



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.

31ST OCTOBER 2021

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH

Welcome

We look forward to welcoming more of our community into the church as we return to 75 (Buninyong) and 90 (Ballarat East) people being able to attend mass.

Please allow extra time to Qr code prior to mass when needing to show your vaccination status, if not already provided to the parish.

We thank our Covid Marshalls for their ongoing support in this ever changing time.

Parish Office & Presbytery:

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Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am till 4.00pm

Liturgy Online:

- ☐ 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

Masses during the week

St Alipius' Church for 20 people

Weekday masses will be held Monday, Tuesday
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
this coming week.

Preregistration is compulsory.

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 put on hold at this stage.

Ss Peter & Paul's Church,

Buninyong for 20 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 1. will be on this week.

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Juliana Aguilar (P), Bert Cancio (P), Julia Marquez (P), Roger Pecto (P), Steve Martin, June Auchettl

Anniversaries: Eris Blood, Marg McGuigan, Isabel Kamus, Fr Urro Gotri OSJ

Unwell: We pray for Peter Begbie, Peter Kelly, Betty McGarry, Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Angie De Run (Malaysia), Peter Saunders, Seamus McGettigan, 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)



Charlotte and Zane Carter
Children of Angela and James

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



Catholic Mission Month

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

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>

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

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Australian Immunisation Register can post immunisation history statements for those having difficulty accessing a digital copy (it may take up to 14 days to arrive). Phone 1800 653 809, Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm. Officeworks are offering to downsize and laminate vaccination certificates for \$4.00. You need to provide a copy of the printed certificate.



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

On Tuesday evening our Parish Pastoral Council came together to meet and to begin discernment on the Parish and its present and future direction.

A special thank you to Cathy Prunty for taking on the role of Chair of the Council.

In the coming weeks our Council will be providing you with more feedback as they approach their commissioning on November 28th 2021.

Mass Attendance / Bookings

Come the beginning of November the number of people able to attend the mass will increase to 90 in St Alipius and 75 in Ss Peter & Paul. As the numbers increase so too do the requirements on vaccination.

The parish will have additional Covid Marshalls and a member of our Parish Pastoral Council in attendance to support you all as you enter the church. Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office if you have any questions or concerns.

Mass Availability

From November 5th, the numbers able to attend Masses will increase significantly for those who are fully vaccinated. When someone's vaccination status is unknown, there is a limit of 20 people able to attend Mass. Aware that not everyone will be fully vaccinated, our parishes will offer one Mass during the week where no vaccination status will be required. Twenty people will be able to attend and it will be a requirement to book in with the respective parish. These Masses will commence on Monday November 8th

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



Parish Office

The Parish Office will be open Wednesday and Thursday this week from 10am to 3.30pm.

We thank you for your support

RCIA team Needs You!!

The first gathering for those interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith was held recently with eight enthusiastic and spirit-filled Inquirers meeting with the RCIA team.

If you would like to support these Inquirers through the Dismissal process we ask you to contact the Parish office on 53326611.

A Note of Thanks



The family of Kateri Byrnes have thanked our parish for prayers over more than a year while Kateri (now 15) was treated for an aggressive blood condition at the Royal Children's Hospital. After many complications, chemo and a bone marrow transplant Kateri is now home with her family and back at school.

Reflection on the Gospel-31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 12:28-34)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

In today's gospel reading we encounter a good scribe, while in next week's we find some not so good scribes. This seems to fit the pattern of the Markan gospel. There are faithful disciples and not so faithful disciples. There are honest Jewish leaders like Joseph of Arimathea and not so honest leaders like those who try to entrap Jesus. There are principled Romans like the centurion who witnesses the death of Jesus and not so principled Romans like Pilate who condemns him to death.

Goodness and fitness for the "kin-dom" or "empire of God" are never guaranteed, according to the Markan schema, by status or position or call or ethnicity or gender or by any other contingency of existence. Everyone has choices. For a Jew, the first and best choice is to love the God of Israel with one's whole being and then to love one's neighbour as oneself. Jesus and his questioner are agreed on that. Jesus is presented in today's gospel as a Jew who knows and observes the Law of Moses. He wins the respect of the scribe, a specialist in the Law, who has overheard him debating with the Sadducees.

Jesus recognises the sincerity of the scribe and takes seriously the question that this teacher of the Law puts to him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" He responds in the words of the "Shema Israel" from Deuteronomy 6, today's first reading. Love of God comes first. It is a love that derives from gratitude for God's liberating action in the lives of God's people. Israel has known the unconditional love of God. Those who know anything about human behaviour would probably agree that the experience of unconditional love engenders an increased capacity for love. For the Jews, including those who throw in their lot with Jesus the Jewish Galilean, to love one's neighbour is to keep the second commandment of Leviticus 19:18, "...you shall love your neighbor as yourself".

In first-century Judaism, love of God was expressed in worship and in the prayers and rituals of daily life. Love of others likewise found expression in action, not only in care of family and close friends, but also in support of "the poor and the needy and the stranger." To seek peace was also a feature of neighbourly love. To accept and follow such a program is to be, with the scribe, "not far from" God's kin-dom or empire. Contemporary sensibilities might lead us to include the other-than-human among the neighbours or "kin" we are called to love. If we learn to love the earth and all that inhabits it, the human community, the birds and the beasts, the plants and the soil, the sky and the sea, then these words of Jesus might truly find a home in our hearts: "You are not far from the kin-dom of God".

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Duet 6: 2-6

Second: Heb 7:23-28 **Gospel:** Mk 12:28-34

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: 1 Kg 17:10-16

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

