

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 6, 2021

Covid Update

We are happy to announce that the parish will hold mass this weekend. Please remember to book in prior as we can only seat **50 people** at this stage.

PLEASE BOOK IN FOR MASS THROUGH SAPLITURGY.NET.AU

PLEASE NOTE: When attending church throughout the week you must book in via the QR code

Parish Office & Presbytery:

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www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00 am to 3:30 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 50 attendees

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Friday &

Saturday 9.30 am

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 50 attendees

Sunday 9:00 am (2nd and 4th)

10:30 am, (1st, 3rd and 5th)

(Please ring Margaret McCarty 0423 208 286)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

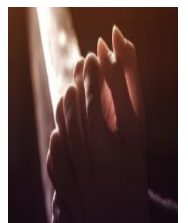
Counting Team Number 9 will be on this week

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Kevin Shannon, Avelino Escano, Federico Ruiz

Anniversaries: Leo Tuddenham, Moira Lund

Unwell: We pray for 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

As you would be aware that the restrictions in regional Victoria have been eased. The following provisions for Masses in our churches is as follows:

Religious gatherings and ceremonies will be permitted for *up to 50 people per venue*, with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres. Masks must be worn at all Masses

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.



Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates

We ask our parish community to pray for the children who have prepared for Confirmation and are patiently waiting to receive this sacrament. May God bless them and their families as they continue this journey.

St Alipius & Ss Peter and Paul Parish RCIA

The first gathering for those interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith was held recently with eight enthusiastic and spirit-filled Inquirers meeting with the RCIA team.

Please continue to hold these people in your prayers as they discern their journey towards being official members of our church family.

For information regarding RCIA please make contact with the Parish office.

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 can direct donations to our conference by:

- Calling 13 18 12 and confirming the name of the conference over the phone
- Donating online at vinnies.org.au and entering the conference name in the "Comments/Conference Name" section.

- **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

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

We thank you for your continued support

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.

International drawing contest for kids

The earth's climate is changing. Kids need to know what is happening, why, and how it will affect them in the future. This contest offers a chance to take action to help slow climate change – because a tree will be planted for every kid that enters! Adults will also be encouraged to contribute to planting more trees too. The competition runs from May – June 2021 for kids aged 4-14. For more information go to <https://kidscareaboutclimate.org>



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>



Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer.



These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. This video, published to Facebook and YouTube, includes a personal message from the Pope as he asks us to pray for each monthly intention. You can find it at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for May:

May universal intention for evangelisation – The world of finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

Reflection on the Gospel-The Body and Blood of Christ Year B (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The Gospel for today's feast reminds us that we are in a "covenant" relationship with our God. We renew that covenant in every celebration of the Eucharist. The Israelites of old sealed their covenant with God in animal sacrifice, a practice we may wish to critique, and in the celebration of a meal (Exodus 24:1-12). The blood of the slain animal was sprinkled on the altar and on the people. The people knew that blood signified life: if blood spilled out then life spilled out. The altar signified God. The sprinkling of the blood denoted their shared life with God. They were called to be holy as God is holy. The symbolism of the Jewish covenant ritual informs today's Gospel story of Jesus' final Passover meal with his disciples. Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. The sharing of the cup of wine becomes their sharing in the life of Jesus "to be poured out for many". Bread and wine in this context have taken on a new meaning.

While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by considering the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread. It is presently on loan from the Ballarat Art Gallery to the Eureka Centre and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the Eureka rebellion and what Eureka stands for in Australian history and folklore, it carries the story that informs its creation as well as all the goodness of its fabric and thread. It has acquired multiple levels of meaning.

Through the actions and words of Jesus, the bread and wine of the Eucharist have likewise come to signify something entirely new along with all the goodness of their materiality. They are Life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. We are called to bring that life to others, to give life for the sake of the many. Reading the passage in the context of Mark's gospel provides some insight into how we might do this. The eleven preceding verses recount stories of contrasting responses to Jesus as he faces his final days: temple authorities plot to destroy him; an unnamed woman "breaks" an alabaster jar and "pours" the healing perfume on his head, thus anointing his body "for burial" by means of a "eucharistic" action; Jesus declares that what she has done will be told "in remembrance of her"; a close friend seeks to betray him.

Betrayal and rejection are ever present possibilities even in Eucharistic communities. We are all too aware of this as we endeavour to address the consequences of child sexual abuse. We need to learn from the other possibility presented to us in this context, namely that of pouring out the healing perfume of compassion and love. Our "pouring out" at this time might include sharing vaccines with countries that cannot afford to buy them.

The Most Holy BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST

First: Ex 24:3-8

Second Heb 9:11-15 **Gospel:** Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Ezek 17:22-24

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

