



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

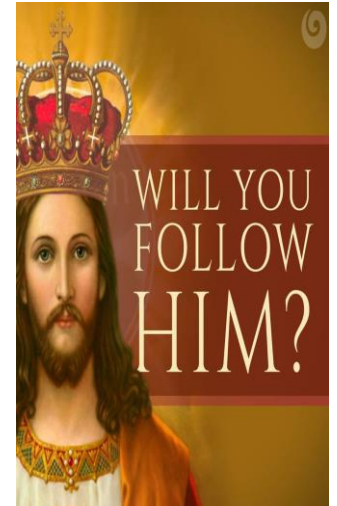
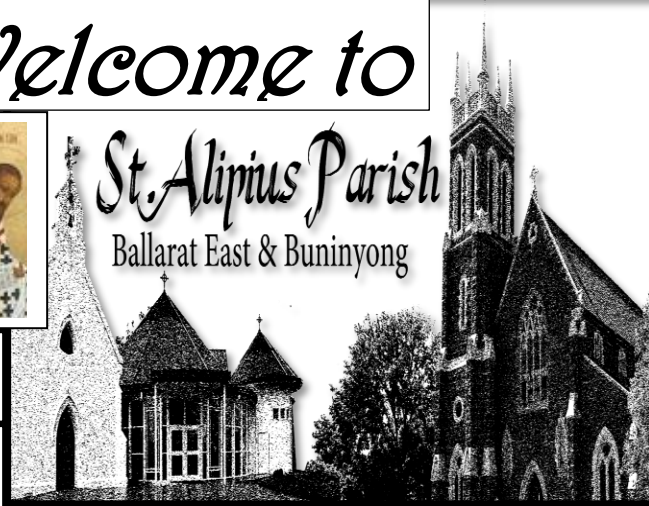
22TH NOVEMBER 2020

Welcome to



St. Alipius Parish

Ballarat East & Buninyong



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

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

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.

Parish Office & Presbytery:

- 84 Victoria Street
Ballarat East 3350
 - 5332 6611
 - ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au
- www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

Liturgy Online:

- www.sapliturgy.net.au
- sapliturgy@gmail.com

Parish Priest: Fr. Jorge Jr De Chavez, OSJ

Finance Officer: Kerrie McTigue

Finance Com. Chair: Paul Jans

Child Safety Officer: Roxanne Leed

Liturgy Coordinator: David Santamaria

Funeral Ministrv: Carmel Flvnn, Kathy Curran

Masses during the week for (20) attendees only

Registration Necessary

St Alipius' Church, Ballarat East

Monday to Saturday 9.30 am

Saturday Vigil 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am (1st, 3rd and 5th)

10:30 am (2nd and 4th)

(Registration by phone or online @ www.sapliturgy.net.au)

Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong

Sunday 9:00 am (2nd and 4th)

10:30 am, (1st, 3rd and 4th)

(Please ring Margaret McCarty 0423 208 286)

Mass Options and Resources for Prayer

Ballarat Diocese Website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

St. Alipius' Parish Liturgy Website:

www.sapliturgy.net.au

St. Alipius' Church is open from 9:30 am to

11:30 am Tuesday to Sunday

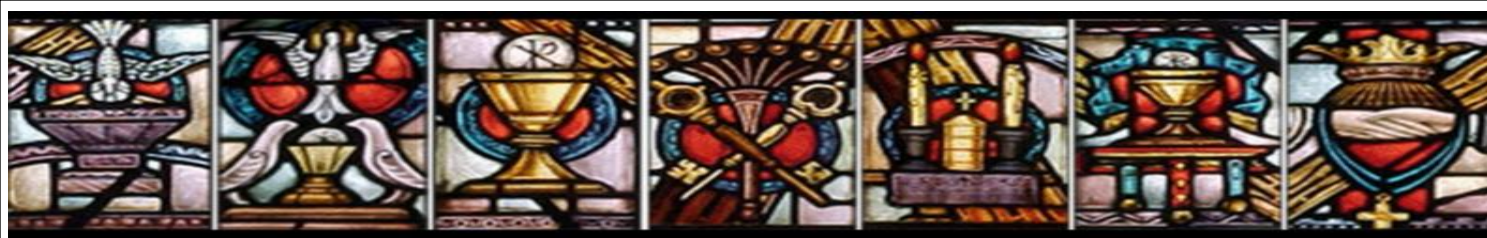


Prayer Intentions:

Recent Deaths: Sr. Kate McGrath

Anniversaries: Basil Maher, Lyn O'Brien, Rodolfo Lopez,
Una Williams, Tracy Howard

Unwell: We pray for Ann Coswello, Carmel Doherty, Heather Healy, Pat Hogan, Cathy Jones, Peter Martin, Letitia Simmons, Margie Wilmott, and all who are unwell.



St Alipius' Parish Worship arrangements

- Indoor religious gatherings: Allowed for up to 20 people, plus one faith leader. Outdoor 50 People allowed.
- ▶ When you attend Mass, please be aware that you will be required to maintain a 1.5m distance from other Mass attendees. However, family groups may sit together.
- ▶ While music may be played, we ask that you enjoy the music prayerfully (without singing).
- ▶ We also ask that, after Mass, you use the hygienic wipes or spray provided to wipe down your seat.
- ▶ Other members of our community are cleaning public touch areas.

These measures have been put in place as required by Covid-19 regulations and to safeguard your health.

Sacrament of Baptism: Families seeking baptism for their children are asked to contact the Parish Office to organize the date and time for preparation and celebration. We are allowed to have twenty (20) attendees.

Reconciliation: To avail the sacrament of reconciliation please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

• **Weddings:** up to 10 people outdoors, including couple and two witnesses, celebrant and one photographer excluded from cap

• **Funerals:** Indoors – 20 Attendees Outdoors – 50 Attendees
Infants under 12 months and people to conduct funeral not included in cap.

Liturgy Participation

Over the time of this pandemic we've all had a 'rest' from participation in the liturgical ministries at Mass. Many of us are still reluctant to return to public worship for a variety of reasons. Others may feel it's time to retire and have the younger parish members be more involved. As a Parish, we are in need of close to 100 people to be involved in the liturgical ministries. **We are currently down to less than 30 active people.** Consequently we do need more new people to become active in the liturgical ministries:

- Parents with school aged children in schools within the St Alipius Parish boundary (including Buninyong)
- Young adults who have graduated from secondary school in Ballarat, especially those from Damascus, St Patrick's or Loreto
- Adults who have moved into the Ballarat area and would be attending Mass at Ss Peter & Paul Buninyong or St Alipius Ballarat East
- Youth who are currently in Year 10, 11 or 12 at any Ballarat secondary school and are residing in the Parish of St Alipius

We, the Laity, have an important part in worship and parish life which now needs to blossom as we emerge from pandemic restrictions and live this 'new-normal' life as fully as we can.

If you can be involved in any way (Sacristan, Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Welcomer, Offertory Procession, Media Ministry, Music) please complete the Survey at sapliturgy.net.au or contact David Santamaria on 0427310564.

We thank those who have chosen to retire or rest at this time for all the weeks and celebrations you have undertaken liturgical ministry activities through your years of service.

We appreciate those who are continuing, renewed from the 'rest' brought about by Covid restrictions.

We encourage new people to join with us and take on roles of service to the community in worship and celebration of Mass.

David Santamaria
Liturgy Convener



St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

The St Alipius' Conference is most grateful for the support we receive from the parish as it enables us to continue assistance to those in need in the local area. This year the theme of our appeal is, "**SUPPORT FAMILIES THROUGH A CHRISTMAS LIKE NO OTHER**" and we invite you to join us in our challenge to "help provide food and financial aid to families at breaking point". **You can donate to our appeal via:**

1. Envelopes that are available at the side door of the Church. *Please write your name and address on the envelope so receipts can be issued.* Once completed envelopes can be posted through the letter slot near the front door of the Presbytery.

2. Online: Visit vinnies.org.au (to ensure that your donation is used locally type in Ballarat East in the "Comments/Conference Name" section in the final box on the second page of the online donation process.)

Comments/Conference Name (if applicable)

Please type your comment here



Serving Our Neighbours In Need



3. By phone 13 18 12 All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

St. Vincent de Paul. Calendars and Christmas Cards- Available

2021 Columban calendars (\$9.00) and Christmas cards (\$5 for packs of 5) are now available on table in the church. Envelopes are available for payment.

Advent Jesse Tree

This year there will be a change to the Jesse Tree donations at St. Alipius and Sts. Peter and Paul Buninyong. We have decided to assist those who are needy and alone. There will be a wishing well next to the tree and we would welcome donations instead of taking a card to purchase a gift. We will be supporting Kirralee Nursing Home, Berry St., Victoria House, Buninyong Lodge and St. Vinnies. We thank you in advance for your generosity

Christmas Day Take-away Lunch 2020

Due to the uncertainty of gathering in large groups for Christmas Day, OLHC Wendouree is offering a Christmas Day Take-away lunch. Bookings are essential. Please phone 0419 975 914. For those without transport, alternative arrangements can be organised.

Planned Giving

Due to the cancellation of Masses, should you wish to continue your Planned Giving or contribution to the First Collection, please put 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

St Alipius Parish collections last weekend: **Thank you very much!**

Envelopes \$ 513.00

Direct Debit \$ 470.0

Presbytery \$ 396.10



You are invited - Rosary Prayer
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Buninyong
every Thursday at 11:00 am in the side Chapel

Rosary Beads and prayer booklet available

Rosary beads and booklet are available on the table at the presbytery verandah (84 Victoria St. Ballarat East) feel free to help yourself and share to others.

JESUS CHRIST, OUR KING



Reflection on the Gospel

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (MAT 25:31-46)

Veronica Lawson

“It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of King.” These are the words of Pope Pius XI who established this feast between two world wars in the hope of counteracting the growing secularism “in public affairs and politics” and finding a way towards global peace. Peace would never be achieved, wrote Pope Pius XI, until and unless individuals and nations accept the “rule of our Saviour”.

In some ways, hope for the global reign of the Prince of Peace seems more remote than ever. The challenge of the so-called Islamic State in the Middle East, of Boko Haram in Africa and of the White Supremacist Movement in the United States have marked new low points in more than a century of violent and ongoing conflict which has claimed the lives of some 180 million people across the globe. COVID-19 has underscored the vulnerability to violence of those rendered poor by the prevailing inequitable economic system. From a Christian perspective, the world needs the sort of leadership that Jesus of Nazareth advocated in first century Palestine, the kind of leadership that Pope Francis is offering to our world.

The gospel for today provides a blueprint for Christian living in general and for leadership in particular. Matthew presents Jesus as both shepherd and sheep: as judge and king on the one hand and as a suffering human (“the least”) on the other. Works of mercy are the measure of justice or righteousness. Those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, and set the prisoners free are “the righteous/the sheep” who will inherit God’s empire or kin-dom and have life. Those who fail in these respects are the unrighteous/the goats who fail to recognise the presence of the shepherd/king in the suffering of “the least”. Why sheep and goats? While goats grazed with the sheep, they were never imaged as God’s people, somewhat unfairly, I suggest. “Sheep”, on the other hand, is a frequent biblical designation for the people of God’s fold.

This gospel story is replete with mixed metaphors. It is the gospel source of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy that have informed the Christian way of life for centuries. It focusses on suffering humanity. In proclaiming an eighth work of mercy, care for our common home, Pope Francis has asked us to expand our horizons and to extend our concern to the suffering of the whole Earth community, human and other-than-human.

The Feast of Christ the King brings the church year to a close. It invites us to consider ways to achieve the things that make for peace. If we wish God’s reign of peace to be realised on planet Earth, then we might heed the invitation of Pope Francis to care for our common home: to engage in “grateful contemplation of God’s world” on the one hand and in daily gestures that “break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness” on the other.

Readings for this week: Solemnity of Christ the King

First: Ezekiel 34:1-12, 15-17

Second: 1Cor 15:20-26,28 **Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

Readings for next week: First Sunday of Advent

First: Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

Second: 1Cor 1:3-9 **Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

