



# 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 Fiske St. Buninyong 3357

*ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

*JUNE 13, 2021*

## **Covid Update**

Please book to attend mass prior as we can only seat **75 people** at this stage.

**BOOK FOR MASS THROUGH SAPLITURGY.NET.AU**

**USING THE QR CODE IS COMPULSORY REGARDLESS OF PREBOOKING WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH**

### Parish Office & Presbytery:

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

### **Office Hours:**

*Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00 am to 3:30 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

### **Masses during the week**

#### **St Alipius' Church, for 75 attendees**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday &

Saturday 9.30 am

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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)

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 75 attendees**

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)

**Counting Team Number 10 will be on this week**

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

**Recent Deaths:** Alison Rice

**Anniversaries:** Leo Tuddenham, Moira Lund, Sheila McCartin, Paul Ballinger, Phil Murphy

**Unwell:** We pray for Seamus McGettigan, Edna de Chavez, Mary Hall, Doug Knez, 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.



## **Covid Information**

The following provisions for Masses in our churches is as follows:

Religious gatherings and ceremonies will be permitted for **up to 75 people per venue**, with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres. **Masks must be worn at all Masses**

If you are reading you are able to remove your mask at the lectern.

You will need to prebook mass through **SAPLITURGY.NET.AU**

**If you turn up without a booking you may be turned away if the capacity has been reached.**

## **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](http://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.**

## **MEN ALIVE**



In 2020 almost 1000 men across Australia, including over 200 in Victoria across every Diocese, registered to participate in this ground breaking “Gathering of Catholic Men” by grouping in host sites and hubs as COVID allowed, or by watching the material privately. In 2021 this event is being staged again on the 31<sup>st</sup> July in a shorter format. **menALIVE** Ministries, are a National Catholic Men’s Ministry which operates in every Diocese in Australia. They are offering to facilitate the linking of men who would like to participate in this event in the presence of other men but are not sure how to go about this. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like further details.

### **'Mindfulness & Meditation' (via ZOOM)**

Saturday 19 June 2021, 10am-3pm (AEST) . When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of reflection in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation, and we invite you to come prepared to be still and journey within. Facilitated by Paola Cheng. Cost \$50. Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne).

## ***Alive in the Spirit Virtual Pastoral Ministry Conference***

We are encouraged to engage in a special opportunity inviting us to experience new vision, new energy, new life as we become the community Christ calls us to be. “Alive in the Spirit”, an innovative online pastoral ministry conference from July 8-10, 2021, will enliven and inspire our Catholic Church through a variety of keynotes, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. To register or find out more details, go to [www.aliveinthspirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthspirit.com.au)

## ***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](mailto:ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Presbytery	\$806.55	Direct Debit	\$345.00	Envelopes	\$366.00
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*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)*



**Oliver Andrew Foster**

Son of Joel and Danielle

**Noah Dominic Stewart**

Son of Courtney and Isaac

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

### **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*

### **Pre-arranged Funerals**

Recently we have been contacted by a Parishioner to prepare in readiness, a basic proforma of a funeral planning sheet. 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.

### **Jubilees of Ordination Mass**

On Tuesday June 22nd Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 5.00pm with Bishop Paul and the priests of the Diocese who are gathering for meetings in the precinct that day. This Mass will be a celebration for those priests celebrating Jubilees of Ordination in 2021. Parishioners may register to attend this 5.00pm Mass (COVID-19 restrictions apply)

### **Victorian Government Business Costs Assistance Program**

The program provides \$2,500 grants for eligible employing and non-employing businesses in sectors most impacted by the current circuit breaker lockdown. This includes businesses operating in an industry that cannot operate under the circuit breaker restrictions and which cannot work remotely. The program will open for applications on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 and will remain open for applications for three weeks. Register your interest at <https://business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/circuit-breaker-business-support-package/business-costs-assistance-program> to be alerted when the Business Costs Assistance Program is open for applications.

### **Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection**

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. Fr Khalid Marogi, Director of the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office, reflects on "Joseph as 'Protector'" (Mt 2:13-18) and this will coincide with Refugee Week, June 20-26, 2021 - <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>



## Reflection on the Gospel-11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark 4:26-34)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The first of the parables in today's gospel reading has no parallel in the other gospels. It compares God's kingdom to a trusting sower who scatters the seed by day, sleeps by night, and simply observes the "earth produce of itself" until it is time to harvest the grain. The sower's actions of scattering, sleeping, rising, and going in with his sickle are paralleled by his "not-knowing how" the seed is transformed into grain. We may, in our times, have a more sophisticated, more scientific understanding of the process of growth. We have no less reason to stand in awe at the wonder of it all.

In an era of urbanization, of supermarket chains and online shopping even for groceries, we can easily lose sight of the source of food and the miracle of food production. This little parable might serve as a reminder of the goodness of the Earth and of the God who sustains our planetary home. It might inspire us to contemplate the myriad ways in which the Earth speaks to us of God and God's empire or kingdom. At another level, we might ask about the identity of the sower. We might question how the sower's actions and attitudes provide an image of God's reign. Is it in the sower's trusting that all will be well while "not-knowing"? Is it in the observation that the grain is ripe for the harvest? Is it in the prompt action to bring in the harvest? The sower's "not-knowing" might resonate with us in our "not knowing" all we would like to know about dealing with the spread of Covid-19. Parables are meant to tease their hearers/readers. They are open-ended and challenging.

The second parable appears in all three synoptic gospels. Matthew and Luke both parallel the mustard seed parable with a parable about a woman mixing yeast into flour. Mark, in contrast, juxtaposes his mustard seed parable with that of the trusting sower. Mustard seeds were tiny, although they were not the smallest of seeds and have never been known to become the largest of shrubs. The idea that God's reign provides shelter for the birds to make their nests is a challenging one at a time when so many species are becoming extinct precisely because their habitats are being destroyed by human activity.

Some scholars have pointed out that the mustard seed was a weed. To compare God's reign with a weed may have brought a smile or two. It would certainly have exercised the minds of Jesus' audience. Maybe Jesus' disciples were in need of encouragement even in the early stages of the Galilean ministry. Maybe the curious and hostile were in need of a reminder to take this movement seriously since extraordinary things can come from the most inauspicious beginnings. Opposition to Jesus had surfaced at the outset. Mark's community may also have been experiencing opposition and feeling the need for the wisdom that comes from a carefully crafted and perfectly timed story.

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

**First:** Ezek 17:22-24

**Second:** 2 Cor 5:6-10    **Gospel:** Mk 4:26-34

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

**First:** Job 38:1, 8-11;

**Second:** 2 Cor 5:14-17    **Gospel:** Mk 4:35-41

