

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Sunday 10th September 2023**

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**Next Week's Readings: Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35**

*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:** Linda Hart, Gary Kropp

**Anniversaries:** Loretta Bumpstead, Elleen Davis, Teresa Jones, Paul Mahar, Violet O'Keeffe, Gerardine Ryan, Franciszka Stodolny, Kaz Zabinski,

**Please remember in your prayers:** Margaret Cooper, Constancio Laduan Sr., Maggie Mitchell, Shirley Mitchell, Jonathon Rice, Annie Welsch

**Centralised Baptism Preparation Session** will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 5th October at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

**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/>

**Safeguarding Sunday – September 10, 2023** - The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September -- at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. The following resources are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-sunday-september-10-2023/>

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.

**Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday** - Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard. We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

### **BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND - Collection for Sick and Retired Priests - Thank you**

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund". A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY.

**Shared Table** - For many years a number of Parishioners have been supporting this worthwhile project, began by Fr. Michael McKinnon in South America. From small beginnings we have been supporting children's kitchens, community gardens, bakery and feeding about 500 children a day. Our contribution of \$1 a week (\$52 a year) has enabled these efforts to continue. If you would like or are able to contribute to this effort please contact Sr. Marie for more information.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA** - For anyone interested from all our Parishes, there will be an information/enquiry meeting on Tuesday 12th September, 5.30pm in St Aloysius Parish Centre, Ripon Street Redan (between the school and Church). This meeting is for anyone over the age of 16 who is considering becoming a Catholic. This is the initial enquiry meeting, you will be given all relevant information, no commitment needs to be made at this stage. If you require further information please contact Bernadette at the St Aloysius Parish Office on 0455 212 123.

## **St. Aloysius' Parish Redan**

### **Collections for previous weekend**

**Parish \$642.00                      Presbytery \$875.00**

**Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius** - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, after 9.30am Mass Thursday **Sacrament of Confirmation** This weekend, we welcome the final group of children and their families who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. *We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen and guide them through-out their lives.*

## **St. James' Parish Sebastopol**

### **Collections for previous weekend**

**Parish \$617.00                      Presbytery \$293.00**

### **Dates to Remember:**

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 16th September at 9.00am.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - Monday 18th September at 4.00pm.

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

## **Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events**

**The Legion of Mary** will host a 'Day of Reflection' on Wednesday, 27 September 2023 to commemorate their 1001st Legion of Mary Meeting. Father John Corrigan of Mildura, will be the Keynote Speaker for the day. All members of the Legion of Mary Family, active, auxiliary and past members, including parishioners from all Parishes of Ballarat, are cordially invited to join us in celebrating this milestone that the Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium, Ballarat, has achieved. The day will start at 9.00 am and conclude at 3.15 pm.

**Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4, 2023** - Every year from September 1 - October 4, Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. Resources for the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>