



# 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 Fiskin St. Buninyong 3357

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 25, 2021**

## Mass in the Parish

**This weekends mass will be able to be viewed through [www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au)**

This will be available for viewing by 6.30 pm Saturday.

Please note: This mass is recorded and can be celebrated at anytime in your home.

*The Liturgy Committee was pleased to see that this was viewed by over 140 families last weekend*

### Parish Office & Presbytery:

- 84 Victoria Street  
Ballarat East 3350
- 5332 6611
- ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday 10.00am to 2.30 pm

### Liturgy Online:

- [www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://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

### **Weekday Mass times will be announced as lockdown comes to a close.**

We hope to welcome you back into the church very soon.

Sunday 9:00 am (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)

10:30 am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesday prayer to St Joseph (after mass)

### **Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong**

Sunday 9:00 am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

10:30 am, (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

Ballarat Diocese Website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

***There is no counting team on this week.***

### ***In our prayers we remember.....***

**Recent Deaths:** Fr Robert Stickland, Nola Nolan

**Anniversaries:** Tom Ballinger, Lena Macklin, Norm Rouhan, Michael Kent, Edward John Duck

**Unwell:** We pray for Juanita Rickard, Seamus McGettigan, Pat Hogan, Agnes Peters, Leticia Tanes, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Kateri Byrnes, Ann Coswello, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, John Beattie, Letitia Simmons, and all who are unwell.



## First Eucharist Sacrament



With the recent Covid lockdown the Parish is currently working through alternative dates for both our Compulsory Parent Information Sessions and our preparation classes.

Information will be forwarded to you once confirmed. We thank you for your patience. This program will be offered to any child in Grade 5 (and their siblings in Grade 4) are welcome As new details are finalized they will be displayed on our parish website. Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office any for assistance.

### Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) – Invitation for Dismissal Catechists

As the RCIA program moves forward, the Parish RCIA Team invites parishioners to share in the role of Dismissal Catechists. This role involves parishioners to gather with the catechumens/candidates following the Liturgy of the Word and homily during weekend masses, a time of prayerful reflection and faith sharing upon God's Word. The Team welcomes past and new Dismissal Catechists to register their names with the parish office either by phone 53326611 or email [ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au). An introduction to the role and preparation for this ministry will be arranged with those who register their names. RCIA Team Ballarat East.

### Update for our Parish Pastoral Council

Thank you to all who nominated parishioners to join our Parish Pastoral Council.

As Fr Jorge moves forward in review, discernment and further communication, we ask that you keep in your prayers those already in this role and the many who have come forward with interest.



### Resources for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – July 25, 2021

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20) is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration. Resources provided by Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life to assist in the celebration of this day, are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-scheduled-for-july-25/>

### Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Virtual Learning Program

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost online study (\$50usd) and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. Study subjects over 3 and 5 week cycles. Study Cycle 6 begins August 22. Registrations are open now until August 13 for new and returning participants. For more information go to [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.



### Planned Giving

We thank all parishioners for their ongoing support of the parish through 2020 -2021. Receipts are currently being distributed.

Should you wish 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](mailto:ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Figures are unavailable this week.

## Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections



Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>



### St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

We invite you to be part of our annual Winter Appeal.

This year's Appeal targets one of the most basic of human rights – the right to have a home. We focus on the impact of homelessness on families and children, particularly as we recover from the effects of COVID-19.

We are most grateful for the support we receive from our parish as it enables us to continue our support for those in need.

If anyone is interested in joining our group please contact Helen (0419 875 349) or Denise (0409 388 628) for information. Parishioners can direct donations to our conference by:

- Calling 13 18 12 and confirming the name of the conference over the phone OR
  - Donating online at [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au) and entering the conference name in the “Comments/Conference Name” section. OR Using the Envelopes available at the end of the pews. Completed envelopes can be placed on the collection plate. All donations are used in the Ballarat area.
- Donations of over \$2.00 are tax deductible, receipts will be issued.

## Diocesan News

### Liturgical Commission Membership

The Ballarat Diocesan Liturgical Commission assists the Bishop with diocesan liturgies, liturgical matters of the diocese and provides formation to assist the growth of good liturgical practices. Membership of the Commission includes representation from priests, religious and laity throughout the diocese. The Commission is currently seeking new members from all areas of the diocese. Membership is for an initial term of three (3) years with the option of two further terms (3 years per term). The Commission meets five times per year in Ballarat. Video linking facilities are available for meetings. All members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission must hold a current Working with Children check or VIT (Victorian Institute of Teaching) registration. Expressions of interest can be forwarded to [liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

***Expressions of Interest are being sort for membership of the Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation***

Ballarat's *Diocesan Finance Council*, the *Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund*, and the *Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation* are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people (women and men) to join the advisory council, the advisory committee as well as the Foundation's Board. We are seeking persons from across the Diocese who have experience in one or more of the following areas: Corporate Governance; Finance, Banking; Legal; and Philanthropy. Successful candidates will demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church, and possess personal qualities of integrity, collaborative approach, sound judgement, and excellent communication skills. More information is available at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/expressions-of-interest-are-being-sort-for-membership-of-the-diocesan-finance-council-the-committee-of-management-of-the-catholic-development-fund-and-the-board-of-the-catholic-diocese-of-ballarat-f/> or contact Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager, ph. 5337 7126.

HELP  
WANTED

## Help needed for Mass Preparation

For the last 18 months, one person in the parish has been creating the PowerPoint for Mass each week. The Liturgy Team is now calling on members of the parish to assist in this important work so we have enough people to spread the work. We are hoping that 4 or 5 people will volunteer to be trained up.

What's required, you may ask?

- you have Powerpoint on your computer
- you have about 2 hours on a Friday evening to put the Powerpoint slides together
- you have access to the internet to upload the Powerpoint file to the Liturgy Google Drive.

Support provided:

- The Mass Powerpoint template into which you add Hymns, Readings overview, Responsorial Psalm response, Alleluia, Prayer of the Faithful response, Thematic image at the beginning of the presentation, the names of children being Baptised.
- Access to Liturgia, which is provided by the Brisbane archdiocese for Mass preparation. This gives all the information about the Readings & Hymn recommendations
- Online access to the Prayers of the Faithful to populate the Response slide
- Online access to Hymn audio with video or lyrics Powerpoint slides
- The Parish Bulletin for the names of the children being Baptised.
- 1:1 Training and support

This role would be ideal for:

- Students in Years 10 or above who have an interest or skills in Media
- Adults in work or Tertiary Education who have media skills and looking for prayerful activities to inspire and nourish their faith
- Mums & Dads who might like to engage with their children in their faith through Scripture, Hymns and Prayer.

If you would like to be involved, please complete your details in [THIS WEBFORM](#) or Contact the Parish Office on 53326611.

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## Reflection on the Gospel-17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (John 6:1-15)

-Veronica M. Lawson RSM

The gospel readings for the next two weeks are taken from John 6, a section of the gospel that focuses on food and related themes: on hungry people; on the need for food/bread; on food/bread as metaphors for life. Bread has been the staple food for millennia in bible lands. To be without bread is to lack the very basics of existence, and that is how it is for so many in our world. Even the impoverished in the so-called “first world” know what it is like to be without the means of subsistence in a world of plenty. The present cycle of readings confronts us with questions about our own lifestyle, our exploitation of earth’s precious resources, and our capacity to make a positive change in the lives of those whose access to the fruits of our earth is much more limited than ours.

In John’s account of the feeding of the 5000, the crowds keep following Jesus because they see the “signs” he works among the sick. The Johannine Jesus consistently tries to lead the people beyond a form of discipleship that is simply based on seeing the signs that he works. The inadequacy of the crowd’s response on this occasion becomes clear towards the end of the reading.

Both place and time function powerfully in the story. The “mountain” place evokes the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt Sinai. For the crowds, Jesus is the prophet like Moses who points to a way of satisfying hunger in the wilderness of life. The time is Passover, drawing into the narrative the passing over of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the freedom of the desert and ultimately of the land where they could worship their God. This story is about the liberation that God brings through the agency of Jesus.

Jesus demonstrates that the answer to the suffering of the people, their liberation, is to be found in their care for each other. If they simply take the time to sit down together, discover the riches in their midst, give thanks, and distribute what they have, they may find they have more than they need. They must gather up the fragments, the “more-than-enough”, so that nothing will be lost and others might benefit from their sharing. Again, we are reminded of those in our world who have access to health care and vaccines and those who do not, of those who have financial support at this time and those who do not.

Although the people partially understand Jesus’ identity and teaching, their ultimate response is misdirected, even violent: they want to take him by force and make him king. He leaves them and returns to the mountain alone. We so often seek spectacular solutions to our problems. It may be that we too need to sit down together, on the grass or wherever, and discover the wealth we have at our disposal to satisfy the hunger in our world. That is what it means to be a Eucharistic people.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First:** 2 Kg 4:42-44;

**Second:** Eph 4:1-6 **Gospel:** Jn 6:1-15

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15;

**Second:** Eph 4:17, 20-24 **Gospel:** Jn 6:24-35

