

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.

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

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

19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass in the Parish

This weekend mass will be able to be viewed through www.sapliturgy.net.au

This will be available for viewing by 7.00 pm Saturday.

**** This mass is recorded and can be celebrated at any time in your home ****

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

A Prayer for Wonder and Awe

God of wonders,
you show us your beauty in all created things.

Help us to pay attention:
to the taste of the ocean on our lips,
the warmth of the sun on our hands,
the song of birds in the morning and evening,
the fragrance of the earth after rain,
and to the star that guides us.

Creator God,
we stand in awe of all that you have made.
Fill our hearts with gratitude for every good gift,
great and small,
that feeds and forms us,
inviting and enabling us to become people who are
fully alive in your amazing grace.

Amen

In our prayers we remember.....

Recent Deaths: Zorka Frka, Sr Anne McMillan, John Walsh, Angelita Nob (P), Elena Alcancia (P),
Francisco Fortaleza (P), Juana Ebite (P)

Anniversaries: Damien van der Linden

Unwell: We pray for Betty McGarry, Bev Dawson, Valerie Reilly (UK), Anne D'Cruz (Singapore), Angie De Run (Malaysia), Peter Saunders, Juanita Rickard, Seamus McGettigan, Pat Hogan, Agnes Peters, Leticia Tanes, Brian (Jack) Patton, Ray, Kateri Byrnes, Ann Coswello, Heather Healy, Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, Letitia Simmons, and all who are unwell.



Social Services Sunday



On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent [2021/22 Social Justice Statement](#) – *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* – released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.

Parish News



Covid Updates

We thank you for supporting our parish community through this time, as we again close our doors for the coming week. Mass will be available to watch in your home each Saturday evening from 7pm.

Office

The Parish Office will be operating offsite during the Lockdown period. Please don't hesitate to contact the Office if you need support.

WWCC

We are currently reviewing and updating its Child Safety Documentation and Police Checks. If you are aware that your WWCC needs renewal we ask that you look into this as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact Bron in the Parish office if you require some support with this.

First Eucharist

We pray for all children who have prepared for their First Eucharist and are waiting to receive this Sacrament. The Parish, Schools and families will continue to work together in finding a path forward.

Parish Pastoral Council

We thank you for your time and patience. All applications are currently being read and reflected upon. Fr Jorge will be getting in touch with all applicants in the coming weeks.

Planned Giving

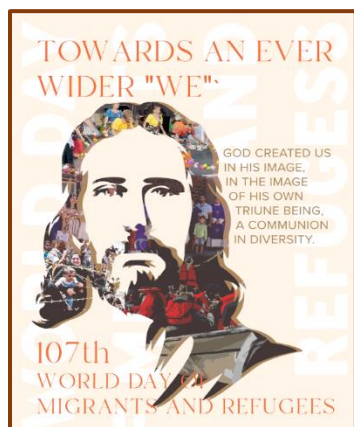
Should you wish continue our Planned Giving or contribute to the First Collection, please place your offering in an envelope into the mailbox near the front door of the Presbytery. Any queries regarding Planned Giving, please phone our Finance Officer Kerrie McTigue, on 53 312 933 or via email: ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

No figures are available this week.

We thank you for your continued Support



Migrant and Refugee Sunday



Pope Francis has chosen the theme, Towards An Ever Wider “We”, for the 107th World Day of Migrant and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Download the 2021 kit from the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office

<https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet>

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. Cycle 7, the last for 2021, begins October 10. Registrations are open now until October 1. The first Cycle for 2022 will begin on January 16. For more information go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurджа.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

Season of Creation September 1 – October 4, 2021



The Season of Creation is the time of year when the world’s 2.2 billion Christians are invited to pray and care for creation. This prayerful season runs annually from September 1 through to October 4 – the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The Season of Creation is dedicated to prayer, reflection and celebration of God as Creator. It also celebrates and reflects prayerfully on the gifts of creation and the mission given to us by God to care for creation and respond to its needs and crises today. This year our theme is ‘A Home for All? Renewing the oikos of God’ (one of the meanings for the ancient Greek word oikos is home). Oikos is a home for all but our common home, the Earth, is now in danger because of people’s greed, exploitation, disrespect, disconnection and systematic degradation. Resources to assist celebrate the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2021/>

Are You Called to be a Spiritual Director? A Pastoral Supervisor? Or a compassionate listener to others?

We invite you to a **Taster Session (via Zoom)**, on **Saturday 2 October 2021 at 9.30am-11am AEST** to explore whether one of these ministries may be for you. Come and experience in a facilitated group via Zoom: a) the Siloam Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors, b) the Emmaus Supervision Program, or c) Let the Heart Listen. Each of these courses is available in 2022 in-person (Covid-permitting) or via Zoom. To register for the free Taster event, please click the link on our home page at www.heartoflife.melbourne, or contact us at secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.



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. Lara Kirk, Marriage, Family and Relationships Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, reflects on “The Holy Family” <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Reflection on the Gospel-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Mark 9:30-37)

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Most of us have to admit to being like the disciples whom Jesus was trying to bring from blindness and ignorance to insight and understanding. Like them, we are often afraid to ask for explanations when we fear that we may not be able to deal with the responses we receive. We so often choose to live in denial. No matter how strongly Jesus insists that the way of the gospel will lead to his violent death, his closest followers persist in their refusal to accept the inevitability of suffering in the life of one who so openly challenges abuses of power.

More focussed on personal recognition and status, the “twelve” engage in a childish argument about who is the greatest among them. They are inside “the house” in Capernaum, the home of Jesus. They are understandably silent when Jesus questions them about the discussion they had “on the way”. They have much to learn and he needs their attention if they are to understand who he is and what it means to be his disciple. They need to learn that being first has nothing to do with seeking the limelight, with hierarchy or status, with power or adulation. It has everything to do with engaging in ministry without distinction or discrimination, with being “servant of all”. Like us, they have much to learn from “the way” itself, the path they tread through the land.

An engaging scene follows this discussion. They are “inside the house”, an open house where all are welcome. Jesus places a child in their midst. The child is unnamed. We might give this child a name so that she or he is a real person for us. Jesus seemingly gathers the twelve in a circle around him. Taking the child in his arms, he tries to show them that gospel leadership resides, not in privilege, but in the welcome offered to those whose voices are rarely heard and whose needs are frequently ignored.

Jesus, the suffering Messiah or Christ, actually identifies with a defenceless child, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me”. His identification with the defenceless is as intimate as his identification with God, “the one who sent me”. As a church, we might well hear today’s gospel story as a call to respond with compassion and justice to those who have suffered the indignity and injustice of abuse in their childhood. We might also hear it as an invitation to listen to the cry of our sisters and brothers who continue to seek the dignity and justice that belong to all of God’s people. We think especially at the moment of those who suffer at the hands of the Taliban in Afghanistan. It is time for us to remember that whoever welcomes even one of these into our homeland in the name of the Christ is truly welcoming the suffering Christ.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Wis 2:12, 17-20

Second: James 3:16-4:3 **Gospel:** Mk 9: 30-37

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Num 11:25-29

Second: James 5:1-6 **Gospel:** Mk 9: 38-43,45,47-48

