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OPEN TUE, THU, FRI
9.00 AM – 1.00 PM

24 July 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ask, and it will be given to you

St Alipius parish

ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Monday – Friday 9:30 AM

Saturday 9:30 AM and 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 4 this week

Counting begins at 9:30 AM

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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.

WE PRAY FOR

Recent death: Ernesto Mayo (P),
Sheila Foley, and Peter Saunders

Anniversaries:

Unwell: Peter McLachlan, Remy
Bourke, Waffa Ghali, Mary Hall,
Betty McGarry, Anne D'Cruz
(Singapore), 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

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World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022

WORLD DAY – GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2022

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. Resources are available at <https://catholic.org.au/grandparents>

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend a compulsory information session regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist, at St. Alipius' Church on Wednesday, 3 August at either 10.30 AM OR 7 PM. To prepare for this Sacrament your child must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and be in Year 4 or above. Preparation will take place during Term 3 and the liturgies where children will receive the sacrament will take place early in Term 4. Dates and further information will be made available at the upcoming information session. **To register your child (including registration for the information session) please go to the link on the St. Alipius Parish website:**

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

CARING GROUP INVITATION

The caring group is gathering At St. Alipius Parish Hall on 5 August Friday at 2:00 PM. Please bring a plate to share. All are welcome.

RCIC PROCESS

The parish will be holding an information session for those interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children, in the final week of this term. The date will be made available in the coming weeks, but people who have older children looking to complete the sacraments of initiation are asked to attend. This meeting will outline the process which will be run in a similar manner to that of the RCIA. Those who elect to be involved in this process will receive their sacraments next Easter. We would warmly welcome anyone who is interested to come along to the meeting, where we would hope to be able to answer any questions you may have.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Altar Server Training (45 mins)

St Alipius Church, Wednesday 3 August, 4:00 PM
Or Saturday 6 August, 10:00 AM

Parent information session for sacraments

St Alipius Church
Wednesday 3 August, 10:30 AM or 7:00 PM

Caring Group

St Alipius Parish Hall, 5 August, 2:00 PM

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Fathers Matthew Restall and Bill Lowrey who were ordained as priests of our diocese at St. Patrick's Cathedral, in a beautiful ceremony on Friday evening. Fathers Matt and Bill celebrated their thanksgiving masses at St. Alipius and St. James respectively on Saturday morning. We wish both well as they begin their pastoral ministry in parishes within the diocese.

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) – **\$1,274.00**

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits (Parish – buildings, office, administration, grounds maintenance) – **\$5,127.00.**

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

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

Matilda Maree Gerdtz

Daughter of Samuel Robert and Kathleen Maree

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.

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.

CAN YOU UNDERTAKE AN OVERSEAS MISSION?

Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. COVID challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with few other opportunities, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia which has engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.



Palms Australia

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these current opportunities: <https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/>

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance are provided to you during your time away.

Enquire online or call 0422 742 567 to discuss a placement to engage your skills. Register for a webinar on Monday 1 August at 7:00 PM for the chance to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians who were recently posted to work with them. The stories will inspire.

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

17 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 11:1–13

This Sunday's gospel offers three little cameos about praying and about God's generous giving. There are two teachings on prayer forming a frame around an enigmatic parable. In the first cameo, Jesus has finished praying and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first-century Jew might respond. He evokes the words of the Jewish blessing prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world. May God's kingship be established in your lifetime." Jesus calls God "father", a metaphor or image denoting the power of God over the potentially destructive power of the Roman emperor.

The prayer continues with an acknowledgement that bread, the fruit of the earth, is the gift of God: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." This is not a prayer for more than we need, but for just as much as we need. The final petitions in the prayer that Jesus teaches are for forgiveness of sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and for freedom from testing. We cannot live without "bread" just as we cannot live

without the peace of mind that comes from forgiveness and from the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial such as the present ecological crisis with all its demands for radical change.

God is with us in times of trial

The parable that follows has raised questions for interpreters. Is this parable about persistence or about avoidance of shame? These are two very different concepts, but both have been suggested as the motive for the sleeping neighbour's response to the friend in need and as the proper rendering of the Greek word *anaideia*. The literal meaning of *anaideia* is avoidance of shame. Avoidance of shame makes sense in a culture where one would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour who is unable to meet the demands of hospitality, especially where one could well find oneself in similar need some time. No one would dream of refusing such a request for help, whether for the sake of friendship or to avoid being shamed, not even those who let it be known that they



resent having to get out of bed in the middle of the night.

Persistence in prayer is a desirable quality but it has nothing to do with the parable of the friend in need who asks only once for "three loaves" and can expect to receive them. The translation "persistence" seems to derive from association with the repetition of seeking and searching and knocking, in other words with the sayings that form the third little cameo. Finally, Jesus draws on the experience of his listeners: if flawed disciples know how to give "good gifts" to their children, then they should not be surprised that those who ask for the Holy Spirit will receive this best of all gifts from God as they seek to renew the face of God's depleted Earth.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GENESIS 18:20–32
COLOSSIANS 2:12–14
LUKE 11:1–13

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 2:21–32
COLOSSIANS 3:1–5, 9–11
LUKE 12:13–21