



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.

7TH NOVEMBER 2021

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMEMBRANCE MASS WEEKEND

A Special Thank You



We extend a special thanks to Kathy Curran for all she has given to our Parish Community. Her generosity of time spirit and energy she has consistently given to our Finance Committee and to our funeral ministry will be greatly missed.

We wish Kathy much happiness in her upcoming move to warmer pastures.

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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

Masses during the week

St Alipius' Church for 90 people

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

No booking is necessary. Vaccination Mandatory

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.

Ss Peter & Paul's Church,

Buninyong for 75 people

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

Mass will be available to view on Sunday morning.

Counting Team No 2. will be on this week.

In our prayers we remember.....

Anniversaries: Lyn O'Brien, Bob Conroy, Carmel Hemon

Unwell: We pray for Perla Manguiat, Carmel Hemon, Peter Begbie, Peter Kelly, Betty McGarry, Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Angie De Run (Malaysia), 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)



Jamison James Stewart

Son of Jaeden and Tiffany

Cooper John Burns

Son of Kyle and Sophie

Lenny Ron Rumble

Son of Justin and Renee

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

THIS SUNDAY: Upcoming Forum: Listening, learning...change

Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor – a Ballarat response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. This free event can be attended via some parish hubs (COVID restrictions depending) or independently via the Zoom platform. Register through Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/listening-learningchange-tickets-185567857457?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1. Brochures are available through your parish or can be downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

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

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>

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

We thank you for your continued Support



Our 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 during November. We thank the parish community for the continued support of these children and their families.

RCIA

The Parish of St Alipius will receive the RCIA Catechumens and Candidates during the Rite of Acceptance this Sunday. We congratulate all involved and continue to keep them in our prayers.

Funeral Ministry

Help required.



Would you like to be part of or learn more about the Funeral Ministry team?

If so, there will be an information session for anyone wanting to assist or just see if it is something you may like to be a part of. The info session will be held on Saturday the 13th of November at 10.30 in the parish hall. Your curiosity will not mean you are locked in.

If you are unable to attend this session but would like more information please call one of our team members on 0437 505 517.

Mass Attendance / Bookings

In line with Government Regulations we will be making amendments in the coming weeks. Weekday mass bookings will not be needed. QR Coding, masks and proof of Vaccination will be required. We ask you to support our voluntary Covid Marshalls at the door. Thank you

This weekend we will have additional Covid Marshalls and a member of our Parish Pastoral Council in attendance to support you all as you enter the church. We thank you for your support and understanding as we all journey together.

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



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>

Reflection on the Gospel-32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 12:38-44)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Whether the longer or shorter gospel reading is selected for today's liturgy, the literary context deserves attention. Jesus is teaching the crowds in the Jerusalem Temple. He knows the vulnerability of many of the people around him and issues a warning about the grandiose behaviour of the Jerusalem scribes. The scribes were generally learned men on whom the people relied for rulings in matters of sacred law as well as for drawing up contracts and other important documents. They commanded the respect of many of the people. Jesus is not impressed by the behaviour of some of the scribes. He sees their pomposity as a mask for dishonesty and exploitation: they will receive the "greater condemnation". They "devour the houses of widows" and hide behind the pretext of long prayers. Widows included women who had lost their husbands through death or divorce as well as single unmarried women. They were women alone without male protection in a patriarchal society and without the benefit of a social security system. They were dependent for survival upon the care of family and community. Jesus' words of condemnation are strong words that will understandably provoke a reaction. It is no surprise that the Jerusalem scribes are among those who later conspire to kill him (Mark 14:1).

It is easy enough to be taken in by the posturing of those who present as superior and who look for status recognition. It is also easy to miss the generosity of those on the edge even if it is happening before our very eyes. The context presents Jesus as attuned to the plight of the widows. He now notices and draws the attention of his disciples to the action of one particular "destitute" widow. Her tiny contribution to the treasury of two copper coins for the upkeep of the Temple is far more significant than the big sums contributed by the wealthy, ostentatiously and out of their excess.

Is this woman being presented as the victim of an unjust system that extracts from her what she cannot afford, as some commentators insist? Is the Markan Jesus presenting her as a model of discipleship who offers "her whole living" despite the exploitation? Is she refusing to be a victim by making her own choice to contribute despite the unconscionable behaviour of the Temple authorities? We may not need to choose just one interpretation from among the many. Every powerful story allows for multiple interpretations. It is clear that this woman's action provides a striking contrast to that of the scribes, like the action of another woman who, a little later in the story, breaks a precious jar and pours an abundance of healing ointment over the head of Jesus as he faces the prospect of death. As the gospel draws to a close, then, we find two stories of extravagantly generous unnamed women, stories told in memory of their gospel foolishness.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: 1 Kg 17:10-16

Second: Heb 9: 24-28 **Gospel:** Mk 12:38-44

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Dan 12:1-3

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

