



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 6, 2022
First Sunday in Lent
"Lord, it is good to give thanks to you"

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

St Alipius' Parish Church
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Office Hours:

The Parish Office will open on the following:
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
10.00am to 3.30pm

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Parish Priest: Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Parish Coordinator: Bronwyn Ballesty

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Masses during the week

Mass will be said Tuesday through Saturday

Morning 9.30am

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 5 will be on this week.

McKeegan and Ridsdale

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Alex 'Jock' McCann, Janice Downes, Jacinta Wilson

Anniversaries: Joan Shannon, Barry Ridsdale, Fr. Deody Dawis OSJ, Fr. Jose Vidal Apin OSJ, Fr. Elia May

Unwell: We pray for Remy Bourke, Joan O'Beirne, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall, Peter Kelly, 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

NOW	Week 2 Dismissal Program	All Mass Times	All churches
8 th	Liturgy Meeting	5.00pm	St Alipius Hall
	Stations of the Cross	7.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's Buninyong
	International Women's Day	All Day	
9 th	Second Rite of reconciliation	7.00pm	St Alipius Church
19/20	RCIA First Scrutiny		
26/27	RCIA Second Scrutiny		
31 st	Anointing Mass	2:30 pm	St. Alipius Church

Caritas Australia Prayer for International Women's Day

Gracious God, we pray for ourselves and all women around the world.

Strengthen us to stand in solidarity with our sisters experiencing poverty and injustice.

Open our hearts to listen and serve.

Give us the courage to hope and work for a better future for all women.

Awaken us, that we may fully realise our interconnectedness to our one global human family.

Guide us with your spirit, to welcome, champion, practically and joyfully love each other. Amen.

Roundtable Ecological Theology Conversations

After a two year COVID hiatus, Fr Barry Ryan and Sr Veronica Lawson's monthly theology sessions will resume on Wednesday, March 9 (afternoon group 1.30-3.00pm; evening group 7.00-8.30pm). Everyone is welcome. Just turn up at the Mercy Gathering Room, 16 Gent Street, Ballarat East (with evidence of vaccination).

Invitation to Blessing of Statue of St Patrick for the Cathedral

A statue of St Patrick will be placed and blessed in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR during Evening Prayer (Vespers) on the Vigil of St Patrick's Day (Wednesday, March 16) at 7.00pm. On St Patrick's Day itself, there will be Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm. Fr Ed Moloney and Fr Abraham Thomas will preside and acknowledge the blessing of the statue during those Masses. People of the Diocese are welcome to the Evening Prayer and the Masses. More information is available from the diocesan website https://mcusercontent.com/904e76c839232ddc552d4311d/files/df651b2-ca50-6e9d-4844-c24a97df8ff0/St_Patrick_Invitation.pdf

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 – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

Pope's intention for March: **For a Christian response to bioethical challenges** - We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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

Parish 812.20 Presbytery 1,236.00

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)



Harry Tuddenham
Son of Brad and Anna

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



Sacramental Program

We welcome all children and their families into the church this weekend as they begin to prepare for their Sacrament of First Eucharist. We ask all parishioners to keep these children in their thoughts and prayers as they journey with God.

The Parish is in need of Volunteers to help support the Dismissal Class Time. This will take an hour a week. If you would like to support the Parish and the children in their journey please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA Process

Our parish has been blessed to have 8 people participating in RCIA this year. It has been quite a challenge running the RCIA process during the pandemic but we have soldiered on trusting in God's loving providence. Last Saturday the 27th Feb, our candidates and catechumens participated in the Rite of Election with Bishop Bird at St Patrick's Cathedral. This sets the stage for the final steps of their journey to become full members of the Catholic Church. This time of preparation before the Easter Vigil is a very intense one and we ask for everyone's prayers during this time. Please keep an eye out for the Elect and welcome them at Mass when you see them.



Project Compassion Week One



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. 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.

House Wanted



A parishioner is in urgent need of a 2 bedroom house with garage.
We ask all people if they have or know of anything that would be available to please Contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Reflection on the Gospel-1st Sunday of Lent Year C

(Luke 4:1-11)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Lent is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into the “wilderness” or “desert place” and grappling with the mysteries of life. While deserts are often depicted as uninhabited or desolate regions, anyone who has spent time in such places knows that the desert supports a rich diversity of other-than-human life. Human retreat to the wilderness can be an opportunity to encounter God in the unfamiliar and to understand oneself in relation to the other-than-human. It can reveal to us our capacities for right relationship with God, with each other, and with the Earth. Right relationship resides in “power-with” rather than “power-over”.

In Israel’s story, the wilderness is the place of testing for God’s people: “Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness...testing you to know what was in your heart” (Deuteronomy 8:2). Jesus is “filled with the Holy Spirit” and, like so many human beings before and since, is “led by the Spirit” into the wilderness to be “tested” there. [“Tested” is a more accurate translation of the Greek *peirazein* than the usual “tempted”].

The three-fold drama of the testing of Jesus in the wilderness is about the proper exercise of power and about trust in a loving God. In refusing to turn the stones of the wilderness into bread in order to satisfy his own hunger, the Lukan Jesus demonstrates that he is not prepared to exercise power over the other-than-human Earth, even if he had the capacity to work such magic. By refusing to accept the “glory of all the kingdoms of the world”, he shows that power over the human communities of the Earth is not “of God” and that worship belongs to God alone. Finally, in refusing to cast himself from the parapet of Israel’s holiest shrine, the Jerusalem Temple, he makes it clear that he is not prepared to test the power of God to rescue him from a self-inflicted death or to use God’s holy place to such ends. The Lukan Jesus passes the tests that the people Israel failed in the wilderness of Sinai.

Adelaide priest, Michael Trainor, in a wonderfully sensitive reading of Luke’s gospel, detects three ecological ethical principles in today’s gospel reading: 1) Earth is to be cared for and treated respectfully, not ravaged through greed; 2) All ecological and environmental engagement is grounded in and enhanced by one’s communion with God; and 3) Earth’s resources are to be respected by all and not usurped as a means of power and control by one over another (*About Earth’s Child* 2012, 107-109). These principles derive from the story as a whole with its three-fold testing and from Jesus’ three-fold response to these tests. As Earth’s people and Earth’s bounty are exploited to wage war in Ukraine, we pray with all our being that peace and order will prevail.

First Sunday of Lent

First: Duet 26:4-10

Second: Rom 10:8-13 **Gospel:** Lk 4:1-13

Second Sunday of Lent

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