



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.

January 16, 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As the Bridegroom rejoices in bride, so will God rejoice in you.

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

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

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 be closed until the 10th of January, where it will reopen on reduced hours until January 25th. We thank you for your support,

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

Masses during the week St Alipius' Church at 9.30am

Weekday masses will be held Monday, Tuesday
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and Saturday

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.

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 .5 will be on this week.

McKeegan and Ridsdale

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Joan Santamaria, Peter Arthur Vander Linden. Fr Pietro Pontiggia OSJ (Italy), Monica Hackett

Anniversaries: Fr Felix Celeste OSJ, Rudy Contiga, Fr Ray Salea OSJ, Fr Ading Sobremisana OSJ

Unwell: We pray for Colin DuckMary Hall, Perla Manguiat, 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.



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)



Sonny Campbell

Son of Alana and Thomas

Holly Ratcliffe

Daughter of Sarah and Adam

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

Thank you

Fathers Jorge and Eladio sincerely thank the parishioners for your generosity to us at Christmas through your contribution to the collections, Christmas offerings, greeting cards, gifts, hampers vouchers prayers and good wishes. We greatly appreciate your kindness to us at Christmas and all through the year. Thank you very much.

May God Bless you.

Have a Blessed Year.

Liturgy Contact Details

The Parish has created a new email for the Liturgy Team. This email is listed below:

ballarateastliturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Please use this email if you are wanting to contact David or the liturgy team.

Thank you

Counting Rosters

A new counting roster is available for collection in the church presbyteries.

If you would like to join the counting team please contact the Parish Office on 5332 6611



Job Opportunity – 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.

St John of God Healthcare Ballarat - Pastoral Associate Role

The hospital has exciting opportunities available for dedicated and committed Pastoral Associates to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting the Mission and Values of St John of God Health Care. To view the job description and/or to apply, go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>.

Applications close December 29, 2021 at midday.

Upcoming Dates in the parish community



January		
16th	Feast of the Infant Jesus Mass	7.00pm St Alipius Church
30th	PPC Planning Day	All Day Ss Peter & Pauls Church, Buninyong
31st	School Returns	All schools
February		
5th	Welsh Choir Concert	TBA Ss Peter & Pauls Church, Buninyong
18th	Wine & Cheese Night	5.30pm Ss Peter & Pauls Church, Buninyong

Feast of the Infant Jesus

All are welcome and encouraged to come and celebrate the Feast of the Infant Jesus with our Filipino Community Sunday in St Alipius Church at 7.00pm



The Santo Nino de Cebu is a Roman Catholic Title of the Child Jesus associated with a religious image of the Christ Child widely venerated as miraculous by Filipino Catholics. It depicts the Child Jesus, with a serene countenance, in the attitude and dress of a Spanish Monarch.

Looking Forward Booklet 2021-2025

The new “Looking Forward” pastoral planning booklet 2021-2025 is now available and can be accessed and/or downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/looking-forward/>. Hard copies will be distributed to parishes in the new year. This new edition of “Looking Forward” provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes data about the diocese and offers information on changes to parishes over the next few years.



Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)

The Ballarat Diocese, in partnership with Dayton University, offers online Faith Formation study. VLCFF is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere. The goal is to support the church's professional ministry of religious education and faith formation in cyberspace. **We encourage parish and diocesan staff and parishioners to consider taking up the opportunity to enhance their faith formation by undertaking any of these courses on offer for a small fee of \$50usd.** The first cycle of 2022 begins January 17. More information is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> as well as at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/>

Highways and Byways Small Grants Program 2022

The 2022 Highways and Byways Small Grants Program is now open for applications. The theme is Healing the Land – Healing Ourselves – Together. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to community organisations, especially in rural and regional areas, for projects that focus on healing the land in holistic ways and increasing opportunities to build community through practical projects, leadership and skills acquisition, and knowledge transfer. For more information go to <https://highwaysandbyways.org.au/grants/>

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 \$ 1067.00

Parish \$ 438.00

We thank you for your continued support

Reflection on the Gospel-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

(John 2:1-11)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's liturgy invites us to take a detour into the Fourth Gospel and into a marriage scene that the evangelist John places at the beginning of Jesus' Galilean ministry. Marriage imagery appears from time to time in Israel's prophetic tradition, sometimes in quite confronting or alienating ways, especially in Hosea where God is imaged as male and Israel as God's faithless female spouse. In the first reading from the post-exilic prophecy of Third Isaiah, Jerusalem is the bride, once alienated from God and then fully reconciled with and embraced by God who is named as its "builder". Imaging God, who is neither male nor female, as faithful male and Earth or any facet of the Earth community as unfaithful female is problematic and calls for serious critique.

The link between the passage from Isaiah and the marriage at Cana is fairly tenuous, although the juxtaposition of the two readings in the context of today's liturgy invites us to consider the intimate relationship that our Earth and its inhabitants enjoy with God, its "builder". God's delight is in Earth and in the Earth community, not simply in one city and one people of the Earth. The focus in the gospel story is less on the marriage, however, than on the symbolism of the abundance of wine at the marriage feast. The 8th century BCE prophet Amos had looked to a future time when the mountains would drip sweet wine, and the hills flow with it, a time when God would restore the fortunes of God's people (Amos 9:13-15). An abundance of good food and the best of wines is the image of future salvation deployed by another prophet, Isaiah (Isaiah 25). Today's gospel suggests that these prophetic dreams come to fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth. Those who listen to his word and follow his instructions become agents of an extraordinary transformation. This "sign" reminds us to rejoice in and to give thanks for the life-giving nourishment we receive every day from the God-given fruits of the earth. It reminds us that not all have the same access to earth's bounty and calls us to find ways of sharing our abundance with the hungry such as the Hazara people in the mountains of Afghanistan.

The mother of Jesus features significantly in the Cana story. She is attentive to the integrity of the celebration and lets her son know when the wine gives out. This provides the opportunity for Jesus to speak of his "hour": it has not yet come. Jesus addresses his mother as "Woman". He will address her in precisely the same way when the "hour" of his death and handing over of the Spirit finally comes. This "woman" believes in him and invites the servants at the marriage feast to obey his word. While Jesus performs this first "sign" that leads his disciples to faith, the role played by this faith-filled woman casts her in the role of "witness to the light" and proclaimer of the Word that brings life.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Is 62:1-5

Second: Ps 95:1-3, 7-10 **Gospel:** 1 Cor 12:4-11

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Neh 8 2-6, 8-10

Second: 1 Cor 12:12-30 **Gospel:** Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

