

# 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**

**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

We welcome all people to St Alipius and Ss Peter & Paul this coming weekend as there are no longer limits on people attending Mass for the Vigil, 9am or 10.30am Masses. (*QR code registration and Vaccination required*).

St Alipius offers Sunday evening Mass for 50 people whose vaccination status is unknown. Pre registration is still required for this mass.

#### Parish Office & Presbytery:

- 84 Victoria Street  
Ballarat East 3350
- 5332 6611
- ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au  
[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

#### Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am till 3.30pm

#### Liturgy Online:

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

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

#### Masses during the week

##### St Alipius' Church

Weekday masses will be held Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and Saturday  
Maximum of 50 people.

##### **Vaccination Status is not required.**

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

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)

**Counting Team No .4 will be on this week.**

Cummins, O'Meara, Hood and Duck

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

**Recent Deaths:** Leelamma Mathew, Mila Caringal (P), Emil Mergiliano (P), Pat Hogan

**Anniversaries:** Andrew O'Brien, Fr Guido Colletti, Felix Galit Ramos

**Unwell:** We pray for Mary Hall, Perla Manguiat, Peter Begbie, Peter Kelly, Betty McGarry, Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Peter Saunders, 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)*



**Harriet Torpy**

*Daughter of Sarah and Luke*

**Jill Ryan**

*Daughter of Hayley and Thomas*

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

## **Our Parish Pastoral Council**

***This weekend we will be commissioning our Parish Pastoral Council.***

***We thank these Parishioners for volunteering to help guide our Parish.***



*Cathy Prunty – Chair*

*Paul O'Beirne*

*Claire Stewart*

*Terresa Fletcher*

*Martin McGettigan*

*Dave Morrison*

*Greg O'Beirne*

*Bron Ballesty (Secretary)*

## ***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)*



## ***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

## ***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.*



## ***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

20-21	PPC Commissioning Mass		All Mass Times
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 <sup>th</sup>	Fr Jorge on Leave		

### December

2nd	Liturgy Meeting	5.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong
15 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	6.00pm	Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong

## Do you have a welcoming Smile? Are you happy to welcome people into the Church?



### Well then the parish needs YOU !!

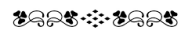
As we open the church doors to more people to come and celebrate Mass the parish is looking for parishioners to help greet people as they arrive. This is a team position with lots of support.

Interested? Please contact the Office.

We look forward to hearing from you 😊



SAFE TRAVELS



### Fr Jorge – Leave

We wish Fr Jorge well as he travels home to visit his family. He will leave on November 27<sup>th</sup> returning on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We pray that he remains safe and well on his journey.

The Office will be open Tuesday thru Friday during this time.

### Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>. Statements from the Premier regarding COVID-19 matters are published immediately on his webpage; <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/>. At the very end of the page is also published the upgraded table of restrictions, PDF format, that are based on his most recent press conference.

### Mass Availability

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



## Reflection on the Gospel-Feast of Christ the King, Year B

(John 18:33-37)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

The liturgical year always ends with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel reading for Year B is from John's gospel where the notion of God's kingdom or reign or empire features only twice in contrast with its frequent appearance in the other gospels, especially Matthew. For readers in a Western society where democratic rule is valued and promoted, the whole notion of kingship or monarchy poses some difficulty. We need to put the exchange between Jesus and Pilate into the political context of Roman occupied Judaea of the first century.

Rome was the dominant global force at that time. It had the economic and military strength to maintain its power over the whole Mediterranean world. When Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world, he is not pitting planet Earth or the cosmos over against a purely spiritual world. He is referring rather to the world and values of the Roman Empire and the destructive values that are sometimes espoused by his followers. Jesus' way of being in the world stands in stark contrast with the expansionist and frequently destructive ways of Roman rule.

The term "world" is used in two different senses in John's gospel. It is used both literally and metaphorically. On the one hand, it is the world that came into being through the Word (1:10), the beautiful cosmos or world that "God so loved" (3:16). On the other hand, it is a "world" that rejected the light (1:10-11), a sinful world in need of the saving power of God (3:17).

Jesus, as king, does not claim the sort of over-bearing political, military or economic power that Pilate exercises on behalf of the Roman emperor. His authority has nothing to do with power over or domination of others. It is grounded in truth (1:17) or, in other words, in the revelation of God. Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" (14:6) and his mission is to testify to the truth. The path to freedom and life lies in acceptance of the truth (8:32): "If you continue in my word, you...will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Truth is not a given: it must be sought in prayerful dialogue, in listening to earth's distress and, above all, in openness to the Spirit of God.

To celebrate this feast, then, is to move in the direction of peaceful solutions to the conflicts in our world and away from the paths of violence, domination and imperial expansionism. It is to seek the truth in dialogue and to respond to the plight of those who suffer the pain of hunger, of persecution and of loss. It is to rule as God rules and not as Rome ruled. It is to look again at how we inhabit our world and to change our ways for the sake of truth and life, the present and future life of our beleaguered planet.

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

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

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

*First Sunday in Advent*

**First:** Jer 33:14-16

**Second:** 1 Thess 3:12-4:2 **Gospel:** Lkb21:25-28.24-36

