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OPEN TUE, THU, FRI
9.00 AM – 1.00 PM

17 July 2022

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Martha welcomes those who share
faith in Jesus*

St Alipius parish

ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarateast/

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday 9:30 AM
Saturday 6.00 PM

Sunday 9.00 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th)
10.30 AM (2nd & 4th)

Rosary and Divine Mercy in presbytery
after 9.30 AM mass

Ss Peter and Paul's

Sunday 9:00 AM (2nd & 4th)
10:30 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th)

Mass and prayer resources

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Counting team 3 this week
Counting begins at 9:30 AM

WE PRAY FOR

Recent death: Jeremy Bride

Anniversaries: Nola Nolan, Jason
Luke Duck

Unwell: Peter McLachlan, Remy
Bourke, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall, Betty
McGarry, Anne D'Cruz (Singapore),
Peter Saunders, Ray, Heather Healy,
Peter Martin, Margie Wilmott, Letitia
Simmons, and all who are unwell.

*Our parish is committed to the safety,
well-being and dignity of all children
and vulnerable adults.*

*We acknowledge the traditional
owners and custodians of this land,
and we pay our respects to Elders
past, present and emerging.*

Parish Priest

Fr Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Parish Coordinator

TBA

Parish Pastoral Council Chair

Cathy Prunty

Finance Officer

Kerrie McTigue

Finance Chair

TBA

Child Safety Officer

Emely Clarke

Liturgy Coordinator

David Santamaria

Liturgy Online

www.sapliturgy.net.au

Funeral Ministry

Carmel Flynn
stalipiusfuneral@gmail.com

THE COMBINED
COMMUNITIES OF ST ALIPIUS
PARISH REACH OUT IN THE
SPIRIT OF FAITH, HOPE,
LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE, AS
GOD CALLS US TO IN THE
GOSPELS.



PARISH COORDINATOR

Applications are currently being sought for the position of Parish Coordinator. This is a part-time position that ensures the effective operation of the Parish Office. The role will also involve coordination with all the schools within the parish for the implementation of the sacramental programs designed by the Diocese. Please refer to the Parish website for further information:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarat-east/

Applications including a cover letter, resume, addressing the Key Selection Criteria and including the names of 2 referees close on Friday 22 July.

LITURGY ROSTER

Can all those who are or would like to be involved please sign up for the August to October liturgy roster in **one** of the following ways:

- Complete a paper survey from the St Alipius foyer and put it in the mail slot at the Presbytery front door.
- Visit www.sapliturgy.net.au and follow the instructions on the front page or the 'Liturgical Ministries' tab to
 - a. fill in the Availability webform or
 - b. self-populate the online roster or
 - c. fill in the "Join our dynamic team of liturgical ministers webform.

The Parish Ministry Team thanks everyone involved for your wonderful contribution to our celebrations of the Eucharist each weekend.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The program for the preparation of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and **First Eucharist** will be run during Term Three. An **information session**, which is compulsory for all families, will be held **on Wednesday 3 August at St. Alipius Church**. This session will be run twice on this day, so parents/guardians will have the option of attending at 10.30 AM or 7 PM. All relevant information will be shared at these sessions. To attend this information session, you will be required to have enrolled your child in the program via the link available on the Parish website or provided by local schools. When completing the enrolment form for this program, you will be asked to indicate which information session you will be attending.

RCIA

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptised?
- was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of church and prepare individuals to become Catholics. There are separate sessions for children or youth.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.



For information, please contact the parish office to make an appointment with Fr. Jorge De Chavez OSJ. Ph: 5332 6611 or email ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Liturgy Committee

St Alipius Presbytery, Tuesday 19 July, 5:30 PM

Parish Pastoral Council

St Alipius Presbytery, Thursday 21 July, 6:30 PM

Ordinations to the Priesthood

Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry
St Patrick's Cathedral, Friday 22 July, 7:00 PM
Live stream: <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

Thanksgiving Mass – Fr Matt Restall

St Alipius, Saturday 23 July, 11:30 AM

OUR DIOCESAN COMMUNITY

The first edition of Our Diocesan Community for 2022 has been published. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The parish is about to commence a training program for people who want to be Altar Servers at either church. Children and adults who have received the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to register for training, which will be held on at St Alipius Church on the 1st Wednesday and Saturday each month, commencing 3 August:

- Wednesday 4.00 PM – 4.45 PM or
- Saturday 10.00 AM – 10.45 AM

For children under 16, a parent or guardian will need to attend the 1st session. Adults who have a current Working with Children Card or Teacher Registration are most welcome to be involved in altar serving and attending the training sessions.

Please email (ballarateast@catholic.org.au) or phone the Parish Office (5332 6611) to register your name, phone number and the session you will attend.

GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

On Sunday 24 July the 2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated throughout the Universal Church. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "In old age, they will still bear fruit", Psalm 92:15.

NEW PRINCIPALS

Fr Jorge would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the appointments of two new principals in our parish schools. Emily Clarke, who has been in the role of Interim Principal at St. Alipius, has been appointed to this role in an ongoing capacity. Ethan Corfee, currently principal at St. Michael's in Daylesford, has been appointed as Principal at Emmaus, where he was previously a Deputy Principal. We congratulate both Emily and Ethan and look forward to working with them in the parish.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to our stewardship program. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Collection basket (Presbytery and Priest support) – **\$993.00**

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits (Parish – buildings, office, administration, grounds maintenance) – **\$3,040.00.**

For any queries or concerns, or should you wish to join our Stewardship Program to support our parish, please contact our Finance Officer Kerrie on 5331 2933 or email ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

ONLINE PROGRAMS

The Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation in Malvern is offering the following via Zoom:

Mindfulness and Meditation

Saturday 30 July, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Conducted by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director, and social worker. Bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within oneself. Cost \$50. Book and pay by 25 July – www.heartoflife.melbourne

Gently Integrating our Shadow-side Toward Wholeness

Saturday 6 August, 1.00 PM – 4.30 PM. Led by Kaye Twining, BTheol, Grad Dip Spir Dir, MA, this session offers an understanding of wholeness, true self and shadow-side and includes a reflective practice for gently integrating our shadow-side toward wholeness. Cost \$50. Book and pay by 29 July via - www.heartoflife.melbourne. For further details, email office@heartoflife.melbourne or call 9890 1101.

This weekend we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Jeremy Albert Brett Pinfold

Son of Alicia Eve and Jason Brett

Luna Jane Smith

Daughter of Chelsea and Joel

The church gives faith to your children through Baptism, and you have the task to make it grow.

Pope Francis

VOLUNTEERS IN BROOME



The Diocese of Broome, Western Australia, www.broomediocese.org urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of at least 6 months. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please call Janet Ryan, Volunteer Coordinator. Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service on 08 9192 1060 or email volunteers@broomediocese.org.

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

16 Sunday Ordinary Time Year A: Luke 10:38–42

The story of Martha and Mary has been interpreted fairly consistently over the centuries. Mary's silent contemplative pose at the feet of Jesus has been affirmed while Martha's action-oriented focus has been seen as a less desirable stance. To be a "Mary" is to "choose the better part". To be a "Martha" is to be "anxious and distracted about many things". Some interpreters have re-evaluated this reading of the Martha-Mary story. They have drawn attention to the many voices that inform the gospels and have suggested that this particular text reflects a struggle in early Church communities over the role of women in leadership and ministry. One voice in the text comes from those who want to downplay the initiative of women like Martha and to affirm the silence of women like Mary. The same voice functions to pit the two women against each other and to cast Jesus in the role of arbiter between them, approving Mary's choice against Martha's. This voice has had the effect of creating a false dichotomy and of reducing the women characters to exemplars of active ministry on the one hand and of quiet contemplation on the other. In other words, the negative judgement of Luke's Jesus reflects

the views of a certain group in Luke's house churches rather than the words of Jesus of Nazareth.

Martha is a generous host

A more women-friendly voice sees Martha as the householder who welcomes or receives Jesus into her household church. This is possibly the voice of a circle of women disciples who preserved memories of women like Martha and Mary in less divisive ways. For these women disciples, Martha is a generous host who draws on earth's resources for the sake of the community. She welcomes those who share faith in Jesus and who listen to his words, among them her sister Mary. The designation "sister" does not necessarily denote a blood relationship. Mary may be one among many sisters and brothers in faith who gather to hear the teaching of Jesus and to share Martha's hospitality. According to the narrator, Martha is "pulled in every direction" (*periespato*) by many ministerial tasks (*peri pollēn diakonian*). There is no indication in the Greek text that she is distracted, as the English



translation would have it. This is in contrast with the subsequent evaluative comments of the Lukan Jesus. The expression "anxious and troubled by many things" services a negative interpretation of Martha's exercise of leadership.

This story belongs within a broader Lukan canvas where women provide the model for leadership but are more often than not excluded from its exercise. This Lukan tendency is in contrast with ways that women are presented elsewhere in the gospels, especially in John's gospel. Pope Francis speaks of an integral ecology that calls us to both social and environmental justice (*Laudato Si'* ch.4). We sometimes forget that gender justice, which is at the heart of social justice, forms a constitutive part of an integral ecology.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENESIS 18:1–10

COLOSSIANS 1:24–28

LUKE 10:38–42

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENESIS 18:20–32

COLOSSIANS 2:12–14

LUKE 11:1–13