



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.

Easter Sunday

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

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

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

Parish Office & Presbytery:

- 84 Victoria Street
Ballarat East 3350
- 5332 6611
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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office Hours:

The Parish Office will open on the following:

Tuesday 9.00am – 1.00pm
Thursday 9.00am to 3.30pm

Liturgy Online:

- www.sapliturgy.net.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Parish Coordinator: Bronwyn Ballesty

PPC Chair: Cathy Prunty

Child Safety Officer: Bronwyn Ballesty

Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue

Finance Com. Chair: TBA

Liturgy Coordinator: David Santamaria
ballarateastliturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Funeral Ministry: Carmel Flynn

stalipiusfuneral@gmail.com

Masses during the week

Mass will be said Monday through Saturday at 9.30am

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 on the left of the church.

Stations of the Cross will be said in the church
on Friday at 10am

Ss Peter & Paul's Church,

Buninyong

Sunday 9:00 am (2nd and 4th)

10:30 am, (1st, 3rd and 5th)

Stations of the Cross will be said in the church every
Tuesday at 7pm

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

Ballarat Diocese Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Counting Team No 5 will be on this week.

In our prayers we remember.....

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries

Mary Murphy

Unwell:

We pray for Remy Bourke, Joan O'Beirne, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall, Betty McGarry, Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Peter Saunders, Agnes Peters, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, Letitia Simmons, and all who are unwell.



Easter reminds us that hope should never be lost for as dark the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled and may wonderful blessings be upon you and all your loved ones on this very special day. Happy Easter.

Read, Love and Learn



Dear Parishioners,

During this Easter Season I pray that the grace and peace of the Risen Christ will be with you all.

We remember that Christ's passion and death are in the past and that together we rise. We have all journeyed throughout the last 12 months in ways we would never have expected. But here we are celebrating Easter proclaiming the Risen Lord.

Thank you for your warmth you share with our Parish community.

God Bless you and Happy Easter

Fr Jorge

Upcoming Dates in the Parish Community

April

28 Office Opens 9.00-1.00pm



May

11 Confirmation Information Night 7.00pm St Alipius Church and Hall
20 Casserole Night 7.00pm Ss Peter & Pauls Church, Buninyong

Parish Office Changes

take note

The Parish Office will close from Thursday April 14th to Thursday April 28th.

On return the hours will then be changed to the following;

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 1.00pm

We thank you for your ongoing support of parish Staff.

Thank you

A special thank you to the wonderful ladies who have this week sewn all of the stoles we use for Baptism. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity of time and talent.

Liturgy Participation

The liturgy Team in the Parish is always looking for more people to join in supporting the Parish Mass and liturgies. If you would like to support the parish in this way please contact the Parish Office on 5332 6611. We would love to hear from you.

Confirmation 2022

The parish is now open to enrolments for Confirmation which will take place in Term 2. All details can be found on the parish website.

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au



Planned Giving



Should you wish to continue our Planned Giving or contribute to the First Collection, please place your offering in an envelope into the mailbox near the front door of the Presbytery. Any queries regarding Planned Giving, please phone our Finance Officer Kerrie McTigue, on 53 312 933 or via email: ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish \$1203.20 Presbytery \$1350.00 Direct Debit \$ 60.00

We thank you for your continued support

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)



Jeremy Pinfold
Son of Alicia and Jason

Remy Bourke
Daughter of Abby and Luke

Bodhi James Moses
Son of Alana and Trevor

*May these
children grow
in Love and
Faith with
the support
of their family
and their
Catholic
Community*

A Prayer

*We say a prayer and for Fr Jorge who has just celebrated 24 years in the Priesthood.
Thank you Fr Jorge for sharing your gifts with us all.*

RCIA ~ Congratulations

We extend a warm welcome and Congratulations to those who have been welcomed into the Catholic Faith through the RCIA process.

We ask all in the community to keep them in their thoughts and prayers.
Congratulations Angie, Lachlan, Rebecca, Claire, Rachel, Justin, and Samantha

Praying 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 all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for April: **For health care workers:** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially those in the poorest countries. May they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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" begins on Easter Sunday, 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/

Mass Counts start on weekend 7-8 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 7-8 May and continue each weekend until the end of May. Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends. Forms and further information will be sent out in the next few weeks. If you have any queries please email fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Reflection on the Gospel-Easter Year C
(Easter Vigil Luke 24:1-12; Easter Sunday John 20:1-9)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

It is not always wise to discount someone's story just because it sounds like fantasy. In Luke's resurrection account, that is what the "eleven and all the rest" do with the women's stories of a rolled-back stone, no body and heavenly interpreters. The notion of resurrection was not in itself extraordinary in a first century Jewish context. The Pharisees believed in a general resurrection, but the idea that God would raise one person from the dead before the time of the general resurrection was quite unthinkable. From the men's perspective, therefore, the women are talking nonsense. Peter decides to go and confirm their testimony, indicating that he suspects there is some truth in what they have to say. Their account checks out and he goes away in amazement, no apology, just amazement.

This gospel and the whole Easter celebration is about "the one who lives". Luke's account leaves no doubt about the death of Jesus: there are witnesses, there is evidence. The same goes for the burial. Now, in the story of the empty tomb, Luke wants to assert that Jesus is alive. The women (Mary of Magdala, Joanna the wife of Chuza, Mary the mother of James and unidentified others) are confronted with the question: "Why are you seeking among the dead the one who lives?" They are then entrusted with the message of resurrection: "He is not here, but has been raised." They are invited to remember the prophetic words of Jesus. They do indeed remember and they return to proclaim the good news. In line with countless prophetic figures before and since, their testimony is rejected, but is nonetheless effective through the telling and retelling of the story.

In the reading from John's gospel for Easter Sunday morning, mention of the first day of the week "while it was still dark" evokes the first day of creation and God's word bringing light. The two angels guarding the tomb call to mind the heavenly creatures who barred the way to the tree of life in the Genesis garden story. The biblical story has come full circle, from creation to resurrection and new creation.

We take time at Easter to re-member, re-enact and re-tell these originating stories of our tradition, to dramatise and celebrate in solemn ritual what we celebrate in lower key every Sunday of the year. In our liturgical re-telling, all the power of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is present to us and to our world. Resurrection faith is a commitment to life. In these times of planetary uncertainty, a commitment to life includes taking seriously the findings of reputable climate change scientists who no doubt can feel a bit like the women of the gospel whose message was discounted. In a world where vested interests distort truth and where constant repetition of lies leads to confusion, distrust and the unspeakable violence of war, resurrection stories remind us that Christ remains present in the community and that the seemingly impossible is not beyond reach.

Sunday of the Resurrection

First: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Second: Jn 20:1-9 **Gospel:** Lk 24:1 – 12

Second Sunday of Easter

First: Acts 5:12-16

Second: Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 **Gospel:** Jn 20:19-31

