

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

## The Ascension of the Lord

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**Sunday 21st May 2023**

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**Next Week's Readings: Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39**

*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:** Anne Church, Theresa D'Orsa

**Anniversaries:** Gerard Britt, Rodney Coady, Michael Everard, Eugene Grigg, Terry Grigg, Margaret Kelly, Constancio Laduan Jr., Jim McEldrew, Leo O'Connor, Jack Ryan, Jan Verberne, Beryl Wheeler, Johanna Wilson,

**Please remember in your prayers:** Margaret Cooper, Nellie deJong, Constancio Laduan Sr., Peter Kavanagh, Lucas Mactingrao, Shirley Mitchell, Jonathan Rice, 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 1st June at 10.00am & 5.30pm** Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer: May 21-28, 2023** - The theme for the 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Do good; seek justice." (Isaiah 1:17). The Australian context for this theme is, "Learn to do good - Seek justice - Rescue the oppressed - Defend the orphan, plead for the widow". **Prayer for the Week of Christian Unity** - *God of justice and truth, we seek your guidance to embody the prophet's call to do good and to seek justice. May we grow with the courage and compassion of Christ, and walk in the way of peace and reconciliation. May God's Spirit enliven and embolden us to stand in solidarity with others until all are treated with dignity and worth. May our holy living be a foretaste of the mercy and blessing of the reign of God. Amen* Further information and resources are available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/about-faith-unity>

**The Annual Diocesan Mass Count takes place over four weekends in May. Counting started last weekend (6-7 May) and continues each weekend until the end of May.**

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.

**Laudato Si' Week: May 21-28, 2023** – Globally, Catholics are celebrating *Laudato Si'* Week, which will take place from May 21 - 28. The theme for the 2023 *Laudato Si'* Week is "Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity". This annual celebration allows us to commemorate the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' historic encyclical, *Laudato Si': "On the care of Creation"*, and to reflect on the progress we have made in protecting our common home. **Common Prayer for the 8th Anniversary of Laudato Si' - Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them, you created us in your own image and made us stewards of all your creation. You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished. Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation. Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it. May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need. Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind. Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true conversion of heart. Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic. Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good. Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected and interdependent. Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world. Under the loving gaze of Mary, Help of Christians, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**Collections for previous weekend**

**Parish \$659.00**

**Presbytery \$1025.00**

**Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius** - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, after 9.30am Mass Thursday

**Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 2 – Eucharist** This weekend, we welcome the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Eucharist program over the next four weeks and will be celebrated at Parish Masses on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th June, Sunday 11th June and Saturday 17th June  
*Please keep the children and their families in our prayers.*

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

**Collections for previous weekend**

**Parish \$403.00**

**Presbytery \$298.00**

**Dates to Remember:** St Vincent de Paul Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 22nd May starting at 2.30pm with afternoon tea for Charlie Armeni followed by meeting at 3.30pm. All welcome.

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 7th June at 7.00pm

Liturgy Group Meeting will be held on Friday 9th June at 10.15am

**Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 2 – Eucharist** - This weekend, we welcome the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Eucharist program over the next two weeks and will be celebrated on Sunday 4th June, at 10.30am Mass. *Please keep these children and families in your prayers.*

**Plan Giving Envelope #8 - Please contact either Bryan Goble or Pauline in the Parish Office. Thank you.**

**Save the date - Plant Sale at the end of October.** If you wish to donate small pots please see Joe Martinovic for more details.

**Notice of an Application for Planning Permit (Service station on corner of Albert & Vale Street)** - see foyer noticeboard for details.

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

**Catholic Education Week 2023** - will be celebrated from May 21-26, 2023. The theme for this year is "Grace is the gift of God's presence in our lives". More information is available at

<https://dobcel.catholic.edu.au/news/catholic-education-week/>. *We give thanks to God for our diocesan schools. Send your spirit upon all involved in catholic education. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life. Amen.*

**The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"** commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. See flyer on the noticeboard.