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▶ **ST ALIPIUS**
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OPEN TUE – FRI
10.00 AM – 1.00 PM

6 November 2022

Thirty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time

My joy will be full

St Alipius parish

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

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Monday – 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 5 this week
Counting Wednesday 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: Brian
McCutcheon

Anniversary: Eris Blood, Lyn
O'Brien, Brock Giles

Unwell: Remy Bourke, Anne
D'Cruz (Singapore), Waffa Ghali,
Heather Healy, Peter Martin,
Gerard McCarty, Betty McGarry,
Peter McLachlan, Connor Prunty,
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

Emily Clarke

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David Santamaria

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Carmel Flynn

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THANK YOU

Thanks to all who attended the BBQ after Mass last Saturday and the Melbourne Cup Luncheon on Tuesday, and to those who organised and volunteered during these successful and enjoyable events.

ST VINNIES ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday 8 December the Ballarat East Conference of St Vincent de Paul will celebrate the 110th anniversary of its formation. To mark this milestone members will gather for the 9.30 AM Parish Mass and then move to the Parish Hall for morning tea. We would be delighted if past members could join us for this special occasion. To assist with catering, please leave your name with the Parish Office by 11 November if you are attending.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Collection basket – **\$1,517**

Presbytery and Priest support

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits – **\$538.20**

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

LITURGY FORMATION

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Joseph's Warrnambool on Sunday 13 November. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30 AM with the formation program beginning at 12.00 PM on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and Fr John McKinnon will present a workshop on scripture reflection. All welcome. Register: www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=974367&

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 make a monetary donation 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.

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
Liturgy Committee meeting Tuesday 8 November, 5:30 PM, St Alipius presbytery
Reader training Wednesday 9 November, 7:00–8:00 PM, Buninyong
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
Offertory Procession training 30 mins after masses on 5 and 6 November

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. The presenters, 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>

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Dominican Sisters and Anima Women's Network (an apostolate of Catholic Women's League Victoria and Wagga Wagga) invite women to a day of retreat at St Mary of the Assumption Parish, 152 Odessa Avenue, Keilor Downs, on Saturday 12 November from 9.00 AM – 4.00 PM. Fr Paul Rowse OP, Anna Krohn and Sr Mary Helop OP will present Pope St John Paul II's thoughts on the dignity of women and the order of love. Please register for catering purposes at www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=968100&. Enquiries to Sr Mary Sarah OP melbourne@op-tn.org

YCW CRICKET CLUB REUNION

Former players, supporters, and family members of the YCW Cricket Club are invited to a reunion at the Robin Hood Hotel at 12 PM on Sunday 4 December. Contact Terry on 0401 730 670 or John on 0409 864 080.

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.

PRISON SUNDAY

Each year on the first Sunday of November, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, which commenced in 2016, during the Year of Mercy, as an initiative of Pope Francis to observe the Jubilee for Prisoners. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide resources and a prayer for Prison Sunday via this website: www.catholic.org.au/prisonsunday

MARY MACKILLOP CENTRE

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre's 'Cuppa with Mary' tells the story of Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph. Entry is free. MMHC's open day is Saturday 26 November from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Includes tour of the museum, walking tour at 11:00 AM, Mass at 1:00 PM in the chapel where Mary prayed, and an exhibition on the life and work of Mary's collaborator, Fr Julian Tenison Woods. www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/ MMHC offers accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. To book, contact Kate on 9926 9300. The MMHC gift shop stocks communion and confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican pieces, rosary beads, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books, calendars, and Peruvian handmade items www.mmhc.org.au/facilities/gift-shop/

2023 LITURGICAL CONFERENCE

The National Liturgical Council and the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network are pleased to announce a combined liturgy and music conference to be held in Brisbane from 28-30 September 2023. The conference is called *Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration* and is a welcome collaboration after several years of being unable to gather for conferences. US liturgical theologian Timothy O'Malley (Notre Dame) and British composer Bernadette Farrell are keynote speakers, along with many expert local workshop presenters and facilitators. The registration page will be opened in January 2023, but to assist with your budgeting and planning for next year, the fees for the conference are – full registration \$480.00, early bird \$440.00, day rate \$200, concession \$440.00, early bird (concession) \$410.00, or day rate (concession) \$150.00.

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 Saturday 24 November and hosted by Damien Gardiner, Disability Projects Officer for ACBC, to consider the Synod of Bishops Continental Report. Email damiengardiner@catholic.org.au for more information.

ONLINE ADVENT COURSE

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

MUSIC MINISTRY COURSE

Liturgy Brisbane is offering a new 3-hour long online liturgy course **Music Ministry in the Liturgy**. Through a series of 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>

PRAY WITH POPE FRANCIS

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 various areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope, and calling us to loving service. 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

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

32 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 20:27, 34–38

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings invite us to ponder the mystery of the bonds of love that persist, even after death, in unimagined and unimaginable ways. Is there life after death? If so, what does that mean? Will we be united in death with those whom we have loved in this life? Do the bonds of love experienced in this life continue beyond the grave? Are our loved ones far from us in death? How do they live on, if indeed they do? These are questions that have preoccupied human beings for millennia. Our Christian faith tradition, grounded in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, offers no clear answer to any of these questions. It simply offers a call to faith in life after death and in God as “not of the dead, but of the living.”

In today’s gospel, some Sadducees “who say there is no resurrection” put a loaded question or case study to Jesus in an attempt to expose as nonsensical the Pharisaic belief in resurrection. In the process, they try to discredit Jesus as a teacher of the Law. As usual, Jesus refuses to be entrapped. He responds with an

affirmation of God as God of the living and an assertion that those who have died are still living. To God, those who have gone before are alive. The diversity of Jewish opinion and belief reflected in this passage may come as a surprise to those who think of Judaism at the time of Jesus as a religion with a unified theological system.

There was certainly agreement among the parties or sects on four key aspects of Jewish faith, namely, monotheism (belief in one God); election (Israel as God’s chosen people); Torah (the call to be faithful to the Law of Moses as found in the first five books of the Bible); and Temple (the Jerusalem Temple as the meeting place between God and God’s people). At the same time, there was room for considerable diversity. Life after death and the resurrection of the dead were among the many contested beliefs.

*To God, those who have
gone before are alive*

Not so long ago, as I sat with a dying Mercy friend who maintained a twinkle in her eye despite her



declining health, I pondered the mysteries of life and death. She knew in her heart that her loved ones who have died are “alive to God”, as the Lukan Jesus puts it. I too knew in my heart that the life she had generated and the love she had known and brought to others over the best part of a century somehow continues and is transformed beyond our imagination through the grace of the God of the living. For the moment, that seems sufficient response to the reading for this Sunday. Jesus of Nazareth refuses entrapment and invites belief in a God for whom all the dead are alive. We live by faith in God and in hope of deep resurrection, the hope that all that is on this Earth community will be transformed in Christ.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 MACCABEES 7:1–2, 9–14

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16–3:5

LUKE 20:27, 34–38

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MALACHI 3:19–20

2 THESSALONIANS 3:7–12

LUKE 21:5–19