



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.

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2021

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

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

Parish Office & Presbytery:

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Office Hours:

The Parish Office will open on the following:
Tuesday 9.00am – 1.00pm
Thursday 9.00am to 3.30pm

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

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Funeral Ministry: Carmel Flynn
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Masses during the week

Mass will be said Tuesday through Saturday at
9.30am

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.*

Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong

Sunday 9:00 am (2nd and 4th)
10:30 am, (1st, 3rd and 5th)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

Ballarat Diocese Website:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Counting Team No 7 will be on this week.

In our prayers we remember.....

Recently Deceased: Kerry David Bruhn, Neil Hanrahan

Anniversaries: Helen Ronan

Unwell: We pray for 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



		May	
11	Confirmation Information Night	7.00pm	St Alipius Church and Hall
17	Reflection Day on Loss	9.30 – 2pm	OLHC Parish, Wendouree
18	Adult Faith Session with Fr Barry	6.30pm	St Alipius Hall
20	Casserole Night	7.00pm	Ss Peter & Pauls Church, Buninyong

Caring Group

The Caring group will sadly be postponing their May gathering. We hope to be able to meet again on June 3rd at 2pm in the Parish hall. Thank you.

Liturgy Rosters and Participation

The latest Liturgy Roster is now available in the Sacristy of each church.

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.

Confirmation 2022

The parish is now open to enrolments for Confirmation which will take place in Term 2. All details can be found on the parish website.

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Confirmation Welcome letters can be found in the foyer of the church.



A Day of Reflection

You are invited to a day of reflection, "Where is the will of God for us in loss" being held at OLHC Parish, Wendouree, Tuesday 17th May from 9.30am - 2.00pm. Numbers are limited.

For bookings contact Kath 331 2677.

Laudato Si' Week: May 16-24, 2022

As part of Catholic Earthcare's celebration of *Laudato Si'* Week, they are hosting an online screening of the newly released 'Regenerating Australia' short film - a fictitious news segment set on New Year's Eve 2029, examining the decade that 'could be'. The film challenges people to consider how to respond to the Cry of the Earth. Participants will be joined by Bishop Ken Howell and a range of guest speakers to share in this celebration. After the

film, there will be a panel discussion and question time regarding how we can take the teachings of the film and respond as Catholics here in Australia. You are welcome to join by yourself or register a parish group for the viewing (please note if registering for a group, only 1 person need register via Trybooking). The video will be streamed via zoom so you can watch together on a large screen at a suitable venue like a parish hall. The online event will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 6.00pm – 8.00pm AEST, 4.00pm – 6.00pm AWST. Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZADT>.



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 \$ 1528 Presbytery \$ 793.20 Project Compassion \$ 5916.80

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)



Chester Roberts
Son of Kimberley and Paul

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

A Faith Session
May 18th @ 6.30pm

Are you longing to enrich your faith? Would you enjoy hearing and learning more about what and why we believe. Then a night with Fr Barry Ryan is just what you need.

We invite you to come and spend some time with him in an adult faith formation session – more details to come.....

RCIC Program

The parish will be holding an information evening on RCIC in coming weeks. If you would like to have your child/children participate in this program or offer support please contact the Parish Office.

Mass Counts start on weekend 7-8 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 7-8 May and continue each weekend until the end of May. Please record a count for every Mass and Lay Led Assembly held in your parish on each of the four weekends. Forms and further information will be sent out in the next few weeks. If you have any queries please email fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au

National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022

CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future. So how can parents and families build strong family relationships? Family Relationship Practitioners in Bendigo, Julia Feiss and Lisa Castles, share five important elements for creating strong families at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>. There is also, "A Blessing for Families" on this webpage.

Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference

"Alive in the Spirit" is for lay and clergy, staff, leadership teams, finance teams, pastoral councils, pastoral ministers and volunteers, those in education, counselling, pastoral care, youth ministry, family ministry, aged care and chaplaincies and anyone who wants to be "Alive in the Spirit". The conference will be held from May 26-28, 2022. For more information and to register go to <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>

Reflection on the Gospel-Easter 3C
(John 21:1-19)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

John 21 represents an addition to the original gospel text of John 1-20, an epilogue that centres on a third post-resurrection appearance. Mercy biblical scholar Sister Elizabeth Dowling has demonstrated that this final chapter of John marks an unfortunate shift in the portrayal of gender roles in this gospel, a shift that would seem to reflect struggles in the early church around accepting women in leadership roles. While women have featured prominently in earlier chapters, no women feature in this epilogue. The focus here is clearly on Peter, on his role as leader and on his relationship with Jesus. In John 20, it is not at all clear that Peter has come to resurrection faith, while there is no such doubt about the faith of Mary of Magdala. It is Mary who receives the first resurrection appearance and she who is commissioned to proclaim the news of the resurrection.

In John 21, Peter goes fishing and several other disciples join him. They catch nothing. At dawn, they see Jesus on the shore. His disciples, with the exception of the “beloved disciple”, do not recognise him immediately. They follow his instructions and find themselves overwhelmed with their catch. At the invitation of Jesus, they breakfast on bread and fish. This provides the setting for the rehabilitation of Peter. In the wake of his three-fold denial, Peter makes a three-fold profession of love of Jesus. This brings with it the responsibility of tending not only Jesus’ “sheep” but also his “lambs”. This command has particular resonance for a church whose leadership has failed so many of its children. Although our Church community is not yet a community of equals, we take heart from Pope Francis’ Apostolic Constitution on reform of the structure of the Roman Curia, *Praedicate Evangelium (Preach the Gospel)*. In this document, to take effect on June 5, it is notable that Pope Francis makes provision for the possibility of lay leadership, female or male, of the dicasteries or departments that make up the Curia.

While our gospel reading is filled with symbolism, we might pause to appreciate the material realities underlying the symbols. Fishing is an important gospel metaphor for ministry. The number of fish (153) probably denotes the universality of the mission. The 30% decline in large fish species in my country over the past fourteen years provides a sober reminder that the mission must include the natural world as never before. The untorn net is a symbol of unity, like the seamless garment in the passion narrative. The verb “to draw” has several layers of meaning in this fishing context: the disciples were not able “to *draw* in the net....so Simon Peter went aboard and *drew* the net ashore”. These statements evoke earlier sayings of Jesus, particularly his words on the cross, “And I if I am lifted up from the earth will draw *all* to myself” (12:32). The “all” allows for the whole Earth community, human and more-than-human, to be drawn to the crucified and resurrected One, despite the failures of the past.

Third Sunday of Easter

First: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Second: Rev 5:11-14 **Gospel:** Jn 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Second: Rev 7:9, 14-17 **Gospel:** Jn 10:27-30

