

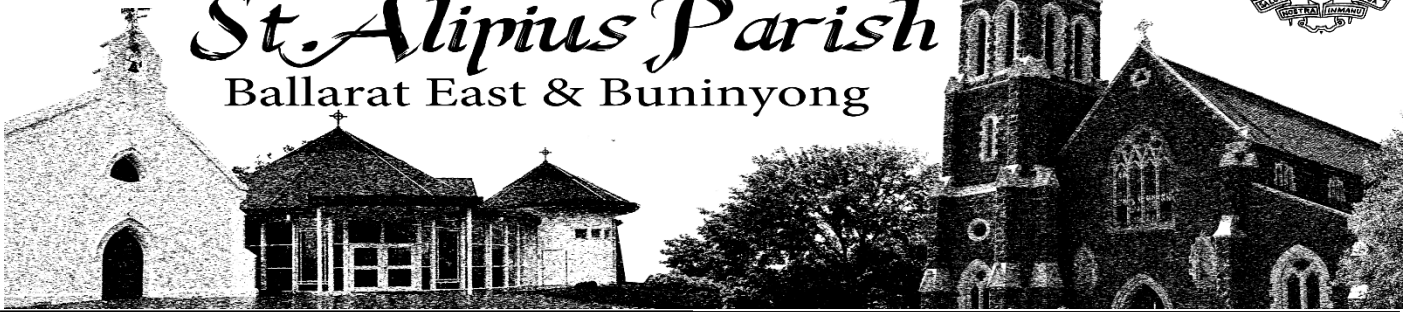


Catholic Diocese of Ballarat | Oblates of St. Joseph



# 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

***THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST – 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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:**

- ✉ 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)

**Clergy & Staff:**

- 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:** Patrick Connolly (UK)
- Anniversaries:** Margeurita Keogh
- Unwell:** We pray for Kateri Byrnes, Carmel Doherty, Heather Healy, Pat Hogan, Cathy Jones, Peter Martin, Letitia Simmons, Margie Wilmott and all who are unwell





**Readings this week: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**

**First:** Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16   **Second:** 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

**Gospel:** John 6:51-58

**Readings next week: Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time**

**First:** Jeremiah 20:10-13   **Second:** Romans 5:12-15

**Gospel:** Matthew 10:26-33

**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:**

**Sonny Charles** son of Allister and Amy Edmends

**Scarlett Rose and Harry Jack** children of Damien and Natasha Moran

**Olivia Lynette** daughter of Paul and Larinda Klein

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

**St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust**

Scholarships are offered to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialized 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.

**ACU Centre for Liturgy Presents: Rev Prof Mark R. Francis CSV “The Challenge of Intercultural Liturgy in the Era of Pope Francis” (free online public lecture)**

The Australian Catholic University (ACU) Centre for Liturgy will host the President of the Catholic Theological Union, Rev Prof Mark R. Francis CSV, in a free online public lecture broadcast live from Chicago, USA on Monday July 20 from 10.00am - 11.30am (AEST) via Zoom: “The Challenge of Intercultural Liturgy in the Era of Pope Francis.” Registration is essential by July 15, 2020 at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training/event-registration-july-2020>

**Plenary Council ~ Assemblies set for 2021 and 2022**

The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will now take place in October 2021 and April 2022, following the disruption of the original schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference last week decided to postpone the opening assembly by 12 months, with it now to be held in October 2021. Adelaide remains the venue for the first assembly. The second assembly will be in Sydney in April 2022.

**Chrism Mass**

Bishop Paul has advised that the Mass of the Holy Oils has been postponed for this year to the feast of St Matthew, apostle and evangelist - Monday, September 21 at 6.30pm.

**Peter’s Pence Collection**

The Apostolic Nuncio has advised that Pope Francis has changed the weekend of the Peter’s Pence collection to Sunday, October 4, 2020 for this year only.

**Rosary Prayer—Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Buninyong**

Invitation is open to everyone who may wish to join The Rosary. Prayer at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Buninyong every Thursday at 10am in the side chapel.

### **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 SVdP 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, in the local area, 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 that are available at the side door of the Church.
2. *Please write your name and address on the envelope so receipts can be issued. Once completed envelopes can be posted through the letter slot near the front door of the Presbytery.*
3. Online at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)
4. By phone 13 18 12

*All donations over \$2 are tax deductible*

### **St Vincent de Paul Society Bread Run**

Free fresh bread is available to people, pick up on each Monday night between 7.40pm and 8.20pm in the Parish Hall adjacent to the St Alipius Church. Parking is via Hopetoun Street entrance. Bring your own bags as no bags are supplied. Please pass this information to any families experiencing difficulties at this time. Please call Gavin 53 347 221 or Geoff 0413 840 835 with any queries.

**St Vincent de Paul Call Centre — 5334 2844 lines open 24/7**

### **Catholic Education Ballarat - We are so glad to have you back!**

A special message from our Principals to our students and their families to say welcome back to school and thank you, is available to view on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Registrations now open**

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries; employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. The next cycle begins July 12. Study is 5 weeks. Registrations open now until July 8. More information at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 0407 523 424.

### **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 \$ 530.00

Presbytery \$ 464.35

Direct Debits \$ 135.00



## Gospel Reflection

Body and Blood of Christ (John 6:51-58)

By Veronica Lawson RSM

Bread is staple food for much of the world's population. It is also a metaphor for the food that sustains the life of the human community. Being able to "put bread on the table" is the most basic of desires. Witness the haunting images of starving "migrant workers" walking away from cities locked down for fear of pandemic, walking to their homes in rural India where they may find life-restoring "roti"! Bread means life. Jesus' claim to be "the living bread" is a unique expression paralleled by his earlier claim to be "living water". It teases the reader with the possibility of multiple meanings. It refers, at one level, to bread sustains "ordinary" life. At another level, it is the gift of God's life (zoē), the life that never ends. As we reflect on the symbolism of bread, we attend also to the plight of those without bread. While there is sufficient "bread" to satisfy the hunger of everyone on the planet, over two billion people are desperately hungry, including the desperate "migrant workers" of India. Today's gospel passage belongs within a section of John's gospel generally called the Bread of Life Discourse. Some scholars suggest that the discourse as a whole is cast in the form of a synagogue homily. In this view, it is a rabbinic type exposition of Exodus 16:4 and Psalm 78:4-5 on the manna/bread that God rains from heaven. In John 6:51-58, there are allusions to Eucharist as both meal and sacrifice. Jesus is the manna or bread from heaven. Life comes from eating his flesh/body. It also comes from drinking his blood. For the ancient Israelites, the life was in the blood. Blood poured out is life poured out. To drink the wine/blood is to participate in the life of Christ poured out. A simple analogy from my own context might help us to grasp something of the mystery that we call Eucharist. My home town, Ballarat, is the site of the Eureka rebellion. The Eureka flag is housed in a place of honour in the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka. At one level, this flag is fabric and thread. At another, it far transcends the materials from which it is crafted. These materials were transformed, possibly by women from my own parish, into a symbol of freedom for the Eureka rebels. In the process, they changed their purpose and meaning; so too with the bread and wine of our Eucharistic celebrations. They have become, in a very real though mysterious sense, the body and blood of Christ. This Sunday, very few of us can actually participate in a Eucharistic celebration. We can take time to pray, to reflect on the Word and on the meaning of Eucharist. While we reflect on this mystery, we ground our faith in action designed to address the issue of global hunger and the circumstances that inhibit access to "bread" for all. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ invites us to careful consumption of the world's resources so that all God's people and all God's creatures may have life.