

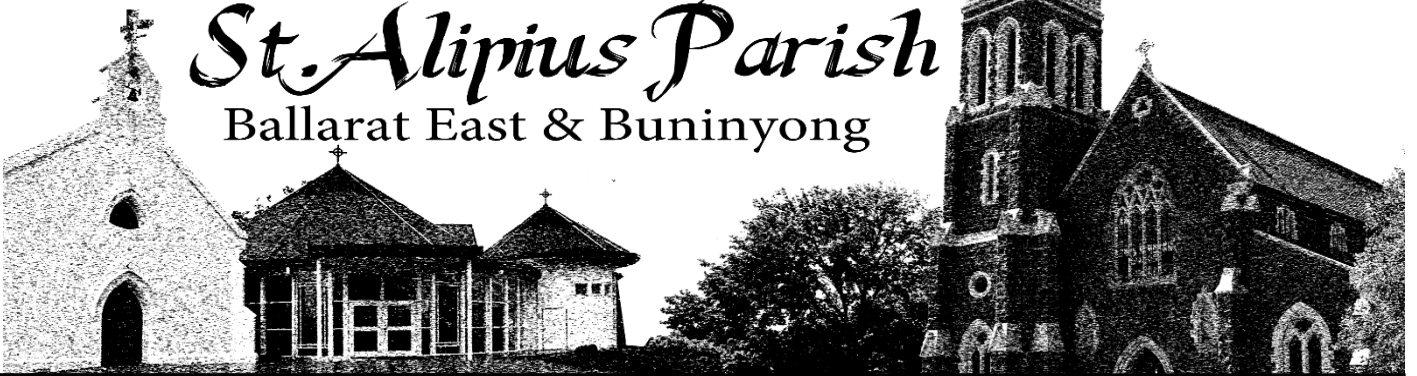


CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BALLARAT |

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 2ND AUGUST 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

🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Liturgy Online:

🌐 www.sapliturgy.net.au

✉ 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 10:30 am

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

Ss Peter & Paul, Buninyong

Thursday 12 noon and Sunday 9:00 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

St. Alipius' Parish Liturgy Website:

www.sapliturgy.net.au

Prayer Intentions:

Recent Deaths: Helen Paulino, Iris O'Keefe

Anniversaries: Bill Maguire, Tess Maguire

Unwell: We pray for 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 next week:

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

First: 1 Kings 19:9.11-13 **Second:** Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthews 14:22-33



From midnight on Sunday (August 2), people throughout our diocese, together with people throughout the whole of Victoria, will be required to wear face coverings whenever we leave home.

You can find further details on the Victorian government's web pages, such as at www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-victoria

The government website provides information about particular issues, such as that children under the age of 12 and people with certain medical conditions do not need to wear a face covering.

Here I would simply add a note regarding the celebration of liturgies.

In our diocese of Ballarat, we will still be allowed to gather for liturgies in churches, with a maximum of 20 people in the congregation, plus those needed to conduct the service. However, from Monday August 3, everyone will be required to wear a face covering throughout the liturgy. The only exceptions would be when the priest is speaking to the congregation or reading prayers, when a reader is actually reading the Scriptures, when a song leader is leading the singing and when anyone is receiving communion.

As well as the new requirement to wear a face covering, the current requirements about hygiene and distance between people will continue to apply.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul



Stewardship

sharing the gifts we have been given

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

St Alipius Parish collections last weekend:

Thank you 

Envelopes

\$ 633.00

Presbytery \$ 559.95

Direct Debits/Credit Card

\$ 375.00



Anointing



Baptism



Communion



Confirmation



Holy Orders



Marriage



Reconciliation

*We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:
 Neve Abigail child of Steven and Rhiannon White
 Ella Rose child of Joshua and Kye-Anne Finley*

May they grow in faith with the support of their families and our Catholic Community.

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.

Be involved in the Liturgical Ministries

Did you know that anyone involved in the liturgical ministries does not have to register for Mass when you are rostered on? If members of your family would like to be involved **as Reader, Sacristan, Data projector operator, Altar server** at Mass, click the form link below, let us know what you would like to do and when, and we can roster you for Mass. The 10.30am Mass is a particularly good Mass to volunteer for as we have few people volunteering for this Mass. Training is being provided. These roles are particularly suited for members of families as you can be rostered together. Liturgical Ministry Involvement <https://dmssystemspityltd.cmail20.com/t/j-i-qhugut-l-y/> or please call David on 0427310564 to arrange training, especially for Sunday 10.30 Mass.

Attending Mass arrangements

As you can imagine, many people have been keen to attend Mass, and many would like to attend regularly. However, to be fair to everyone, we will only be showing 2 weeks at a time on the Mass Registration online page. We ask that people register to attend only ONCE EVERY 3-4 WEEKS so everyone has an opportunity to attend, especially families with children.

Additionally, when you do attend Mass, we have established a series of 'COVID-19 Protocols' so that we all stay as safe and well as possible. Please read the Protocols and be familiar with the requirements before attending Mass.

An invitation to pray, reflect, journal, listen and converse using St Ignatius' First Spiritual Exercise

The First Spiritual Exercises Ministry warmly invites you to experience a reflective and quiet time receiving and sharing your experiences in praying the new FSE Field Hospital Exercises. During three Mondays August 3, 10 and 17 from 7.00pm – 8.30pm via Zoom meeting, we will guide you through this gentle retreat which offers participants the deeper graces of tender love, hope, faith and inner peace in the Service of God. More information available from https://mailchi.mp/garrattpublishing.com.au/all-fse_field-hospital-exercises_july2020?e=986abfa3fb



Gospel Reflection

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A (Matthew 14:13-21)

Veronica Lawson RSM

According to the most recent International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Report, the number of people living in extreme poverty has fallen below ten percent of the global population for the first time in history, down from nineteen per cent in 1990. The same figures hold for the undernourished in our world. Encouraging as the improved statistics maybe, it is still a fact that almost three quarters of a billion people have less than \$US1.90 per day to meet all their basic needs for food, shelter and security and this situation has been seriously exacerbated by the outbreak of Covid-19. It is difficult in our affluent society to imagine the plight of so many in the war-torn countries of our world or to get inside the desperation of parents watching their children die from starvation. According to research conducted by Footprint Melbourne, Melburnians waste enough food annually to feed two million people at a cost of \$3.5 million. That may be changing in these times of pandemic and somewhat heightened awareness of the suffering of those on the edge.. What has this to do with our gospel reflection? In the first reading from Isaiah, God tells the “thirsty”:
“Listen and delight in rich food....Incline your ear, and come to me; listen that you may live”. The gospel reading from Matthew tells a story of hungry people “hearing”, following Jesus, and enjoying an abundance of life-sustaining food. In other words, Matthew presents Jesus as the one who makes the Isaian dream a reality for those who hunger and thirst both literally and figuratively. The passage echoes key aspects of Israel’s history. Jesus retreats to a “desert” place, recalling the experience of God’s people in the wilderness of Sinai. Those who follow Jesus find life-restoring food in the desert, evoking the manna that God provided for the hungry in the Sinai desert. Jesus has compassion for people struggling with disease and thirsting for the means to live. In biblical terms, compassion is always accompanied by action for restorative justice. Jesus heals the sick and creates a structure for the sharing of resources. Faced with a hungry crowd, the disciples offer a simple solution: “Send them away.” Sending the desperate away is a travesty of gospel compassion in a way of life that claims Eucharist as its central tenet. It has, sadly, been part of our national response to many hungering and thirsting for life and security. Jesus refuses such a solution and invites his disciples instead to take some personal responsibility for the situation. The gospel invites us as contemporary disciples to attend to food security in our world and to address ways of meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal of eliminating poverty and hunger by 2030. Informing ourselves on the issues might be one place to begin. Another might be to check supplies before shopping for more food than we need.