

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday 23rd July 2023

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Next Week's Readings: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

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

Parish Mass Times

St. Aloysius, Redan

Thursday 9.30am

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

St. Brigid's, Snake Valley

Saturday 6.30pm

St. Peter's, Linton

Sunday 9.00am

St. James, Sebastopol

Friday 9.30am

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths: Tony Cocoran, Beth Flynn, Elizabeth Quiddington

Anniversaries: Harry Beckers, Nellie DeBont, Thomas Dillon, Stanislaw Iwanowski, Catherine Merrick, John Murphy, Mary O'Neill, Maureen Phillips, Bernie Sculley, Tess Tartan, Mary Vaughan,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Shirley Mitchell, Sr. Marie Vagg, Annie Welsch

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 3rd August at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday, July 23, 2023 - "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk. 1:50) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Day is marked near the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Parishes, schools, agencies, aged care facilities and other ministries are encouraged to find creative ways to celebrate the contribution of older people to their families and communities. Resources to celebrate this day are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-sunday-july-23-2023/> "Dear God, bless our cherished grandparents with love, health and happiness. Thank you for the wisdom, care and unconditional love they bring into our lives. May our time together be filled with joy and precious memories. Amen."

Diocesan e-News - Read about news and events of the diocese in the latest edition of e-News
<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

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

This weekend we welcome back Fr. Bill Lowry to celebrate the weekend Masses at Redan and Sebastopol on his first anniversary. Fr. Eugene McKinnon will be in Warrnambool.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$485.00

Presbytery \$685.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, after 9.30am Mass Thursday
Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 3 – Confirmation - Baptised Catholics in Grade 3 and 4 or older - The parent meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Thursday 27th July at either 10.00am & 5.30pm. All information regarding the preparation and celebration will be given at this meeting.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$492.00

Presbytery \$422.00

Dates to Remember:

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 24th July at 4.00pm. All welcome.

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 2nd August at 7.00pm.

Caring Group Meeting - Tuesday 8th August at 9.30am.

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 3 – Confirmation - Baptised Catholics in Grade 3 and 4 or older - The Parent enrolment meeting, Tuesday July 25th at 5.30pm, St. James' Church Foyer (*please complete registration form, bring along child's baptism certificate & \$30 to cover the program*)

- Sunday dismissals, Sunday July 30, Aug 6th, 13th & 20th at 10.30am Mass

- Rehearsal on Friday 25th August at 10.15am & Celebration on Sunday 27th August at 10.30am Mass

Filipino Choir - Anyone interested in joining the choir please see one of the members regarding practise times.

St. James Feast Day (Tuesday 25th July)

St. James Parish School invites all parishioners and friends to attend the St. James Feast Day Mass on Tuesday 25th July at 9.15am. All welcome

An invitation is extended to all parishioners and friends to attend the annual lunch to celebrate St. James' feast day which will be held on Sunday 30th July at 12.00 (noon) following 10.30am Mass at the Flying Horse Bistro, Cnr Bell & Sutton Street, Redan. For booking purposes, please register your name and phone number on the form in the foyer to ensure you have a seat. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone for their prayers, thoughts, cards and phone calls during my recovery. It is very much appreciated. God bless Sr. Marie.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Parish of Saints Anne and Joachim, Sunraysia - Bishop Paul Bird CSsR **decreed** the establishment of a new parish in the diocese on July 1, 2023 – the Parish of Saints Anne and Joachim, Sunraysia. The newly established parish will comprise the territory that belonged to the parishes of Merbein (est. 1965), Mildura (est. 1906) and Red Cliffs (est. 1953). More information available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/parish-of-saints-anne-and-joachim-sunraysia/>

Mary Mackillop Heritage Centre and Museum Open Day: MMHC are holding an Open Day on Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Hourly tours from 10.00am. More information and bookings at

<https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-house-melbourne-at-mmhc/>

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study - The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins August 28. There are 41 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Scan the QR code for more information or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust - The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available at <https://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship>. Closing date is August 4, 2023