



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.

February 27, 2022
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you"

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

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

Parish Office & Presbytery:

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Ballarat East 3350
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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office Hours:

The Parish Office will open on the following:
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
10.00am 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
stalipiusfunerals@gmail.com

Masses during the week

Mass will be said Monday through Saturday Morning 9.30am

Wednesday morning will be for Ash Wednesday

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)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

Counting Team No .4 will be on this week.
Cummins, O'Meara, Hood

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Sr Anne Forbes (RMS), Richard Butler

Anniversaries: Jack Gitting

Unwell: We pray for Remy Bourke, Jacinta Wilson, Joan O'Beirne, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall, Peter Kelly, 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.



Important

Upcoming Dates in the Parish Community

February

26 th	Rite of Election	12.30pm	St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat
27 th	Project Compassion Sunday		All Mass Times and all Churches

March

2 nd	Ash Wednesday	9.30am & 7pm	St Alipius Church
4 th	World Day of Prayer	7.00pm	Ss Peter & Pauls, Buninyong
9 th	Second Rite of reconciliation	7.00pm	St Alipius Church

Sacramental Program



We welcome all children and their families into the church this weekend as they begin to prepare for their Sacrament of First Eucharist. We ask all parishioners to keep these children in their thoughts and prayers as they journey with God.

The Parish is in need of Volunteers to help support the Dismissal Class Time. This will take an hour a week. If you would like to support the Parish and the children in their journey please contact the Parish Office.

St Alipius Parish School 2023 Foundation Enrolments

St Alipius Parish School is a Catholic primary school in the Parish of Ballarat East. We invite applications for the 40 prep places available for the 2023 school year.

Enrolment Applications open Wednesday 9th February.

School Tours/Information Sessions

10am Tuesday March 1st, 8th and 22nd

4pm Wednesday March 16th

7pm Thursday March 31st (Q&A via Zoom)

Parents and children are invited to come and learn about our school, view classes in operation and meet our staff and student leaders. Enrolment information will be available at these sessions.

Job Vacancies within the Diocese



St Columba's Catholic Church Parish Coordinator

The Parish of St Columba's Ballarat North are seeking a Parish Coordinator to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office, part time 16 hours (0.4) per week. Duties will include reception and administration as well as coordinating Sacramental Programs for Confirmation, Reconciliation (Junior and Senior), First Eucharist and Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC). An understanding of the practices and values of the Catholic Church is essential to this role. Please contact the Parish Office on 03 5331 1012 for a position description. Applications close on Friday, March 4, 2022 and should be addressed to Fr Marcello Colasante, St Columba's, 306 Gregory Street Ballarat North Vic 3350, email: ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Position Vacant: Diocesan Director for Catholic Mission with responsibility for the Dioceses of Ballarat and Sandhurst (West Victoria)

For a position description and short video on what it is like to work at Catholic Mission, go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>. If you are interested, please submit a cover letter of 1 page and a resume no longer than 3 pages to employment@catholicmission.org.au.

Lent in the Parish

During the Lenten season the Parish will be providing many opportunities for prayer.

This will include Stations of the Cross, Rite of Reconciliation and more.

Please keep reading the Bulletin as these will be published weekly.

Thank you



RCIA Process

Please keep our catechumen and candidates in your prayers.

Please look out for them after mass and introduce yourself -

This weekend they have been presented to Bishop Paul and have been welcomed to prepare for their Sacraments which they will celebrate during Easter. We ask you all to keep them in your prayers throughout their Lenten journey.



Project Compassion Sunday *Today is Project Compassion Sunday*

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and “For All Future Generations.” With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all. As St Pope John Paul II said, “The future starts today, not tomorrow.” Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow “For All Future Generations.” You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish or by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.



World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical movement led by Lay Christian women to pray for peace and justice in the issues that concern us all. This year the service has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

It is the turn of Ss Peter & Paul to host the Buninyong Service and Akua Ed-Nignpense a nurse from Ghana, who has lived and worked in London, has kindly agree to speak to us. Please join us for this special service (men too!!) standing in solidarity with the women of the world.

House Wanted

A parishioner is in urgent need of a 2 bedroom house with garage.

We ask all people if they have or know of anything that would be available to please

Contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



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

Presbytery \$ 1041.00

Parish \$ 607.20

Direct Debit \$ 595

Credit Card

\$2430

We thank you for your continued support

Reflection on the Gospel–8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

(Luke 6:39-45)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

“Everyone who is *fully qualified* will be like the teacher,” says the Lukan Jesus. What does it mean to become “fully qualified” for discipleship? For Jesus, being fully qualified in the sense of discipleship is not so much a matter of acquiring book knowledge as it is a question of being like the teacher. This is not to discount the importance of acquiring a deep knowledge of tradition. Jesus certainly knew his own tradition well. Luke presents him as literate, as capable of reading from the sacred scriptures in the Nazareth synagogue and of interpreting prophetic texts for the assembled congregation. In today’s gospel selection, Luke also presents Jesus as familiar with the secular wisdom of his age. The sayings about the blind leading the blind and the log and speck have clear parallels in ancient literature. Jesus’ closest followers were educated business people with an appreciation of and commitment to their vocations. They were fully qualified in the sense that they had the personal resources to make a difference in the lives of those on the edge.

The primary qualification for the disciple is, however, to be “like the teacher”. Jesus wants his followers to live out in their lives the pattern of his life of attentiveness to the pain of the world, his life of compassion and justice and mercy. Seeing with clarity (without a log in one’s eye) is at the heart of the gospel way of life he proclaims. This theme of seeing permeates Luke’s writings. Seeing and understanding one’s own self is part of that, as is the capacity to see and understand the rhythm of the forms of life that constitute one’s habitat. The recurrence of cultural images in Jesus’ sayings is quite remarkable. Jesus grew up in Nazareth, a Jewish village in Lower Galilee, home to vines and olive trees, to goats and sheep and some four hundred human inhabitants. From early childhood, Jesus saw the processes involved in raising that the vines produced grapes. He knew the importance of the water from the spring nurturing the grain crops in the valley close to his home. He knew that brambles and thorns do not yield any edible fruit. It would seem that being “like the teacher” includes closeness to and appreciation of the natural world.

Finally, to be a disciple is to be a “good person” and good persons are those who produce “good treasure” out of the abundance of their hearts. In the Jewish tradition, the heart was the seat of wisdom and knowledge as well as the seat of emotions. In 1 Kings 12:3, for instance, God is said to give Solomon a wise and discerning heart/mind. The Hebrew word for heart (*lev*) is often translated into English as “mind”. Heart and mind are as one – so it must be for us as disciples.

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Sirach, 27:4-7

Second: 1 Cor 15: 54-58 **Gospel:** Lk 6:39-45

First Sunday of Lent

First: Deut 26:4-10

Second: Rom 10:8-13 **Gospel:** Lk 4:1-13

