaphor*

In following the way of Jesus and living the gospel of truth and justice and compassion, we can be faced with excruciating choices. We cannot always satisfy family if we want to be true to what we believe or if we want to expose injustice: there is often a deeper commitment that transcends the bonds of family relationship. We may even be called to relinquish, for the sake of a greater good, work that we love or the income on which we depend. In other words, there is deep suffering in the way of discipleship, suffering that comes from being true to a mission that



brings life to others despite the cost to ourselves.

Taking up the cross is a powerful metaphor for being willing to endure whatever hardships are involved in realising the vision of God's empire as opposed to the brutal empire of "Rome". God's empire finds expression in our times in every attempt to enshrine just policies and practices in law. It finds expression in every attempt to free the most marginalised from the impact of unjust policies and practices. Words are not enough: we are to live out in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life, a life characterised by hospitality and attention to the vulnerable. A cup of cold water for "the little ones" becomes the emblem of discipleship and in our post-industrial times, the little ones include all God's thirsty creatures, human and other-than-human.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 KINGS 4:8–11, 14–16

ROMANS 6:3–4, 8–11

MATTHEW 10:37–42

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ZECHARIAH 9:9–10

ROMANS 8:9, 11–13

MATTHEW 11:25–30