



# 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.*

14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Congratulations

*We congratulate the children within our Parish Community who will be receiving their First Eucharist this week. We join in prayer asking Jesus to walk this journey with you all.*

### Parish Office & Presbytery:

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Ballarat East 3350
- 5332 6611
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[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Office Hours:

*Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am till 4.00pm*

### Liturgy Online:

- [www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://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:** TBA

**Liturgy Coordinator:** David Santamaria

**Funeral Ministry:** Carmel Flynn, Kathy Curran

**Counting Team No .3 will be on this week.**

Stewart, Anderson and Reynolds

### Masses during the week

#### St Alipius' Church for 90 people

Weekday masses will be held Monday, Tuesday  
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

**No booking is necessary. Vaccination Mandatory**

Saturday morning Mass 9.30am (max 30)

**(Qr Code and masks only)**

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9:00 am (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)

10:30 am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

*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 for 75 people

Sunday 9:00 am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>)

10:30 am, (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

Ballarat Diocese Website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### In our prayers we remember.....

**Recent Deaths:** Pepito Trinidad (P)

**Anniversaries:** Felix Galit Ramos, Ester Ramos, Eileen Stewart, Abraham Punnoose

**Unwell:** We pray for Perla Manguiat, Peter Begbie, Peter Kelly, Betty McGarry, Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Peter Saunders, Pat Hogan, Agnes Peters, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Ann Coswello, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, Letitia Simmons, 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)*



**Jarred Lemasson**

Son of Cassandra and Christopher

**Maya Jade Ryan**

Daughter of Leah and Samuel

**Riley Snow**

Son of Kate and Leonard

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

### ***Youth ministry leaders invited to online consultation***



Representatives of Australian Catholic youth and young adult ministries are invited to take part in a consultation to explore the establishment of a new national network. Hosted by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry, in partnership with the Australian Network of Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinators (ANDYMC), the online event will take place on Thursday, November 25, from 7.00pm – 9.00pm AEDT. Bishops Commission Chairman Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, Bishop Delegate for Youth, will participate in the consultation, which hopes to attract representatives from youth and young adult ministries in dioceses, religious orders, ecclesial communities, universities, schools and organisations from around Australia. For more information and to register go to [www.nce.catholic.org.au/youth](http://www.nce.catholic.org.au/youth)

### ***Synod of Bishops***

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



### ***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 Paul Nulley is a priest of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and has been parish priest of St Joseph's, O'Connor since 2017. He also serves as archdiocesan vocations director and chaplain of Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus. Fr Paul reflects on, "St Joseph – A Powerful Intercessor" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

### ***Planned Giving***



Should you wish 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](mailto:ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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*We thank you for your continued Support*

## Upcoming Dates in the Parish Community



### November

15 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	6.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong
16-18	1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist ~ <i>Children's Sacrament</i>	6.00pm	St Alipius Church, Ballarat East
23-24	1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist ~ <i>Children's Sacrament</i>	6.00pm	St Alipius Church, Ballarat East
26 <sup>th</sup>	Wine and Cheese Night	5.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong
27-28	PPC Commissioning Mass		All Mass Times

### December

2nd	Liturgy Meeting	5.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong
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## Parish NEWS Update

### Parish Pastoral Council

We ask all Parishioners to keep our Pastoral Council in their prayers and they continue to support our parish as we continue to welcome more people back in the church.

We encourage all parishioners to come and attend their commissioning in the coming weeks.

### First Eucharist

We pray for the children who will be receiving their First Eucharist this week. We thank the parish community for their continued support of these children and their families.

### Mass Availability

Please remember that weekend Mass times still require pre booking through [www.sapliturgy.net.au](http://www.sapliturgy.net.au).

The Ballarat Diocese will have many opportunities for all to attend mass regardless of their vaccination status. Please see the availabilities below. Remember that all Churches require pre booking. Thank you

Monday	St Patrick's Cathedral	10.00am	5331 2933
Tuesday	St Michael's Bungaree	9.30am	5334 0450
Wednesday	St Aloysius' Redan	9.30am	0455 212 123
Thursday	OLHC Wendouree	10.00am	5339 2302
Saturday	St Alipius' Ballarat East	9.30am	5332 6611
Sunday	St Alipius' Ballarat East	5.00pm	53326611



### Wine and Cheese Anyone - November 26th

The parish will be holding a wine and cheese night in Ss Peter and Pauls church Buninyong. We encourage all parishioners to come along and get to know one another in a relaxed environment. (Vaccination required)

### Catholic Annuals or Magazines Anyone??

One of your Parishioners has many Catholic Annuals and magazines that he is happy to rehome. If anyone would be interested in these please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch. Thank you.



### Anyone for Counting?

As the parish has begun opening up we are looking for more volunteers to join our ministries, especially our counting roster. If you are curious about what is involved and would like more information, please contact the Parish Office on 53326611

## Reflection on the Gospel-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 13:24-32)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

On the opening lines of today's gospel reading, there are clear echoes of two passages from the prophecy of Isaiah. The first Isaian passage reads, "For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light" (Isaiah 13:10). These images from Isaiah 13 present an unravelling of God's work in creation. The second passage likewise predicts a scenario that seems to reverse the Genesis creation account: "All the host of heaven [the constellations] shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll. All their host shall wither like a leaf withering on a vine, or fruit withering on a fig tree" (Isaiah 34:4). The prophet is using powerful poetic imagery to speak of God's judgment on the people of Israel who have strayed from their covenant relationship.

The parallel images in Mark 13 are referenced to the aftermath of the "time of distress" associated with the destruction of Jerusalem, a time of intense suffering for the community of believers. Jesus tells his disciples that, after all their suffering, strange cosmic phenomena will signal his return in glory and usher in a new age for God's people when the faithful will be gathered in. The message is intended to give hope to Mark's persecuted community of the late sixties or early seventies of the first century. Just as the new leaves on the fig tree signal the approach of summer, so too will the strange signs in the heavens signal Christ's coming and the onset of a new era, an end to the "time of distress". The message is thus one of encouragement for the community as they face an uncertain future rather than one of judgment.

The strange apocalyptic imagery and the ancient cosmology that has Jesus returning on the clouds need not distract the scientifically sophisticated modern reader from hearing the call to trust in God no matter what. This reading reminds us that the unravelling of God's work is more than a poetic image in our times. The experience of pandemic, the freak storms, the cyclones and other signs of climate crisis we have seen might well serve as reminders to attend more carefully to the preservation of planet Earth. We may also hear a call to pay closer attention to what the "other-than-human" Earth elements can tell us about God and God's ways.

Tim Winton's memoir, *Island Home*, offers a contemporary reminder of who we are as planetary beings, of what we have done to our planet and of how attentiveness to land and landscape is integral to being who we are. The wild fig or the black-flanked rock wallabies, for instance, may be more eloquent teachers than we had ever imagined. As COP26 in Glasgow draws to a close, we pray for the grace to hear and respond with urgency to the cries of the earth and of those rendered poor.

*33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**First:** Dan 12:1-3

**Second:** Heb 10:11-14 **Gospel:** Mk 13:24-32

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

**First:** Dan 7:13-14

**Second:** Apoc 1:5-8 **Gospel:** Jn 18:33-37

