

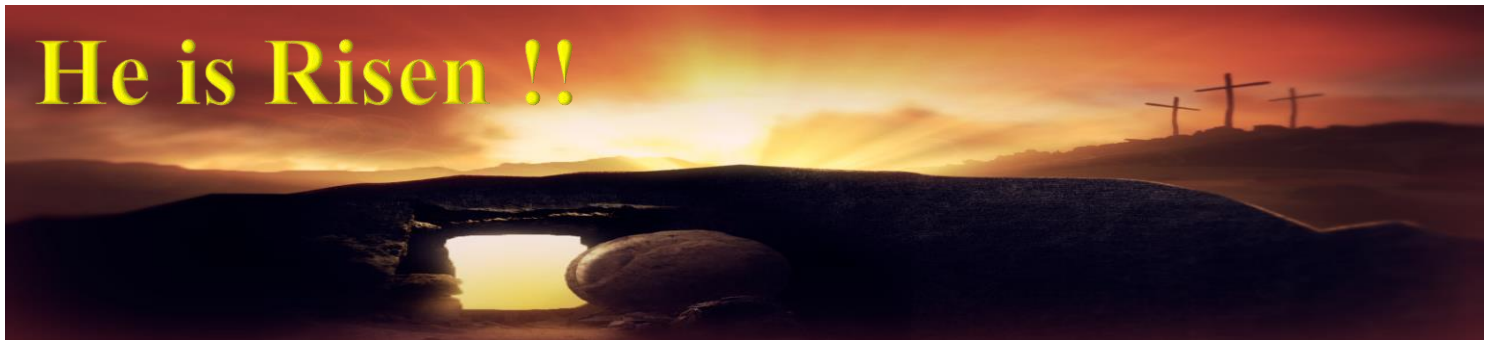
Welcome to
St. Alipius Parish
 Ballarat East & Buninyong



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.

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

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



He is Risen !!

Parish Office & Presbytery:

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- 5332 6611
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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Liturgy Online:

- www.sapliturgy.net.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Parish Coordinator: Bronwyn Ballesty

Child Safety Officer: Bronwyn Ballesty

Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue

Finance Com. Chair: Paul Jans

Liturgy Coordinator: David Santamaria

Funeral Ministry: Carmel Flynn, Kathy Curran
 Teresa Fletcher

Masses during the week

St Alipius' Church, for 180 attendees

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday and
 Saturday 9.30 am
 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 9.30am mass. Please join us on the left of the church

**Ss Peter & Paul's Church,
 Buninyong for 150 attendees**

Sunday 9:00 am (2nd and 4th)
 10:30 am, (1st, 3rd and 5th)
 (Please ring Margaret McCarty 0423 208 286)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

If you have not registered prior please use the QR code at the door. We thank you for your support

St Alipius Counting Roster

3/4 April	Team Two	C. Tarquinio, M. Tarquinio
10/11 April	Team Three	J. Moran, B. Forbes, S. Harvey



My Dear Parishioners,

“
May the angels
protect you,
may the sadness
forget you,
may the goodness
surround you,
and may the
Lord Jesus Christ
always bless you.

**Happy
Easter!**

POPE FRANCIS

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May the grace and peace of the Risen Christ be with you all!! During this special time, you are all in my prayers. I am enjoying seeing you, and celebrating the Holy Eucharist with you each week; and hope that we continue to come together as a faith family.

Easter brings us hope in our lives and reminds of a brighter future. Christ is Risen! His passion and death are things of the past, together we will rise. Let us remember that we are how far we have all journeyed in the last 12 months, from spending Easter in lockdown to now coming together again to proclaim the Risen Lord.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your warm birthday wishes and your continual prayers for my family and country.

God Bless Each and Every One.

Happy Easter

Fr Jorge

Upcoming Dates in the parish community

April

8 th	Baptism Preparation	10am / 5.30pm	St Patrick's Hall
19 th	Term 2 Begins		
27 th	Confirmation Enrolment	7.00pm	St Alipius Church
28 th	Confirmation Enrolment	10.30am/7.00pm	St Alipius Church
29 th	Confirmation Enrolment	7.00pm	St Alipius Church



Thank you



On behalf of the staff in the parish office thank you for being so welcoming over the past weekends. It was an absolute privilege to meet you and to be so warmly welcomed into the parish community.

We look forward to spending more time with you all throughout the year.

Bron & Kerrie

Lenten Resources – Easter Triduum

The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their reflections on excerpts from Pope Francis' "Let us Dream", together with insights and suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers. The leaflets are for individual reflection or small group reflection and discussion. The theme for the Easter Triduum is, "He is going before you..." These leaflets are available for download from the diocesan website Liturgy Resources page

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>



Planned Giving

Due to the capped numbers for Mass, should you wish to continue your Planned Giving or contribution 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

St Alipius Parish collections last weekend:

Presbytery \$1313.60 Direct Debit \$100.00 \$Envelopes \$ 588.20

We thank you for your continued support

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Death: Luz Hernandez (P), Sr Mary Helen (P), Anne Bernadette Cheeseman, Claire Wong, Carmel Doherty, Angelina Nob (P)

Unwell: We pray for Evelyn Kalalo, Consuelo and Puying Malaluan, Gilbert Garcera, Arnaldo and Andrae Brayo, Patricia Wood, Agnes Peters, Waffa Ghali, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Kateri Byrnes, Ann Coswello, Pat Hogan, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, John Beattie, Letitia Simmons, Anthony Holdsworth and all who are unwell.



Holy Land Collection Good Friday - April, 2021

The severe loss of income that the Church in the Holy Land has experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is why your support in the Good Friday Collection is vital. The pandemic has created significant problems with vital health care, and a catastrophic loss in income due to the restrictions to travel removing the donations from the many pilgrims that visit each year. The offerings that pilgrims leave the Franciscan Friars and the local church allow them to care for the many orphans, sick, homeless and many more. We encourage you to give generously.

Sacraments in the Parish

Congratulations and Thank you



We congratulate the children within the parish community who have recently made their Sacrament of Reconciliation. A special thanks must go to our Catholic Primary Schools, and our Parish Sacramental Team for their generous support with the preparation and liturgies.

Confirmation

The parish will be enrolling for Confirmation early in Term 2. We invite all parents to attend the Information Nights listed in the Bulletin. Details are also available on our parish website. We ask our parish community to hold our schools, Sacramental Team and the children preparing for the Holy Spirit in their prayers.

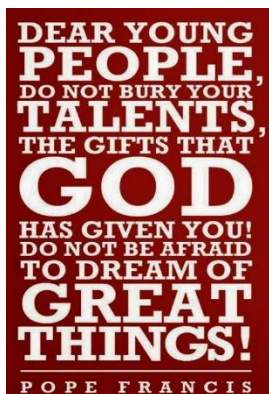


Youth Group Meeting

April 27th 7.00pm

The parish is looking at bringing our youth together to support them through fun, friendship and faith during their teenage years. We invite all families to come and join in an open discussion on how we can begin. We ask you to talk with your children on how we can help them to support one another through friendship and faith.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.



ROSTERS

Copies of all current rosters are now available for collection in the Sacristy.

We ask that these be collected after mass please.

Counting Teams



A big thank you to all who have indicated their willingness to remain on our Counting Teams. An updated roster of these teams is not available in the Sacristy. If you would like to be involved in this aspect of Parish life please contact the Parish on 5332 6611, we always welcome new team members.

Reflection on the Gospel-Easter Vigil Year B (Mark 16:1-8)

Veronica Lawson RSM

At the foot of Mount Macedon, where I spent my whole childhood, stands the lovely Anglican Church of the Resurrection, built in the aftermath of the devastating 1983 Ash Wednesday bushfires. Members of both Catholic and Anglican communities had wanted to build one church for the two communities but the respective insurance policies determined otherwise: two churches replaced the two that were destroyed in the fires. The most striking feature of the Anglican Church is Leonard French's stained glass depiction of the resurrection experience of a devastated community, a statement of hope in the face of death and seeming hopelessness. Macedon has risen from the ashes and is once again a vibrant community. The Church of the Resurrection serves as a reminder of the community's faith and provides a context for "re-mem-bering" events that united its members in unexpected ways. In a particularly graphic way, it brings the lower-key experience of the local community into dialogue with its upper-key Story of the death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

We take time at Easter to re-member, re-enact, and re-tell the originating stories of our tradition. We dramatise and celebrate in solemn ritual what we celebrate in lower key every Sunday of the year. In our faith inspired re-telling, all the power and grace of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth are made present to us and to our world. Resurrection faith is a commitment to life.

In Mark's resurrection account the place of death, the tomb, lies empty and the message of life is proclaimed. God's messenger sends the women who have witnessed the death and burial of Jesus to proclaim the news of his resurrection to the male disciples. Some interpret the silence of the women as failure; the male disciples have denied and abandoned Jesus and now the women fail to proclaim the news of the resurrection. Others see the women's silence as the appropriate stance before the wonder of God's power. The women's silence has particular resonance at a time when women are finding the courage to speak out against the abuse they have endured. Might the silence of the women in the gospel story be simply a first century male construct? The gospel narrative itself bears witness to a mission ultimately accomplished.

The global experience of pandemic and the unequal access to vaccines foregrounds the language of death and resurrection at this time. As we enter into the Easter mysteries, we carry with us the chaos of broken communities. We mourn the deaths of 2.72 million people, we pray for order out of the chaos, we ask questions about the provenance of the virus in the other-than-human community and we do all we can to ensure a real return to life for the bereaved, the struggling and the displaced. We join with those who are sharing their resources and re-ordering their way of being in the Earth community in order to make this happen.

Easter Sunday Readings

First: 1 Cor 5:6-8

Second: Jn 20 1-9 **Gospel:** Mk 16:1- 7

Second Sunday of Easter

First: Acts: 4:32-35

Second: 1 Jn 5:1-6 **Gospel:** Jn 20:19-31

