

Welcome to St. Alipius Parish

Ballarat East & Buninyong



St Alipius
Parish Community

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
21ST MARCH 2021

*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.*

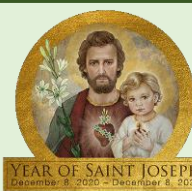
St Alipius' Parish Church
82 Victoria St, Ballarat East 3350

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



*We welcome Bishop Paul Bird
to celebrate the solemnity of St Joseph in the parish this weekend.
We will come together to pray the Consecration and proclaim the
Year of St Joseph.*

We thank you for celebrating mass with us today.



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Child Safety Officer: Bronwyn Ballesty

Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue

Finance Com. Chair: Paul Jans

Liturgy Coordinator: David Santamaria

Funeral Ministry: Carmel Flynn, Kathy Curran
Terresa Fletcher

Masses during the week

St Alipius' Church, for 180 attendees

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,

Friday & Saturday 9.30 am

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm

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

10:30 am (2nd and 4th)

Ss Peter & Paul's Church,

Buninyong for 150 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

St Alipius Church

Readers Roster	March 20 & 21
Vigil 9.30am	Robert Mason & Liz McCartin Jim Moran & Anthony Ryan
	March 27 & 28
Vigil 9.30am	Dorothy Ludwell, Liz McCartin Laurie Mullane

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Death: Joyce Cook, Luz Hernandez (P), Sr Mary Helen (P), Anne Bernadette Cheeseman, Claire Wong, Carmel Doherty

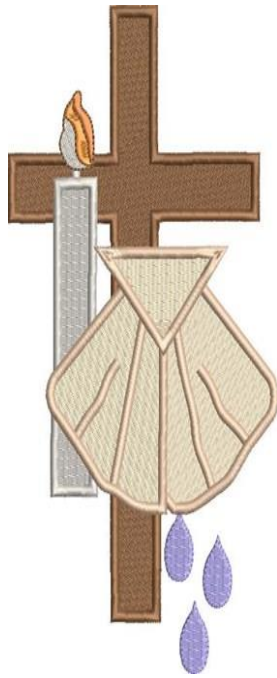
Unwell: We pray for Waffa Ghali, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Kateri Byrnes, Ann Coswello, Pat Hogan, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, John Beattie, Letitia Simmons, Anthony Holdsworth and all who are unwell.



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)



Charlotte Hannah Busuttill
Daughter of Mark and Deanne

Jasper, Mila and Rita Aplin
Children of Gareth and Kay

Jackson and Sienna Ryan-Reid
Children of Corey and Kate

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

Upcoming Dates in the parish community

March

22 nd	1 st Reconciliation ~ <i>Children's Sacrament</i>	6.30pm	St Alipius Church
23 rd	1 st Reconciliation ~ <i>Children's Sacrament</i>	6.30pm	St Alipius Church
24 th	2 nd Rite of Reconciliation	7.00pm	St Alipius Church
25 th	1 st Reconciliation ~ <i>Children's Sacrament</i>	6.30pm	St Alipius Church
26 th	1 st Reconciliation ~ <i>Children's Sacrament</i>	6.30pm	St Alipius Church
28 th	Palm Sunday		All Churches



A Welcome Morning Tea



Following the 10.30am mass at Sts Peter and Paul this weekend and St Alipius on the 28th March, Fr Jorge and the parish office staff will be staying for a cup of coffee to meet the families within the parish.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

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 February:

February Universal intention - Violence against women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Lenten Resources - Week 3

The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their Lent 2021 leaflets which invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' "Let us Dream", together with insights and suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers. The leaflets are for individual reflection or small group reflection and discussion. The theme for week 5 is, "How do we discern what God is asking?" These leaflets are available for download from the diocesan website



Liturgy Resources page <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

Holy Land Collection Good Friday - April, 2021

The severe loss of income that the Church in the Holy Land has experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is why your support in the Good Friday Collection is vital. The pandemic has created significant problems with vital health care, and a catastrophic loss in income due to the restrictions to travel removing the donations from the many pilgrims that visit each year. The offerings that pilgrims leave the Franciscan Friars and the local church allow them to care for the many orphans, sick, homeless and many more.

Project Compassion Virtual Immersions – Week 5



Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff. **Week 5: Halima's Story (Indonesia)** on Tuesday, March 23 at 7.30pm (VIC). You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to <https://lent.caritas.org.au/virtualimmersions>.

A week of prayer with St Joseph



The Sisters of St Joseph invite all to participate in a week of prayer with St Joseph, beginning on March 19. St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, the co-founders of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, chose St Joseph to be patron of the Congregation and so we rejoice in this opportunity to pray with and for the people of God with St Joseph. During this year, the Congregation will mark each of its primary feasts with special prayers and celebrations. The first of these will be a week of prayer in preparation for the feast of St Joseph followed by other events. More information available at www.sosj.org.au/yearofstjoseph

Mass of the Oils

Mass of The Oils. St Alipius Parish has been invited to nominate 10 people to attend this Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral (Ballarat) on Monday March 29 at 6.30pm. At the Mass of the Oils, the oils used for anointing are blessed by Bishop Paul and distributed to the parishes - one of our parishioners to bring back to our church. If you would like to attend the Mass of the oils, please call David Santamaria on 0427310564.

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

St Alipius Parish collections last weekend:

Presbytery \$954.00

Direct Debit \$ 884.00

Plate \$200.00

Envelopes \$ 591.20

We thank you for your continued support



Reflection on the Gospel-5th Sunday of Lent Year B

(John 12:20-33)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Today's gospel tells us that among those who go up to Jerusalem to worship at the feast of Passover are some "Greeks". The reference is probably to a group known in the early church as "God-fearers", although that designation is found only in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. These people were, in relation to Judaism, a bit like RCIA candidates in the Catholic tradition. They were certainly interested in Judaism and, because of their active interest in the Jewish faith, were possibly better informed about many of the Jewish traditions than those who had been members of the Jewish community all their lives. God-fearers seem to have been among the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to join the early Christian Jewish movement, i.e. the Jews who accepted Jesus as Messiah (or Christ).

For Jesus, the arrival of these God-fearing Greeks signals his "hour". Earlier in John's gospel, Jesus has insisted that his "hour" had not yet come. Now that his message receives global acknowledgement, or in the words of the Pharisees, now that "the world has gone after him" (John 20:19), he can announce that the hour of his glorification has come. Characteristically, Jesus uses a potent agricultural image to capture the transformative nature of his imminent death: like the grain of wheat, he must go into the earth and die in order to bear fruit. The same is true for his followers: to be concerned only with self-preservation is to "lose" one's life; to give one's life is to "keep it for eternal life".

Although the language is more explicit in John, the grain of wheat image echoes some aspects of the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34). Jeremiah presents the God of Israel as One who forgives and who is even prepared to forget the sins of the past. The people will be God's garden: the seed planted within them is God's Law. They will be God's own billboard: the law of forgiveness and mercy will be written in their hearts. John uses the "eternal life" metaphor in much the same way as the other gospel writers use the "reign of God" or "kin-dom" image. To keep one's life for "eternal life" has to do with living God's transformative vision for creation in the present so that it might one day be fully realised.

In John's gospel, Jesus' death is also his being lifted up in glory. The moment of his death becomes the moment of drawing "all" to himself. The "all" includes all people, but is not restricted to the human community. It also allows for an ecological interpretation: in his death and exaltation, Jesus gathers the whole Earth community into the mystery of God's redemptive and transforming love.

As we celebrate the Year of St Joseph we will be using the following readings for his Solemnity

First: 2 Sam 7:4-5, 16

Second: Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 **Gospel:** Mt 1:16, 18-21

Readings for next week: Palm Sunday

First: Is 50: 4-7

Second: Phil 2:6-11 **Gospel:** Mk 14:1- 15:47

