

30 June 2024

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

St Alipius parish



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MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Tue 5:30 PM, Wed – Fri 9:30 AM

Saturday 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM

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

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 2

Our Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

We acknowledge this land's traditional owners and custodians and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.

WE PRAY FOR

Faithfully departed: Fr. Barry Ryan, Max Green

Anniversaries: Lena Macklin, Bernard Dowling, John McGrath, Norm Rouhan

Unwell: Socorro De Chavez, Peter McLachlan, Sarah McLachlan, Eleanor McMahon, Shelley Pawang, Carole Simmons

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Fr Justin Driscoll

Assistant Priest

Fr Matthew Restall

Visiting Priest

Fr Barry Ryan – *Rest in Peace*

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

REQUIEM MASS – FR. BARRY

St. Alipius' Parish was very close to Fr. Barry's heart. It was his first appointment as a priest and his last place of priestly ministry and we are greatly saddened by his passing. Whilst sad, we remember and are grateful for his commitment to us and the wonderful insights he shared with us over time. It was a privilege to have known him. Requiem Mass for Fr. Barry will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday July 1st at 10.30 am. The Funeral Mass will also be livestreamed - more information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/fr-barry-ryan-rip/> May he Rest In Peace.

ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

Recently we held our second meeting to discuss the acknowledgement of 170 years of our parish. This meeting was very well attended and a great discussion was held as to how such an acknowledgement might look. This acknowledgement will be held on Saturday 14 December, so keep this date free. Now is the time for you to start thinking about stories you might have, photos you can share etc. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more information. The next meeting will be held on Sunday 14 July at 3pm in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Baptism Preparation 10 AM or 5.30 PM, 4 July, MacKillop & Glowrey Rooms, Ballarat Cathedral Hall
Caring Group 2 PM, 5 July, Parish Hall
Confirmation Preparation 10.30 AM or 6 PM, 18 July, Parish Hall
Leadership Formation Session 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM, 4 August, Buninyong

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Notification of confirmation preparation sessions has been provided to Catholic schools in the parish. The preparation sessions will be held on Thursday 18 July at 10.30 AM or 6 PM. If you know anyone who wishes to have their child confirmed, refer them to the parish office.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

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

Supporting our parish priests	\$1,013
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	\$873

To indicate your desire to join the planned giving program, please complete the form on the next page.

ST VINCENT VOLUNTEERS

Between May 2023 – May 2024, SVdP provided \$730,000 worth of aid across greater Ballarat, which was an increase of 33% on the previous year. The gratefully received support from our parish enables SVdP to continue to assist those in need. If anyone is interested in joining the Society, please contact the parish office. SVdP needs volunteers for their Wednesday and Friday sessions held between 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, at the Ballarat Assistance Centre, 4 Dawson Street, Ballarat.

UPDATING UNWELL LIST

Our notice sheet's unwell list will be reset next weekend. Please contact the parish office if you have someone currently listed who you would like to stay on the list.

SVDP WINTER APPEAL

The theme of this year's St Vincent de Paul winter appeal is the 'Working Homeless', which focuses on the emerging trend of people who are experiencing housing hardship and disadvantage despite being in employment. Donation envelopes are available at the piety stand, at the end of each pew at St Alipius, and near Ss Peter and Paul's entrance. Envelopes can be placed in the offertory collections during mass. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please write your name and address on the envelope if you need a receipt.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Fr. Peter Murphy, who is working in the Ministry District during Fr. Justin's absence, is holding Christian Meditation sessions for anyone who would like to participate. These sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings at 5.15 pm and Saturday mornings at 10.30 am in the parish hall over a three week period, and will run for an hour. No registration is required, you are welcome to just come along.

CARING GROUP

The Caring Group will meet in the parish hall at 2:00 PM on Friday 5th July. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share.

PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Plans are in place for another trivia night in our parish. Please keep August 30 free so that you can join us and share your wealth of knowledge. If anyone has, or knows of someone who may be in a position to donate an item for a raffle to be held on the night, please contact the parish office.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Couple for Christ (Ballarat) invite all married couples to join them for 'talks and fellowship' as part of their Christian Life Program. This will be held at St. James Parish Sebastopol, beginning 13 July. Sessions will be held between 1:30 pm and 4:30 pm. For more information please call Rose on 0401 437 158.

ANNUAL 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. Through this collection we have the opportunity to support the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world. The collection in St. Alipius Parish will be taken up next weekend July 6-7.

BAPTISMS

Matilda Jane and Robbie James Coxall
Children of Lachlan Coxall and Jade Everett

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

SAFETRAC MODULES REMINDER

Thank you to all those who have completed their Safetrac module as part of our Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable adults. This module is now overdue, so it would be appreciated if those who are required to complete it (you would have received an email) could please do so as soon as possible.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

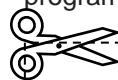
School holidays are here. We wish all staff and students a very safe and restful break. We thank each of them for their work throughout the term.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY PREPARATION

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together clergy, representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for Clergy in parishes, Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisations Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Leadership teams are invited to nominate others who might benefit from this experience. Ballarat dates are: August 4, 10.30am – 4.00pm, Ss Peter and Paul's Church, Buninyong, August 13, 5.00pm – 8.30pm, Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree. Fr. Justin will facilitate these sessions.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

The Parish Planned Giving Program commences 1 July. Contributions can be made via envelopes or direct debit and are the parish's only source of income. To join the program, please complete and return the following form.



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I/we would like to contribute to the financial costs of St Alipius and Ss Peter and Paul's via (tick one):

Envelope Direct Debit

Please return this form to the parish office or place it in the collection at mass.

“Do not fear; only believe”

Gospel reflection by Veronica Lawson RSM

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mark 5:21-43



In Mark's gospel, we often find a story within a story. Some scholars refer to this technique as the making of a Markan sandwich, others as a framing device. In Mark 5:21-43, the frame consists of the two-part story of Jairus' desperately ill twelve-year-old daughter. Jairus who is a synagogue official falls at the feet of Jesus in an attitude of reverence that is surprising from a Jewish official. Jairus pleads with Jesus the itinerant preacher to come and lay hands on his daughter. Jesus is clearly known as a healer, one who can “save” life. The passage closes with the young woman's seeming death and restoration to life. In between the two parts of this story, we hear of the plight of an older woman, also seriously ill, possibly with a gynaecological problem. She has been haemorrhaging for twelve years and has spent all her money on doctors to no avail.

The stories are linked in many ways, first by the repetition of the number twelve, a symbolic number in a Jewish context. Both the young

Jewish woman and the older Jewish woman need the saving power of God mediated through Jesus the healer. Later in the Markan story (7:24-30), a Gentile mother and daughter will beg and receive that same saving power of God. Jairus' daughter does not speak for herself. Like all young women of that culture, ill or not, she is dependent on the voice of her father. The older woman comes tentatively “from behind”. She speaks, but only to herself, as she touches Jesus' cloak and, through this touch, experiences healing in her body. Does the healing power of God suffuse even the fabric of Jesus' cloak? The woman is finally shamed into telling all. Like Jairus, she falls in desperation at the feet of Jesus. Jairus refers to his little girl on the brink of adulthood as “my daughter”. Jesus addresses the older woman as “my daughter”. Both women, the younger and the older, are daughters of Israel. Both are restored to health, one on account of the faith of her parents (the

unnamed mother and the named father], the other because of her own faith. Jesus the healer has embraced and responded to the pain of a woman alone on the one hand and of a family (mother, father, and daughter) on the other.

Towards the end of the gospel (14:3-9), this Jesus who has brought healing to little children, to older women and younger women, to older men and younger men, to Jews and to Gentiles, will himself become the recipient of the healing ministry of an insightful woman who draws on Earth elements and pours out healing ointment. He will recognise this action as a beautiful thing that she has done “in him” For now, the stories recount “the beautiful thing” he does in the lives of suffering humanity, irrespective of age or gender or status or ethnicity.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WISDOM 1:13-15

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7,9, 13-15

MARK 5:21-24, 35-43

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

FORTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EZEKIAL 2:2-5

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

MARK 6:1-6