



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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 4, 2021

Covid Update

Our church capacity remains at:

St Alipius 180 people

Sts Peter & Paul Buninyong 150 people

USING THE QR CODE IS COMPULSORY WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH

Parish Office & Presbytery:

- 84 Victoria Street
Ballarat East 3350
- 5332 6611
- ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au
www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday 10.00am to 2.30 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

Masses during the week

St Alipius' Church, for 180 attendees

There will be mass on Tuesday morning this week.

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00 am (1st, 3rd and 5th)

10:30 am (2nd and 4th)

Wednesday prayer to St Joseph (after mass)

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)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

Counting Team Number 2 will be on this week

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Sr Rosemary Keilly RSM, Beatrice Cudia, Fr Kevin Condon O.P., Sr Luke Kenna, Val Russell, Anthony Holdsworth, Louisa Khoo Geok Leng (Malaysia), Lois Madigan

Anniversaries: Peter McDonald, Garry and Annie Landrigan, Tom Ballinger, Lena Macklin, Norm Rouhan, Michael Kent, Edward John Duck

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



Upcoming Dates in the parish community

July			
4 th	Buninyong Morning Tea	11.30am	Ss Peter & Paul Buninyong
	Youth Group	6.00pm	St Alipius Hall
20 th	First Eucharist Parent Information Session	6.30pm	St Alipius Church
21 st	First Eucharist Parent Information Session	10.30am	St Alipius Church
	First Eucharist Parent Information Session	6.30pm	St Alipius Church
23 rd	Wine and Cheese Night	5.30pm	Ss Peter & Paul



Update for our Parish Pastoral Council

We thank those who have been giving time to discern the direction of Our Parish. We are now moving forward to build a vibrant and energetic Parish Pastoral Council. We encourage all parishioners who would like to make a contribution to head to sapliturgy.net.au and complete the online nomination form. Nominations will open on June 18th and will close July 5th.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Community News

If you would like to share any anniversary, birthday or other milestone with the parish please let us know. We would love to celebrate this with you

Morning Tea Anyone??

Currently the morning tea roster for Ss Peter & Paul needs a few more volunteers. We would encourage all people to give a couple of hours to support their parish, to meet more people and to feel the joy of the gift of giving.



Pre-arranged Funerals

Recently we have been contacted by a Parishioner who has chosen to plan for their own funeral.

This is a terrific idea to be prepared which takes the stress and uneasiness of your funeral from your family and friends. If you would like to meet over a cuppa to chat about music/hymns/songs, readings/poems or any special notes you may wish to have for your celebration of your life, please don't hesitate to contact the presbytery or Kathy or Carmel on 0437 505 517.

Car Parking

We ask that all parishioners parking within the parish carpark for week day and week end mass times park within the allocated parking spaces please. We need to ensure that we keep adequate space for movement of traffic and for the safety of people. We thank you for your support and understanding.



Record Keeper

The parish is looking for a volunteer record keeper. This would involve recording the sacraments in our Parish Registries. This would be a commitment of half a day a week on average. For further information please contact Bron in the Parish Office.

Planned Giving

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

Presbytery \$ 1254.05 Direct Debit \$675 Envelopes \$674.20

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)



Henley Miller
Son of Genna and Matt

Adeline and Henry Robinson
Children of Leanne and Casey

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

Wine and Cheese Anyone?? July 23rd

The parish will be holding a wine and cheese night in Ss Peter and Pauls church Buninyong. We encourage all parishioners to come along and get to know one another in a relaxed environment.



First Eucharist

As term 3 begins the Parish will open enrolments for First Eucharist for any child in Grade 5 (and their siblings in Grade 4). All information can be found on the parish website, alternatively please contact the parish office for assistance.



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 the parish office for further details.

Parishioners are encouraged to make donations by using the Envelopes available at the end of the pews and placing these on the collection plate.

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.

An introduction to the role and preparation for this ministry will be arranged with those who register their names.

RCIA Team Ballarat East.



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>

Reflection on the Gospel – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
(Mark 6:1-6)

Veronica Lawson RSM

Most of us have known the experience of feeling powerless in the face of rejection, especially when it is rejection from those who are closest to us, from those who might normally be expected to understand and affirm us. Mark presents such rejection as the experience of Jesus. Earlier in the gospel (3:20-21), we find that Jesus is misunderstood by his family who consider him to be out of his mind. Members of his family try to take responsibility for him, to take hold of him and to save him from himself. When they come to take him away, he leaves them outside and continues to teach those gathered around him about a new sort of kinship, kinship that is based on doing God's will.

In today's gospel reading (6:1-6), we find that the neighbours and friends of Jesus' family have trouble coping with him. They admit that his teaching demonstrates considerable wisdom. They also acknowledge his extraordinary power as a healer. From their perspective, however, something does not add up. After all, he is basically just one of them, "the craftsman".

Jesus' hometown people do not simply puzzle over his extraordinary powers. They are actually "scandalised" by him. He experiences their response as rejection and tells them how he feels. In so doing, he identifies himself with the rejected prophets of old. The townspeople's lack of faith renders Jesus, the prophet in their midst, powerless: he is simply unable to perform any mighty deeds among them. There is a hint in the text, however, that some few do have faith: "he cured a few sick people." He cures these people "by laying his hands on them". We have seen, in the request of the man with leprosy (1:41) and the action of the crowds (3:10,) the people's well-founded faith in the healing power of touch, of bodily encounter. Touch is once more the agent of healing.

At times, we may be like Jesus, bringing the wisdom and power of God to our families or local communities, only to meet with rejection. Sometimes, we may be like the few who come in faith and experience a healing touch. At other times, we may replicate the behaviour of the opponents of Jesus and discount the achievements of those who excel or whose message challenges us or our lifestyle. To refuse to listen to a prophetic message because the messenger fails to meet our preconceived ideas about prophets may have something to do with a lack of faith. It may actually stymie the power of God. Finally, the emphasis on healing in this reading invites us to pause and consider what is happening in our world, presently beset by pandemic. It invites us to affirm the intrinsic value of all, human and other-than-human, so often denigrated and devalued by attitudes that dichotomise the material and the spiritual with dire consequences for the Earth community.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Ezek 2:2-5;

Second: 2 Cor 12:7-10 **Gospel:** Mk 6: 1-6

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Amos 7:12-15;

Second: Eph 1:3-14 **Gospel:** Mk 6:7-13

