

31 July 2022

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

See that you are prepared

St Alipius parish



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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 5 this week
Counting begins at 9:30 AM

WE PRAY FOR

Recently deceased: Con Britt,
Brian Charleston, Rohan Cosgriff,
Patrick Fitzpatrick

Unwell: Remy Bourke, Anne
D'Cruz (Singapore), Waffa Ghali,
Mary Hall, Heather Healy, Peter
Martin, Betty McGarry, Peter
McLachlan, Letitia Simmons,
Margie Wilmott, 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

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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.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend a compulsory information session regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist, to be held at St. Alipius' Church on Wednesday, 3 August at either 10.30 AM OR 7 PM. To prepare for these Sacraments 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 information session. **Visit the Parish website to register your child for the Sacraments and yourself for the information session.**

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 to attend.

RCIC PROCESS

The parish will be holding an information session for those interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC), 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 interested to come along to the meeting, where we would hope to be able to answer any questions you may have.

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.

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 small groups 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.

Participants are welcome to engage in the process with their questions, insights, and faith story in a warm accepting setting.



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

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Next Saturday, 6 August, after the vigil mass, Parishioners are invited to gather in the St Alipius Hall for an informal bring-your-own (BYO) dinner and social catch-up. All welcome.

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

Bring your own dinner/social catch up

St Alipius Parish Hall, Saturday 6 August, 7:00 PM

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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

Collection basket, Baptism and Funeral (Presbytery and Priest support) – **\$2,241.00.**

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits (Parish – buildings, office, administration, grounds maintenance) – **\$1,398.20**

For any queries or concerns, or should you wish to join our Stewardship Program to support our Parish, please phone 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:

Mila Grace Bux

Daughter of Hayley Jade and Tyler Jeffry

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

Pope Francis

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL

As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing, and homelessness support. Donations from our Parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

ORDINATION THANKS

Thank you to all who gathered at the Cathedral or joined the live stream, to celebrate the Ordination to the Priesthood for Fr William Lowry and Fr Matthew Restall. To the Ballarat Cathedral Parish volunteers and to all who assisted with the evening, including those who prepared the Cathedral, those who assisted with catering for the clergy before Mass, welcomers, ushers, and anyone who assisted in any way – your time and attendance before, after and during the Mass was very much appreciated by the Diocesan Liturgical

Commission. We pray for Fr Bill and Fr Matt as they begin their priestly ministry in our Diocese.

VINNIES APPEAL CONCERT

The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, 14 August at 2.00 PM at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

PEOPLE TRAFFICKING

30 July is the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC) World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. UNODC focus on the role of technology as a tool that can both enable and stop human trafficking. Find out more at <http://endht.org>. Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) needs to raise \$200,000 to sustain its many programs and to continue supporting victims/survivors of human trafficking. They receive no government funding. This year ACRATH needs funds to advocate, educate, contribute to change, support the victims/survivors, and build on work done through the pandemic. They ask for help to continue their important work and spread the message that 'PEOPLE ARE NOT FOR SALE!' by donating today via their website <https://acrath.org.au/donate/>.

VACANCY AT ST. JOHN OF GOD

St John of God Hospital has an exciting opportunity available for a dedicated and committed Pastoral Practitioner to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services to patients and clients. Applications close on 17 August. Position description and application details are available at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/.

CAN YOU UNDERTAKE AN OVERSEAS MISSION?

Palms Australia, which has prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, is looking for people to share their skills and mentor those with few other opportunities in church communities in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific. Current opportunities are posted here: <https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/>

Palms provides accommodation and a living allowance 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. Their stories will inspire.

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

18 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 12:13–21

Our tradition tells us that “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God” (Psalm 24). That does not stop some people from arguing over possessions or even killing for them. It never has. The invasion of Iraq in 2003 and the protracted conflict that ensued should have been a lesson to the world. The supposed weapons of mass destruction did not exist. There was much-coveted oil and that seems to have been the covert justification for an unconscionable invasion that cost countless lives. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be “rich toward God” or “rich in God” find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions, including the traditional lands of First Nations People, will simply be left, at life’s end, with a question: “To whom will this hoard belong?” The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God”.

Jesus is addressed as “teacher” and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is “teacher” rather than “divider”. He tells a hard-hitting story. He knows that

storytelling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law.

*The earth and all that is in it
belongs to God*

His story is about a landowner who is blessed with an abundant harvest. The estate manager as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the landowner inwards rather than out towards others and so “toward God”. First-person singular pronouns predominate: “What am I to do? I have no place.... I will do this... I will... I will... I will ...” The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second-person singular, “You fool...”, and by the divine judgment on the landowner’s self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today’s reading from the letter to the Colossians. Here, greed is simply idolatry,



worship of a false god (Colossians 3:5).

In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, reduce our ecological footprint and to acknowledge that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God’s people, not just to the privileged few. In refusing to “store up treasure” for our own selfish ends, we become forever “rich toward God”. This applies to nation-states as well as to individuals. We have some responsibility for what is done in our name, for the size and deployment of our foreign aid budget for instance. The command to “be on your guard, be ever vigilant” in this respect is a demand for gospel justice.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 2:21–32

COLOSSIANS 3:1–5, 9–11

LUKE 12:13–21

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WISDOM 18:6–9

HEBREWS 11:1–2, 8–12

LUKE 12:32–48