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▶ **ST ALIPIUS**
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OPEN TUE, WED, THU, FRI
10:00 AM – 1.00 PM

7 August 2022

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is no need to be afraid

St Alipius parish

ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

MASS TIMES

St Alipius

Monday – Funeral mass 10:00 AM

Wednesday, Friday 9:30 AM

Saturday 9:30 AM and 6.00 PM

Sunday 9.00 AM (1st, 3rd & 5th)

10.30 AM (2nd & 4th)

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 6 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

Recently deceased: Eileen Kennedy.

Anniversaries: Therese Maguire, Bill Maguire, Fr Ray Sales OSJ

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 the 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.



St Alipius
Parish Community

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

Emily Clarke

Liturgy Coordinator

David Santamaria

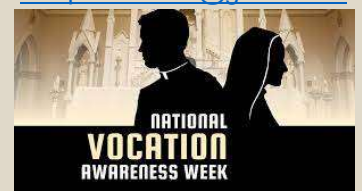
Liturgy Online

www.sapliturgy.net.au

Funeral Ministry

Carmel Flynn

stalipiusfuneral@gmail.com



SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

This 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 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.

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) – **\$1,090.00**

Envelopes, credit cards and direct debits (Parish – buildings, office, administration, grounds maintenance) – **\$378.00.**

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

CATHOLICCARE APPEAL

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families, and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief, and trauma. Your donation to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal supports the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax-deductible

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bring your own dinner/social catch up
St Alipius Parish Hall, Saturday 6 August, 7:00 PM

Fr Jorge on leave and retreat
9 August – 26 August

VOCATIONS AWARENESS

This Sunday throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week., coinciding with the feast of the country's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This week we affirm and pray for all the baptised who are uniquely called by God, and we acknowledge the Single Life, Marriage and Family Life and all Lay Ministries within the Church. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have created a webpage <https://catholic.org.au/vocations> that shares resources from other dioceses, religious institutes, vocations networks and other Catholic ministries.

VINNIES APPEAL CONCERT

The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, 14 August 2.00 PM – 4:00 PM at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. No booking is required. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

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

Eilja Lee and Joaquin Inigo Azanes
Sons of Lorie Joy and Percieval

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

CWL CONFERENCE

Members of the Catholic Women's League Victoria and Wagga Wagga, along with family and friends, are invited to attend the 2022 Annual Conference on Saturday, 20 August and Sunday, 21 August at Australian Catholic University in Fitzroy. Hear from Keynote Speaker Monica Doumit and others, while enjoying an opportunity to reconnect and refresh. Registration forms must be received by 12 August and are available via email cwlvicww@gmail.com. More information on the conference is available at www.cwlvicww.org.au/current-event/conference/.

ONLINE STUDY

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program has partnered with Dayton University to offer a low-cost (US\$50) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. The next cycle begins on 5 September. There are 37 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/, email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurджа.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au), or phone 5337 7121.

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/

AFRICA FOOD CRISIS

Drought and conflict in the Horn of Africa have left over 18 million people facing severe hunger. Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have devastated the crops of millions across the region. We must act now and "Make Hunger History." Your generous donation means our partners in countries like Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Eritrea can respond quickly to support vulnerable communities during this crisis. Visit www.caritas.org.au/food-crisis or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to donate now.



The advertisement features a photograph of a woman and three children in a room with sacks of grain. A red stamp in the top left corner reads "URGENT". The Caritas Australia logo is in the top right. A QR code is on the right side. At the bottom, the text reads "18 million people facing severe hunger" and "caritas.org.au/food-crisis" with a "Donate now" button.

ONLINE PLENARY DISCUSSION

ACRATH is hosting an online breakfast on Tuesday, 16 August at 8.00 AM to celebrate women leaders going forward from the recent Plenary Council. The breakfast will feature speakers Clare Condon SGS and Elizabeth Young RSM sharing their thoughts about the Plenary Council, with breakout room discussions to follow. More information is available at <https://acrath.org.au/join-acrath-for-breakfast/>

KNIGHTS OF SOUTHERN CROSS ANNUAL DINNER

The 22nd annual Archbishops' fundraising dinner to support the education of seminarians and priests will be held on Friday 19 August at 7:00 PM, at Moonee Valley Racecourse. Tickets are \$150. RSVP Carmine Miranda, ph. 0412 817 995 or email carmine@vicinsurace.com.au or Andrew Vaccaro, ph.0404 390 824 or email avaccaro@internode.on.net.

Reflection on the Gospel

Veronica Lawson RSM

19 Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: Luke 12:32–48

The longer form of today's gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as "little flock". He tells them not to be afraid. He is warning them against the paralysing effects of fear. God, their "father", has delighted in giving them the kingdom and they are to be generous in their turn. They are to sell their material possessions and give "alms" or, in a more accurate translation of the Greek original, they are to use their resources to engage in "works of mercy" (*eleēmosunē*).

Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: "Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also." The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery of the latter part of the gospel reading. Contrary to what some have argued in the past, the murderous slave master who cuts recalcitrant slaves into pieces can never be understood as a gospel image of God. In this problematic passage, the Lukan Jesus is engaging his hearers' experience of slavery in order to make a point about the

need for attentiveness to the demands of the gospel. The vigilant slave is said to be "blessed" or "happy" or "privileged". From a contemporary perspective, it seems strange indeed to speak of a slave as fortunate. As the story unfolds, we realise that the slave enjoys relative happiness in comparison with the fate of the other slaves.

He tells them not to be afraid.

The shorter form of the gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have been met with scepticism by its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is just not credible in a first-century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme violence than by mutuality of any sort. The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil all night as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and, if they are alert enough to perform this



function, there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal. The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement later in the narrative that he is among them as one who serves. They are invited to understand that something extraordinary is happening, even more extraordinary than the slave-master banquet scenario might suggest. God's way of being in the world is full of healing experiences and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses of the shorter reading shift to the image of the thief in the night. These verses are also about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WISDOM 18:6–9

HEBREWS 11:1–2, 8–12

LUKE 12:32–48

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JEREMIAH 38:4–6, 8–10

HEBREWS 12:1–4

LUKE 12:49–53