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OPEN TUE – FRI
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

5 November 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In you, Lord, I have found my peace

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, 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

No counting team this week

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: Eris Blood, Bob Conroy

Unwell: Peter McLachlan, Sarah McLachlan, Eleanor McMahan, 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.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

11:00 AM, Tuesday 7 November, Parish Hall

WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

Anima Women's Network is hosting a day retreat entitled "Preparing our Hearts for Christ" at St Alipius Hall from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday 11 November. The day includes Mass, Confession, a talk by Anna Krohn, lunch, and a lino print Christmas card workshop with Ballarat Artist Marie Mason. The cost is \$35 plus booking fee: www.trybooking.com/CMNFK

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Supporting our parish priests	\$1,400
Maintenance of parish buildings, office and administration expenses, grounds maintenance etc.	\$668.20

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

REPORTS FROM SYNOD

At the end of the first session of the Synod, the participants prepared and published a "Letter to the People of God" and adopted a synthesis report, "A Synodal Church on Mission." Both documents are available from the diocesan website:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/

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/

THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish, we would like to extend our gratitude to Carmel Flynn and Jason Fletcher for organising and preparing our remembrance mass last weekend.

MONSTER GARAGE SALE

Nazareth House Auxiliary Monster Garage Sale will be held from 10:00 AM on Saturday, 18 November at 218 Mill Street, Ballarat. Furniture, books, prints, cake and gift stall, morning tea. Cash only. For further information, please contact Margaret, ph. 0419 003 415.

PRAYING WITH THE POPE

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope, and calling us to loving service. 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – www.thepopevideo.org.

Pope's intention for November – **For the Pope:** We pray for the Holy Father. As he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us.

SHINE A LIGHT REPORT

The "Shining A Light" program included a series of workshops held across the Diocese of Sale designed to assist the Catholic community in responding to and preventing domestic violence. Catholic Social Services Victoria, along with the Dioceses of Sale, will launch the 'Shining A Light – Workshops about domestic violence' Evaluation Report on Friday, 17 November at the Teaching Centre, Sion House, 6 Witton Street, Warragul from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Diocese of Sale Bishop Greg Bennet will be launching this report alongside the Victorian Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence, Ms Vicki Ward. To assist with planning, please register your attendance via the QR code by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 15 November.



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.

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.

BAPTISMS

Kobe Gian Anglo Cortez
Child of John and Arlene Cortez

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

Pope Francis

MELBOURNE PROCLAIM23

Proclaim is an initiative of Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and inspired by Take the Way of the Gospel. Across three days, the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne will become a vibrant sojourn for all Catholics. Be inspired and formed for the task to share the Good News in your own local communities, whether it is your parish, school, or organisation. There will be inspiring keynote speakers, moments to encounter Christ in prayer, worship and fellowship, practical workshops to be equipped for mission and time to connect with like-minded disciples who want something more for their communities. Scan or click the QR code for details regarding the program, workshops, and keynote speakers.



FAITH AT WAR EXHIBITION

The Ballarat Catholic Diocesan Commission Archives displays an exhibition that explores priests from the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat who served during WWI, WWII, in Vietnam and Afghanistan. Priests could serve as Chaplains in the Australian Army, Australian Royal Air Force, or the Australian Royal Navy, or at RAAF bases at Ballarat, Hamilton, and Nhill. The "Faith at War" exhibit will remain on display until Monday, 13 November. You can visit the archives by appointment Monday to Friday or view the display online via the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/stewardship/diocesan-historical-commission/faith-at-war-and-the-priests-who-served-from-the-catholic-diocese-of-ballarat/. To visit the archives please contact the archivist by email archives@ballarat.catholic.org.au

YOUNG WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry invites applications for the 2024/25 Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship from young Catholic women who are committed to their faith and who feel called to explore leadership opportunities in their chosen fields and within the Church. The fellowship welcomes those volunteering or working in Catholic ministries or roles, and those working in secular settings fulfilling their mission in the world. Fellowship participants should be open and willing to explore the diversity of the universal church and desire to identify and step into new mission fields.

Applications close Thursday, 16 November. For more information scan or click the QR code.



YCW CRICKET REUNION

All former players, supporters and families are invited to get together for lunch at Robin Hood Hotel on Sunday 3 December at 12 noon. Numbers are needed by Sunday 26 November. For further enquiries or to book please call Terry on 0401 730 670 or John 0409 864 080.

ASSISTANT ADMIN POSITION

St Patrick's Cathedral is seeking applicants for an Administrative Assistant to support the implementation of the Choral and Organ Scholarships. The role will suit someone who is very well organised, efficient, who takes initiative, who is familiar and comfortable with technology platforms and social media applications, capable of building good working relationships within the parish and who has an appreciation for the role of traditional styles of sacred music in contemporary liturgical settings. The role is part time – approximately one day a fortnight. If you would like to apply, please forward a cover letter and resume to the Choir Director, Vincent Sully at vincenzo101923@gmail.com by cob Friday 24 November. A copy of the position description and further information can be obtained from Mr Sully at the above email or on 0407 310 115.

CARITAS GAZA APPEAL

An estimated 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health, and psychosocial needs. With your support, Caritas can support partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal by scanning or clicking the QR code.



Leadership as Service

Gospel reflection by Veronica Lawson RSM

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 23:1–12

Today's gospel has particular relevance for all in positions of authority.

Appointment or election to such positions is not for the sake of status or self-aggrandisement. Neither does the specialised knowledge associated with such roles bring with it the right to special privileges.

Sadly, both civic and religious leaders can easily develop a sense of entitlement that shifts the exercise of their authority from service to privilege and oppression. That seems to have been the case for certain religious leaders in first-century Palestine.

Shortly after I took up a five-year term as elected leader of my religious congregation, I handed the members of my council an article about leaving office gracefully. They objected that we had only begun our ministry of leadership. What was I suggesting?

I was convinced then as now that gospel-inspired leadership requires that one hold one's position lightly, ever aware that leadership is a service for a time, an opportunity to create or maintain the conditions for all in the community or organisation to take their own power and to exercise it responsibly within the parameters of their core commitment.

Leaders can call their members to authentic living of their commitment

only if their own lives are congruent with what they profess.

Within Second Temple Judaism, the Pharisees were the respected teachers and interpreters of the Law of Moses. Some of them abused their positions and so became the subject of Jesus' scathing and cumulative criticism.

They exploited their specialised knowledge to exercise power over the people and create intolerable burdens while at the same time failing to observe their own rules. They sought the adulation of the people through their exaggerated and ostentatious observance of certain religious customs.

They are accused of broadening their phylacteries, the little leather boxes containing the words of the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-6) that observant Jews bound to their heads and arms, and of lengthening the tassels attached to their cloaks (in observance of Deuteronomy 22:12).

They looked for special treatment, for places and titles of honour, and for public recognition. They failed to understand that the Shema is intrinsically a call to listen, to hear and to obey the love commandment.



Matthew attaches to this condemnation of the scribes and Pharisees several loosely connected sayings of Jesus that link service and humility.

Greatness lies, not in the pursuit of power over others, but rather in knowing one's proper place in the scheme of things and so recognising that God is the source of all human power and authority.

In *Treading Lightly: The Hidden Wisdom of the World's Oldest People*, Karl-Erik Svelby and Tex Skuthorpe demonstrate how the story of one indigenous community, the Nhunngabarra, offers a compelling alternative to hierarchical leadership in our times, namely the age-old "context-specific" leadership for sustainability. *Treading Lightly* offers a vision utterly congruent with the gospel-inspired and earth-conscious leadership of Pope Francis that is being exercised so powerfully in the context of Synod 2021-2024.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MALACHI 1:14–2:2, 8–10

1 THESSALONIANS 2:7–9, 13

MATTHEW 23:1–12

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WISDOM 6:12–16

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13–14

MATTHEW 25:1–13