



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.

March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent
"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"

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

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

Parish Office & Presbytery:

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

Office Hours:

The Parish Office will open on the following:
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9.30am to 3.00pm

Liturgy Online:

- www.sapliturgy.net.au

Parish Priest: Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Parish Coordinator: Bronwyn Ballesty

PPC Chair: Cathy Prunty

Child Safety Officer: Bronwyn Ballesty

Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue

Finance Com. Chair: TBA

Liturgy Coordinator: David Santamaria
ballarateastliturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Funeral Ministry: Carmel Flynn
stalipiusfunerals@gmail.com

Masses during the week

Mass will be said Wednesday, Friday and Saturday
Morning 9.30am

Thursdays Anointing Mass will be at 2.30pm

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

10:30 am (2nd and 4th)

Rosary and Divine Mercy will be said each morning after the 9.30am mass. Please join us on the left of the church.

Stations of the Cross will be said in the church after Friday morning mass.

Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong

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

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

Stations of the Cross will be said in the church every Tuesday at 7pm

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

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

Counting Team No 1 will be on this week.

Noonan, Clarkson, Mullane

In our prayers we remember.....

Recently Deceased: Sheila Prendergast

Anniversaries: Carmel Doherty

Unwell: We pray for Peter Brooks, Remy Bourke, Joan O'Beirne, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall, Betty McGarry, Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Peter Saunders, Agnes Peters, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, Letitia Simmons, and all who are unwell.



Upcoming Dates in the Parish Community



March		
26/27	RCIA Second Rite of Scrutiny	All Mass Times
	First Eucharist Mass	All Churches
31 st	Anointing Mass	All Mass Times
		2.30pm
		St Alipius Church
April		
2/3	First Eucharist Mass	All Mass Times
		All Churches
10	Palm Sunday	All Mass Times
		All Churches
15	Good Friday	All Mass Times
		All Churches

First Eucharist

We congratulate the children who will be receiving their First Eucharist today.

"Today with your First Communion, you will receive a precious gift; keep it forever in your heart. May the Lord accompany you in a life full of joy."

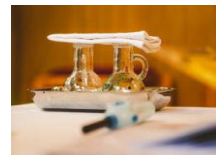


Liturgy Participation

The liturgy Team in the Parish is always looking for more people to join in supporting the Parish Mass and liturgies. If you would like to support the parish in this way please contact the Parish Office on 5332 6611. We would love to hear from you.

Anointing Mass

The Anointing Mass will be held on Thursday March 31st at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea will follow in the Hall. Please bring a small plate to share. Anyone requiring transport please ring the Parish Office on 5332 6611.



RCIA News

Lent is the lead up to Easter and for the RCIA it is called the period of Purification and Enlightenment. The whole parish is encouraged to pray for healing and forgiveness for the seekers and for all. Put another way,

'Lent is for making new Catholics and renovating the old'.

Counters Roster

An updated Counters Roster for March through to May is now available in the Sacristy of St Alipius Church. If you would consider joining the Counting Team please contact the Parish office. Thank you

Easter Flowers

The Parish is seeking a Volunteer who would be able to collect and arrange flowers for the Easter Mass weekend. All expenses are covered. If this is something that you may be able to assist with, please contact the Parish Office.



Planned Giving

Should you wish to 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

Credit Card \$2425.00 Presbytery \$1677.00 Direct Debit \$ 845.00

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)



Audrey Elise Hamerton
Daughter of Albert and April

Magnus Harrison Capanec-Thomson
Son of James and Kathy

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

Mass of the Oils 2022

The Mass of the Oils will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2022

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 11, 2022. Practice times are Sunday, March 27, Sunday, April 3 and Sunday, April 10 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.



Project Compassion
Fourth Sunday of Lent

From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,
We entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all;
We are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Reflection on the Gospel-4th Sunday of Lent Year C
(Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Unfailing forgiveness and arms open to welcome back wayward sons and daughters is a key motif in today's gospel story. There is no room in the hearts of Jesus' critics for such forgiveness. From their perspective, upright law-abiding people should exclude "sinners" from their company. In a first-century Jewish context, it was easy enough to be a sinner. Whole groups of people, depending upon their occupation, fell into that category simply because they failed to observe one or more of the 618 prescriptions of the law. Jesus' response to his critics is the story of a parent whose adult children lose their way. One son finds his way back to the centre of family life and the support of the wider community while the other more law-abiding son seems to place himself outside the family circle, holding on to the resentment he feels at his sibling's return.

We need to attend to the gaps in the story: there may be daughters as well as sons in the family; there is surely another parent, a mother who shares the heartache of her husband when their younger son requests his share of the estate. To make such a request in this context is tantamount to wishing his parents dead. The older brother is not disadvantaged: he is assured of a two-thirds share according to the law as well as the ongoing love and support of his family, as his father makes clear.

The contrast between the young man's acquisitive nature and his parents' capacity to relinquish substantial property in the interests of relationship is striking. No motive is offered for the son's readiness to break all his ties and get as far away as he can. In the distant country, he squanders both his inheritance and his identity. A "severe famine" becomes the catalyst for his change of direction. Famine in any age means devastation of the earth that can lead to displacement, to broken relationships and even to global conflicts. In turning back, the young man shows no real interest in a restored relationship with his family or ancestral lands. Rather, he devises a plan that will put food in his belly. He composes a speech about having sinned against his father and against God and about being prepared to share the status of the servants. Thanks to the expansive heart of an extraordinarily compassionate parent, he does not have to deliver the speech he has prepared. Famine becomes feast. So it is with our merciful God. We abandon, we even betray. We waste the bounty of Earth. Our motives for returning to the sources of love and community are very mixed, and yet our merciful God is ever ready, with our cooperation, to turn famine or flood into feast. For that to happen in our times, we must turn away from our acquisitive, wasteful ways and respond as one to the pain of our planetary home.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First: Joshua 5:9-12

Second: 2 Cor 5:17-21 **Gospel:** Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First: Is 43:16-21

Second: Phil 3:8-14 **Gospel:** Jn 8:1-11

