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OPEN TUE – FRI
10.00 AM – 1.00 PM

13 November 2022

Thirty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time

Your redemption is near at hand

St Alipius parish

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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarata-east/

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30 AM
Saturday 9:30 AM and 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 6 this week
Counting Tuesday at 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: Gerard
McCarty, Connor Prunty

Anniversary: Lyn O'Brien, Eileen
Stewart, Fr Guido Coletti OSJ

Unwell: Remy Bourke, Leondis
Dean, Anne D'Cruz, Dale Fletcher,
Waffa Ghali, Ray Gregory, Heather
Healy, Peter Martin, Betty McGarry,
Peter McLachlan, Letitia Simmons,
Margie Wilmott, and all who are
unwell.

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

*We acknowledge the traditional
owners and custodians of this land
and pay our respects to Elders past,
present, and emerging.*



St Alipius
Parish Community

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

Kerrie McTigue

Finance Chair

Paul O'Beirne

Child Safety Officer

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Funeral Ministry

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WORLD DAY
OF THE POOR

THANK YOU

The parish would like to thank everyone who donated or supported the plant sale over the past couple of weeks. We raised \$367.00. Thanks also to everyone who helped with the great social Cup Day event, which raised \$874. This will help us hold further activities within our parish.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

The call to serve the poor has been greatly emphasised under the papacy of Pope Francis, who established the World Day of the Poor in 2017. The Holy Father's message for 2022 is a reflection on 2 Corinthians 8:9: "For your sakes Christ became poor." On this day Catholics are called to consider the suffering of our brothers and sisters and are challenged to practice corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Caritas Social Action Network has provided resources at www.csan.org.uk/news/world-day-of-the-poor-2022/

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

The final edition of ODC 2023 has been published. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

OLHC CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Wendouree is hosting a free lunch on Christmas Day in their parish hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00 – 2.00 PM. Transport is available if needed. Limited places, so bookings are essential. Phone 0419 975 914 to book or to register your availability to volunteer on the day.

CARDS AND CALENDARS

2023 Columban calendars (\$10) and St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards (5 for \$5) are available at the piety stall. Proceeds support disadvantaged and homeless people.

ADVENT REFLECTION DAY

Advent Anticipation is an in-person reflection day on Saturday 26 November from 10 AM – 3.30 PM at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation, rear of 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern. Led by spiritual directors Gail Crisp and Cathy Beaton, take time to make space for anticipation and hope, and pay attention to yourself amid many demands. The cost is \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, phone 9890 1101, or email office@heartoflife.melbourne.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

A Remembrance Day reflection is available from www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/remembrance-day-november-11/

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Collection basket – **\$1,288**

Presbytery and Priest support

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$333.20**

Parish – buildings, office, administration, grounds maintenance.

For any queries or concerns, or should you wish to join our Stewardship Program to support our Parish, please phone our Finance Officer Kerrie on 5331 2933 or email ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

SYNOD OF BISHOPS

The working document for the continental stage titled "Enlarge the Space of your Tent" was published by the Holy See on 27 October. You can read the document at www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

DIOCESAN E-NEWS

The latest edition of the Diocesan e-New is available at: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/news/

LITURGY MINISTRY TRAINING

The Liturgy Committee will be conducting training throughout November. People who are currently rostered on as, or who are interested in becoming, readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, offertory procession participants, or altar servers are asked to attend at least one training session as listed below in Upcoming Events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Minister of the Eucharist training

Wednesday 16 November, 7:00–8:00 PM, St Alipius

Wednesday 23 November, 7:00–8:00 PM, Buninyong

Fr Jorge is on leave

Thursday 17 November – Saturday 3 December

DISABILITY FOCUS GROUP

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) Disability Project Office invites people with disabilities and carers of people with disabilities to be the core participants of an online focus group from 3:00 PM – 5.00 PM on Thursday 24 November and hosted by Damien Gardiner, Disability Projects Officer for ACBC, to consider the Synod of Bishops Continental Report. Email damien.gardiner@catholic.org.au for more information.

MAKING A SCENE DISPLAY

Making a Scene at Christmas is a display of over 500 Nativities from more than 60 countries, as well as frankincense, myrrh, and coins from around the time Jesus was born. Entry by gold coin donation. Bridge Mall, Saturday 3 December and from 10–23 December.

CARDIJN LECTURE

Cardinal Michael Czerny SJ, prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, will deliver the 2022 Cardijn Lecture addressing the theme “Siblings All, Sign of the Times: The Social Teaching of Pope Francis” on Monday, 14 November online via Zoom at 7.30 PM. The title comes from the Cardinal’s forthcoming book, which was jointly authored with Fr Christian Barone. Register to attend online via <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvd-qurjsqE9bC8J-FkYqZy6M6Jk9gTZwN>

VATICAN HYMN COMPETITION

The Dicastery for Evangelisation invites entries for the Hymn for the Holy Year 2025. Entrants are asked to set to music a text proposed by the Dicastery’s Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelisation in the World, which expresses the essence of the jubilee event. The hymn should have a liturgical purpose and be capable of being sung by a church congregation and by a schola cantorum. Entries close 25 March 25, 2023. www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/news/giubileo-2022-09-19.html

BAPTISM

Aiden John Graham & Hallie Maree Graham
Children of Zachary Graham & Roxane Beaumont

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

PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS

Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention that covers various areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope, and calling us to loving service and he asks us to join him in prayer. The Pope’s intention for November is for children who are suffering including those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education, and may they experience family affection. The Pope Video forms part of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network and can be viewed at www.thepopevideo.org

ONLINE ADVENT COURSE

Advent: A Holy Waiting is a 4-week subject in the Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program run by Dayton University and beginning 27 November at a cost of US\$50. This is the only subject available in this cycle. Registrations are now open. For information visit: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/, email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or telephone 5337 7121.

RCIA PROCESS WEBINAR

Catholic Initiation Australia Network’s (CIAN) free webinar on the challenges in establishing and maintaining a parish RCIA process is on Monday 14 November from 7.00 PM – 8.15 PM via Zoom. Lisa McKerr, Kathy Horan, and Christine Wood will provide practical ideas to get RCIA processes back on track after COVID lockdowns. There will be breakout groups for participants to discuss their parish’s RCIA processes. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/mtx42peu>

FREE ADVENT RESOURCES

Advent resources, including a 2022 Advent Calendar, Nativity packs and more, that provide practical ideas to help families journey through Advent, are available at <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/>

MUSIC MINISTRY COURSE

Liturgy Brisbane is offering a 3-hour online course **Music Ministry in the Liturgy**. Using short, engaging videos, readings, quizzes and detailed downloadable notes, the course offers comprehensive formation to provide parish and school music ministry teams with the liturgical and musical knowledge, understanding and skills to confidently and competently choose and lead music in the liturgy. Complete the course at your own pace, in your own home, at times that suit you and download a certificate of completion. Course cost is \$25.00 (+GST if applicable), with group discounts available. For more information visit <https://liturgy-brisbane-learn-discover.learnworlds.com/course/musminc>

ST VINNIES FLOOD APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by calling 13 18 12 or visiting the appeal website: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>. You can also donate through any Vinnies Shop at the point of purchase, or via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

33 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 21:5–19

Sixty years ago, there was no Sydney Opera House. A hundred years ago, there was no Sydney Harbour Bridge. It is hard to imagine a time when they did not exist or a time when they will cease to be, such is the status these monuments have acquired over a very short span of history. They are a source of wonder for tourists and locals alike. They have their counterparts elsewhere in our contemporary world. Twenty-two years ago, New York's World Trade Centre was another such icon, seemingly indestructible and holding the pride of an economically and politically dominant nation, even if less aesthetically engaging than Sydney's monuments.

In first-century Palestine, the newly refurbished Jerusalem Temple was both aesthetically stunning and symbolically charged. Earth paid a monumental price for this edifice, yielding its elements in abundance. While the Temple functioned primarily as the centre of religious worship, it was also an important locus of financial and political power. Its significance can hardly be exaggerated and its destruction

at the hands of the Romans in 70CE was a devastating blow for the Jewish people. Luke is writing some twenty years after this event. He wants to tell his communities that the destruction of the Temple did not signal the end of the world, though that is how it might have seemed at the time. There is life to be lived and there are struggles to be endured before God's final advent. Luke wants to offer hope and encouragement in the face of conflict, persecution, and family division. He wants to offer his readers a caution not to listen to everyone who claims to know the time, the *kairos*, of God's visitation.

*We are called to witness
to a gospel way of life*

The gospel asserts that, like Jesus, disciples can expect to be "handed over" and brought before political authorities. They are to find in this an opportunity to give witness or "to testify". In his second volume, Luke has Jesus commissioning the disciples to be his witnesses "... to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They do not have to be concerned



about what to say in their own defence: "I will give you words and wisdom..." Endurance or patience is the way to life. The Greek term used here evokes the parable of the sower: "as for that [the seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15). In our own times, when the very life of our planetary home is at stake, when the political and economic systems we may have trusted are so often manipulated by the greed of the few and when nations and families are torn apart, we are called to witness to a gospel way of life, to hold the word of God fast in honest and good hearts and to trust that we are not alone in the everyday struggles of life.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MALACHI 3:19–20

2 THESSALONIANS 3:7–12

LUKE 21:5–19

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

2 SAMUEL 5:1–3

COLOSSIANS 1:12–20

LUKE 23:35–43