St. Aloysius' Redan St. James' Sebastopol St. Peter's Linton

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Year B Sunday 15th August 2021

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Next Week's Readings: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

The parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

The Victorian Government has announced that Churches are able to reopen with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square meters. Face coverings must be worn INSIDE the church at all Masses. A mass booking is required for each Mass.

Therefore the number for our Churches are as follows:

Sebastopol - 80 people

Redan - 35 people in the Church (we can have an extra 12 if we use the foyer and choir loft)

Linton - now has a capacity of 25 people (capped at 25 because your Church is less than 100 square metres)

Skipton - now has a capacity of 25 people

Snake Valley - now has a capacity of 25 people

St. Aloysius, Redan St. James, Sebastopol

Thursday 9.30am Friday 9.30am Saturday 5.00pm (from now till October) Sunday 10.30am

Sunday 9.00am

St Brigid's, Snake ValleySt Peter's, LintonSt John's, SkiptonSaturday 6.30pmSunday 9.00amSunday 10.30am

Recent Deaths: Les Fuhrmiester

Anniversaries: Donald Best, Sr. Ursula Caine rsm, Timothy Castleman, Jordan Denning, Jane Hall, Martina Hoogenboom, Joan Mahoney, Ivan Nester, Kevin Nester, Joy Nicholas, Tom Nolan, Paulis Pakavikas, Richard Saliba, Graeme Woodford

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Heather Healy, Gerard Hoogenboom, Constancio Laduan Sr., Lucas Mactingrao, Jonathon Rice, Louis Sykes, Sr. Patricia Vagg,

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with Parish Offices.

Combined Linton, Redan & Sebastopol Parish Finance Committee Meeting has been POSTPONED due to the Victorian lockdown and will now be held on Thursday 26th August at 5.30pm in the Redan Parish Centre.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, Thursday at 9am, all welcome.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation celebrations will take place at St Aloysius on the following weekends, **Aug 28th/29th, Sept 4th/5th and Sep 11th,** as we have a great number of children and only limited space, we ask if possible and if you are able, that you attend Mass at another church on these dates. We have kept about 20 places for those parishioners who cannot get to another church. We understand that this is an inconvenience but some of these children have been waiting over 12 months to celebrate this Sacrament. Thank you for your support and understanding. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Opportunity for Prayer at St James' - Wednesdays at 10.30am Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **Dates to Remember** - Parish Craft Group - Monday 16th August at 1.00pm Caring Group Meeting - Tuesday 17th August at 9.30am

Sacrament of Confirmation: This sacrament is offered to Baptised Catholics in Grade 3 and Grade 4 or older We welcome children and their families over the next 2 weekends for the preparation dismissal sessions.

- Sunday dismissals, Sunday August 15th & 22nd at 10.30am, St. James' Church
- Rehearsal date, St. James' Church, To Be Confirmed
- Celebrated on Saturday 28th August at 7.00pm Mass & Sunday 29th August, at 10.30am Mass, St. James' Church. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021.

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.' Matthew 28:16-20. The ethical and missionary implications of the Eucharist for the Church's communion of faith will always be incomplete while the poor go hungry, for "we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life without sharing bread for life with those in want". (Pedro Arrupe, "Address prior to Eucharistic Congress 1976", The Portal to Jesuit Studies, accessed 23 April 2021,

https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1976_arrupeeucharist/.)

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for August: Universal intention for evangelisation – the Church: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

"Mission: one heart many voices" Virtual Conference

Inspired by Jesus, this conference will focus on themes of encounter on the margins, inclusion, governance and synodality and challenge you to consider contemporary Mission in light of Pope Francis' teaching, witness and vision of liminal leadership in mission. The Conference is from September 1-3, 2021 and is being convened by Catholic Religious Australia in conjunction with Catholic Mission.

When and where: St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Glowery Room, September 1 to September 3.

Cost: FREE, Hosts: St Patrick's Cathedral Parish and Catholic Mission, Ballarat Diocese, Registration:

m.susan@optusnet.com.au, RSVP: Friday 28th August, 2021

The Parishes of St. Aloysius, St. James' & St. Peter's are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.