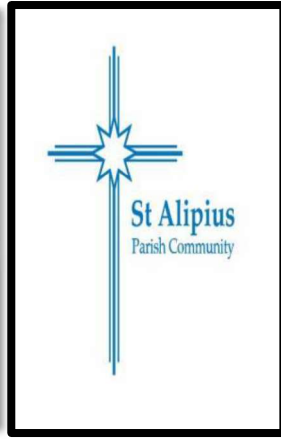


Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

Ballarat East & Buninyong



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.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 26, 2022

“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.”

SS Peter & Paul's Church
701 Fisker St. Buninyong 3357

Parish Office & Presbytery:
84 Victoria Street
Ballarat East 3350
5332 6611
ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office Hours:
The Parish Office will open on the following:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm

- Liturgy Online:** www.sapliturgy.net.au
Parish Priest: Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ
Parish Coordinator:
Child Safety Officer:
PPC Chair: Cathy Prunty
Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue
Finance Com. Chair: TBA
Liturgy Coordinator: David Santamaria
ballarateastliturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Funeral Ministry: Carmel Flynn
stalipiusfuneral@gmail.com

St Alipius' Parish Church
82 Victoria St, Ballarat East 3350

Masses during the week
Mass will be said Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 9.30am
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 9:00 am (1st, 3rd and 5th)
10:30 am (2nd and 4th)
Rosary and Divine Mercy will be said each morning after the 9.30am mass. Please join us at the Presbytery.

St Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong
Sunday 9:00 am (2nd and 4th)
10:30 am, (1st, 3rd and 5th)
Mass Options and Resources for Prayer
Ballarat Diocese Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
Counting Team No 7 will be on this week.
Counting begins at 9.30am

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)
Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

In our prayers we remember.....
Recently Deceased: Agnes Cecilia Peters
Anniversaries Tom Ballinger and Paul Ballinger, John Moran
Unwell: We pray for Peter McLachlan, Remy Bourke, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall, Betty McGarry, Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Peter Saunders, Agnes Peters, Ray, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Marcie Wilmott, Letitia Simmons. and all who are unwell.



RCIC Program

The parish will be holding an information evening on RCIC in coming weeks. If you would like to have your child/children participate in this program or offer support please contact the Parish Office

EUCCHARIST PREPARATION – ADVANCED NOTICE

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will take place in Term 3. To participate in this program, your child must have been confirmed. This program will be opened to children in Year 4 or those in higher years who has missed out on the sacrament previously. Further information will be made available early in Term 3. Please watch this space.

Choir for the Ordination Mass - a note from Rev Bill Lowry and Rev Matt Restall:

'Hello singers! St Augustine once said that those who sing pray twice. We feel that those who help others sing may pray thrice! We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all most sincerely for the enthusiasm and commitment you are putting into this occasion. This is the first Ordination to the Priesthood in the Diocese in over nine years, so you are all involved in a rather historic occasion. You are each an integral part of the celebration and each with your gifts and talents (and angelic voices) help give worthy praise to God. We encourage you all to please continue with the practice and the caring support of each other, building up community amongst each other and all those present on the night. Please be assured of our prayers and may the intercession of St Cecilia open up those vocal chords and bring forth beautiful song!' This is a Diocesan event so choir members are welcome from across the diocese. Practice sessions will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on the following dates: Thursday 30 June, 7.00pm, Thursday 14 July, 7.00pm, Thursday 7 July, 7.00pm and Thursday 21 July, 7.30pm.

This weekend we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

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

(Pope Francis)

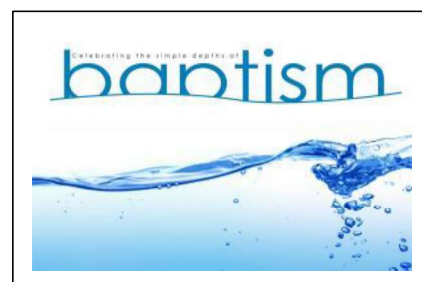


Mia Rose Cvirn

Daughter of Sheree and Christopher

Taylah Kate Scott

Daughter of Laura and Nathan



The Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee welcomes three new members, coming on as Team Leaders for Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Sacristans. The roles will be shared between Mary Gilmartin, Susan Begbie and Angelica Murillo. We thank these generous people for taking on these roles.

We now have a new Visual Display Guideline and people may notice a difference in the slides being presented during Mass, beginning this week. The Visual Display Guidelines can be viewed on the SAP Liturgy website under the 'Liturgical Ministries' menu.

Due to the Diocesan Privacy Policy and the Recommendations of the Royal Commission, the parish can no longer provide all those involved in the ministries a list of contacts to find a fill-in if you're unavailable for a rostered Mass. So we will be using WhatsApp where people can choose to opt-in and opt-out as appropriate. Those involved in the ministries will receive an invitation to join WhatsApp in the coming week.

Mass to celebrate Clergy Jubilees of Ordination 2022

Many thanks to all who were involved and attended Mass last week for clergy who are celebrating a jubilee this year. Particular mention to the choir and musicians for volunteering their talents for this Mass. *Diocesan Liturgical Commission.*

Raffle

Next weekend Mercy place is inviting you to buy tickets in a crochet rug raffle for \$2 or 3 for \$5. All money will go toward St. Vincent de Paul winter appeal, (Sr. Angela.)

At-home Retreat: Held in Hope

Heart of Life is offering an "" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

PLENARY COUNCIL:

The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign. "Walking in the Spirit" began on April 17 and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/

Vinnie's Winter Appeal

Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your support of the 2022 Vinnie's Winter Appeal will help provide emergency accommodation, financial support, as well as material assistance. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic>

Advance Notice: Ordinations to the Priesthood

Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend. For those not able to attend the Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

Annual Collection for the Pope: June 25-26

The annual collection for the Holy Father is taken up throughout the world on the weekend near the Feast of Ss Peter & Paul (June 29). Our parish will have the annual collection for the Pope on the weekend of June 25-26.

Caring Group Invitation

The caring group is gathering At St. Alipius Parish Hall on the 1st of July Friday at 2:00pm. Please a plate to share. All are welcome.

Director of Faith & Mission Position

St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill is on the search for its next amazing Director of Faith and Mission. This role in a Catholic school is vitally important. For position description and application details, go to <https://smmc.vic.edu.au/our-community/employment/>

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM NEW ENVELOPES PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all parishioners who continue to contribute to our Stewardship Program. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

New planned giving envelopes (commencing 3 July, 2022) will be available for collection at the foyer of the church this weekend.



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

Thank you for contributing to the Parish collections this week:

First Collection, funeral, baptism (Presbytery - Priest support) \$ 1,252.00
Second Collection (Parish - buildings/office/administration/grounds maintenance) (Including envelopes, credit cards and direct debits) \$ 573.20

Reflection on the Gospel-13th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

(Luke 9:51-62)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Most instances of enmity in our world are between near neighbours with differing cultures or slightly differing interpretations of reality. It is much easier to love those who are different from us if they are on the other side of the world. Jews and Samaritans shared a common origin story, but their respective histories led to a deeply conflictual relationship. While the Samaritans worshipped the God of Israel, they accepted only the first five books of the Bible as God's word. They were despised by their southern neighbours. Jesus and his Galilean Jewish friends could hardly have expected a gracious welcome in Samaria. They may have been received more warmly had Jesus planned to stay and worship in the temple on Mt. Gerizim, the centre of Samaritan life and worship. The problem for the Samaritans is Jesus' decision to use Samaritan territory simply as a staging post on his journey to Jerusalem, the heart of Jewish life and worship: the Samaritans "did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem."

James and John have an excessively violent reaction to the unwelcoming Samaritans: "Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" The force of this question can easily be lost. James and John have heard Jesus telling them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, and pray for those who mistreat them (Luke 6:27-28). And yet they want to call down fire on those who do not receive him. Jesus makes it clear that violence is not the way of God's prophet, even in the face of rejection. He has no word of condemnation for the Samaritan villagers who failed to receive him. He simply turns and rebukes his two disciples and moves on to another village.

There is a sense of relentlessness in this passage. Jesus has "set his face to Jerusalem" and there is no turning back for him or for those who join him on the journey. In the company of his disciples, he now moves inexorably to Jerusalem where he will be "lifted up" in death and exaltation. Bringing the good news and establishing God's reign of peace is the purpose of the journey. Jesus makes it clear that those who wish to follow him must live out in their lives the pattern of his life, a life of total commitment. While there is a degree of hyperbole in his insistence that the dead are to bury their own dead, it makes the point that there are no half measures in a gospel way of life. We are invited to enter into the journey with all its demands. There is no room on the journey for violence or for clinging to familiar securities when they conflict with the call of the gospel to deal with injustice. If we are serious about saving our planet, we must relinquish the certainties we have known and be prepared to "set our faces" towards whatever it takes to ensure God's reign of peace in our common home.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First: 1Kings 19:16, 19-21

Second: Gal 5:1, 13-18 **Gospel:** Lk 9:51-62

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First: Is 66:10-14

Second: Gal 6:14-18 **Gospel:** Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

