

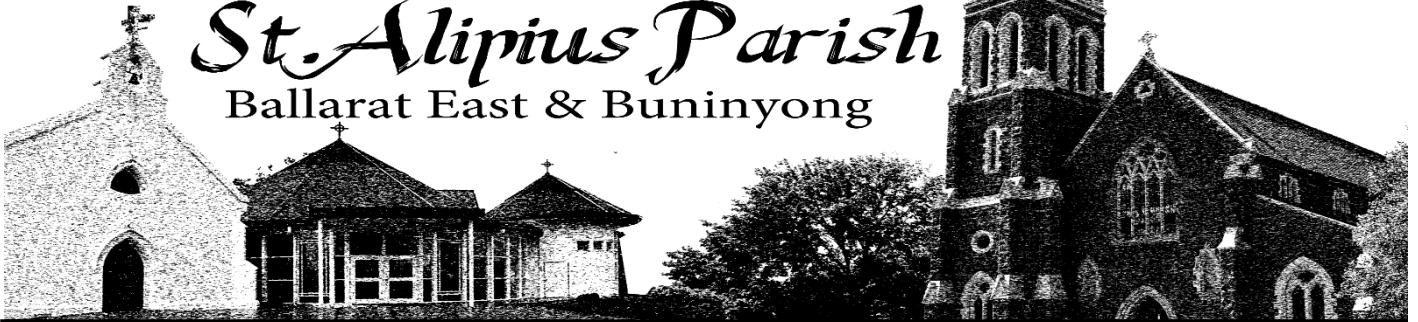


Catholic Diocese of Ballarat | Oblates of St. Joseph



# St. Alipius Parish

Ballarat East & Buninyong



**SS Peter & Paul's Church**

701 Fiskens St., Buninyong 3357

**St Alipius' Parish Church**

82 Victoria St., Ballarat East 3350

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

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



*St Alipius' Parish acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of this land and we pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.*

### **Parish Office & Presbytery:**

#### **Office Hours:**

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

✉ 84 Victoria Street

Ballarat East 3350

☎ 5332 6611

✉ [ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

🌐 [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

#### **Liturgy Online:**

🌐 [www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au)

✉ [sapliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:sapliturgy@gmail.com)

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Jorge De Chavez, OSJ

**Liturgy Coordinator:** David Santamaria

**Funeral Ministry:** Carmel Flynn, Kathy Curran

**Child Safety Officer:** Roxanne Leed

**Finance Officer:** Kerrie McTigue

**Finance Com. Chair:** Paul Jans

### **Masses during the week for (20) attendees only**

#### **\*Registration Necessary\***

#### **St Alipius Church, Ballarat East**

Monday to Saturday 9.30 am

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am

*(Registration by phone or email to the Parish Office is necessary)*

#### **Ss Peter & Paul, Buninyong**

Thursday 12 noon and Sunday 10:30 am,

*(Registration is necessary please ring*

*Margaret McCarty 0423 208 286)*

**St. Alipius Church is open from 9:30 am until 3:00 pm Tuesday to Sunday.**

#### **Mass Options and Resources for Prayer**

Ballarat Diocese Website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

St. Alipius' Parish Liturgy Website:

[www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au)

### **Prayer Intentions:**

**Recent Deaths:** Leo Driscoll, Alexandros Sofis

**Anniversaries:** Michael Kent, Jason Luke Edward Duck OMI, Pauline Mary Thomas

**Unwell:** We pray for Kateri Byrnes, Carmel Doherty, Heather Healy, Pat Hogan, Cathy Jones, Peter Martin, Letitia Simmons, Margie Wilmott, Christopher Calimbas, Isabelita Dimaano and all who are unwell.





**Readings for this week: Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time**

First: Isaiah 55:10-11 Second: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

**Readings for next week: Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time**

First: Wisdom 12:13 16-19 Second: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

**St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust**

Scholarships are offered to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and applications forms are available at <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>. Closing date July 31, 2020

**St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal**

Vinnies, like everyone, has been impacted by COVID-19. We have had to adapt our traditional ways of providing help to those who seek our assistance to meet both the government and St Vincent de Paul directives. It is a testament to the commitment and flexibility of our members that we have been able to continue to provide support to those in need during this time. As a result of the coronavirus many people have found themselves in the position of having a job one day, and being unemployed the next. This will lead to an increasing number of people reaching out to Vinnies for help for the very first time. Therefore, this year's appeal will focus on addressing the needs of Victorians who have been impacted by COVID-19.

Now more than ever, the funds raised during this appeal are critical in ensuring that Vinnies can continue to be there for people when they need us most. You can donate to our appeal via:

1. Envelopes available at churches. (Please write your name and address on the envelope so receipts can be issued. Once completed envelopes can be left at the parish office).
2. Online at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)
3. By phone 13 18 12
4. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

**Planned Giving**

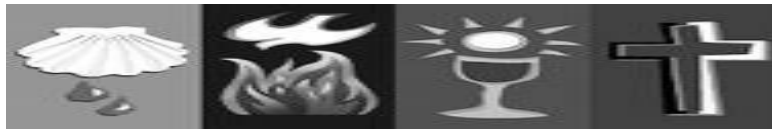
Envelopes may be left in the mailbox at the Presbytery. Any queries regarding Planned Giving, please contact our Finance Officer, Kerrie McTigue on 53 312 933 or via email :

[ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Thank you for contributing to the St Alipius Parish collections last weekend:**

Envelopes	\$ 1,066.00	Presbytery	\$ 647.50
Direct Debits/Credit Card	\$ 350.00		

**Planned giving envelopes commencing July 2020 are now available for collection from the Parish Office.**



### **Sacramental Preparations and Celebrations for SY 2020**

In these extraordinary times, we are planning ahead for sacraments in the parish of St Alipius this year. As it is not safe to gather in large numbers, all preparations for the sacraments will be undertaken at home by the parents, rather than in large meetings at the schools.

We anticipate the celebrations will happen in Term 4 2020, when it is safer for us to gather in larger numbers, even continuing into Term 1 2021. These masses will occur outside the parish masses due to the need to limit numbers. Bookings for the masses will be handled through the parish in an online format.

Students in Year 3 are eligible to receive Confirmation.

Students in Year 4 are eligible to receive Confirmation and Eucharist.

Some Year 4 students, new to the parish, may need to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Enrolments for these sacraments were taken by the schools and the parish at the beginning of Term 1 this year. If you still need to enrol your child, please do so as soon as possible so you can receive the preparation pack. Please contact one of the Catholic primary schools in the parish for the enrolment form.

### **Sacramental Celebrations**

- Families seeking the **Sacrament of Baptism** are asked to contact the Parish Office to arrange the preparation and the date and time for the celebration. We are allowed to have twenty (20) attendees.
- Those who want to avail the sacrament of **Reconciliation** are asked to contact the Parish Office during office hours.
- **Funerals** are being celebrated with up to 50 people able to gather in the Church.

### **Sea Sunday Appeal – July 12**



Sunday, July 12, 2020 is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously. Go to [bit.ly/seasundayaustralia](https://bit.ly/seasundayaustralia)

### **Australian Catholic Men's Gathering**

The Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants on Saturday, July 31. The aim of the program is to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. This is a free event. For the event program and registration, information go to [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au).



### **Gospel Reflection**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Matthew 13:1-23)

By: Veronica Lawson RSM

Since the outbreak of Covid-19, we have necessarily distanced ourselves from others. Some of us have retreated to the natural world so that our sensitivities have sharpened and our planetary awareness has heightened. We have become more attuned to the complexity of nature and to its rhythms. We have observed the diverse feeding habits of the birds, for instance, and their communication patterns. There is new and renewed interest in gardening, in the growing of vegetables and fruit in pots or in built-up garden beds. Such changes in lifestyle are conditioning us to use our eyes to see and our ears to listen, as today's gospel invites us to do. Jesus' directive, "let anyone with ears listen", is a reminder that we do have ears and that we do not always hear. Ann Lewin's words come to mind: "You do not have to Look for anything. Just look. You do not have to Listen for specific Sounds. Just Listen. You do not have to Accomplish anything. Just Be. And in the Looking and the Listening and the Being, find Me." To what sort of being, of looking and listening does today's gospel call us? The parable of the soil, of the seed, of the birds and the thorns, of the sun and the sower alerts us to Jesus' deep sense of connection with life in its multiple forms. It calls us to examine our connection with the natural world. For a long time, we have focused on the human character in the parable, a character who evokes an agricultural world that is far removed from our post-industrial world, but not so far removed from the world of millions of people in our planetary home who live close to the soil and to earth's elements and who struggle to produce the food they need to stay alive. Is the Matthean Jesus presenting in the sower an image of an estate owner, or a tenant farmer or even a slave? Or is the reader being asked to imagine the sower, whether estate owner, tenant farmer or slave, as an image of an extraordinarily generous God whose life-sustaining gifts are there for all, no matter their readiness to receive? It may not be one or the other but both What of the silty clay loam or red sandy soil, of the wheat or barley seed, of the birds and the thorns and the sun? We know that barley was domesticated some ten thousand years ago in what became bible lands and that these lands are also the original home of the finest bread-making wheat. The birds and the thorns and the sun are for another reflection. We bring our experience of looking and listening and being into dialogue with the parable and search out its meaning for us. We trust that God will ensure an abundant harvest if we but learn to look and to listen to the needs of a planet in peril.