



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.

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

"The Lord has done great things for us: we are filled with Joy"

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, Thursday and Friday
9.30am to 3.00pm

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
stalipiusfunerals@gmail.com

Masses during the week

Mass will be said Monday through Saturday

Morning 9.30am

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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 after Friday morning mass.

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 2 will be on this week.

In our prayers we remember.....

Recently Deceased: Sheila Prendergast

Anniversaries: Carmel Doherty

Unwell: We pray for Peter Brooks, 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.



Upcoming Dates in the Parish Community



April

2/3	First Eucharist Mass	All Mass Times	All Churches
10	Palm Sunday	All Mass Times	All Churches
11	Mass of the Oils	6.30pm	St Patrick's Cathedral
14	Holy Thursday	7.00pm	St Alipius Church
15	Good Friday	3.00pm	St Alipius Church
16	Easter Vigil	7.00pm	St Alipius Church
17	Easter Sunday	All Mass Times	All Churches

We welcome Fr Jorge back from leave and wish him a very Happy Birthday!!

We send Fr Barry Ryan and Fr Eladio Lizada a very large thank you for their support of our parish community in Fr Jorge's absence.

First Eucharist



We congratulate the children who will be receiving their First Eucharist today.

"Today with your First Communion, you will receive a precious gift; keep it forever in your heart. May the Lord accompany you in a life full of joy."

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.

Easter Flowers

The Parish is seeking a Volunteer who would be able to collect and arrange flowers for the Easter Mass weekend. All expenses are covered. If this is something that you may be able to assist with, please contact the Parish Office.



Mass of the Oils 2022

The Mass of the Oils will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2022

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 11, 2022. Practice times are Sunday, March 27, Sunday, April 3 and Sunday, April 10 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

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 \$713.20 Presbytery \$1223.00 Direct Debit \$ 160

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)



Georgie Lovell

Daughter of Angie and Brendon

Maddison Browning

Daughter of Sarah and Keanan

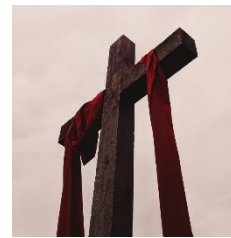
Heidi Yanner

Daughter of Georgia and Andrew

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

Way of the Cross Buninyong

Join us for a sort meditative walk
Good Friday 8.30am
Buninyong Town Hall Steps
Enquiries 5341 2106



**Project Compassion
Fifth Sunday of Lent**



Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself and *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Crisis Appeal

In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news

**The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine**

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,
We entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all;
We are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflection on the Gospel-5th Sunday of Lent Year C

(John 8:1-11)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Historian Gerda Lerner has demonstrated that patriarchy emerged some 3000 years ago with the invention of weapons of war and the consequent gender division of labour. By the first century CE, when the gospels were written, every woman in the Roman world knew that she was the possession of a man, initially of her father, and then of her husband or of successive husbands. Slaves, both men and women, were the property of and sexually available to the head of the patriarchal household. Even free women had fewer choices than men in regard to such matters as choice of life partners and social contact outside the family. In the context of Second Temple Judaism, a woman's sexual liaison with another man was a sin against her husband who was also her proprietor. Her shame was of less consequence than her husband's loss of status and honour.

We are told nothing of the precise circumstances of the woman said to be "taken in adultery". She could not have been "taken" alone: there is a man somewhere in the wings who is at least as guilty as the woman. But only the woman is "brought" to Jesus in the public arena, a spectacle for the assembled crowd. Ironically, the lawyers have little interest in the woman or her fate. Their interest is in Jesus. They want to test him and catch him out on his attitude to and enactment of the Mosaic law. In other words, Jesus is the one on trial in this public setting, and the woman is no more than a dispensable object in the process, a means to a sinister end.

The woman's life is of little concern to her accusers. They ask Jesus for a legal opinion on her case. Should the full force of the law be exercised? Should she be stoned to death? Jesus does not dignify their manipulation with a response. Rather, he takes away their power over the woman by bending down and writing with his finger on the ground. What does he write? We can never have an answer to that question. They keep asking him to provide a ruling.

Jesus subverts their ploy by confronting them with their own sinfulness: "let the one without sin cast the first stone". They move off one by one and the woman is finally accorded the dignity of responding for herself. She is freed from the burden of condemnation. She can move forward with a strong sense of her worth and the knowledge that she matters in the scheme of things. As we bring today's gospel into dialogue with stories of violence against women, such as the horrific stories of women used as sex slaves even here in Australia or of women on the African continent being forced to offer sexual services in exchange for twigs of firewood, we might commit ourselves anew to the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First: *Is 43:16-21*

Second: *Phil 3:8-14* **Gospel:** *Jn 8:1-11*

Palm Sunday – Passion of the Lord

First: *Is 50:4-7*

Second: *Phil 2:6-11* **Gospel:** *Lk 22:14 – 23:56*

