

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year A

Sunday 14th May 2023

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon

Next Week's Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

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: Winifred Goerke-Stewart

Anniversaries: Anne Bond, Franciska Adamsons, Eileen Cullen, Tom Flynn, Veronica Hayes, Stan Mahar, Dorothy Nolan, Marlene Odlum, Eufemia Puyaoan, Lauretta Tancredi, Kathleen Vagg,

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.

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need: May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us: May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who have separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict: May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day - we wish all the Mums in our community a happy Mother's Day and hope you have the opportunity to spend the day surrounded by the people you love.

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.

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.

World Communications Day: May 14, 2023 - The Church in Australia marks World Communications Day on the Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 14 this year. Pope Francis' message for the Day is titled 'Speaking with the heart: The truth in love'. Access Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day and resources at <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/World-Communications-Day-2023>. Words from Pope Francis: "*Listening without prejudice, attentively and openly, gives rise to speaking according to God's style, nurtured by closeness, compassion and tenderness. We have a pressing need in the Church for communication that kindles hearts, that is balm on wounds and shines light on the journey of our brothers and sisters.*"

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$654.00

Presbytery \$1006.00

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.

Thank you - Thank you to our wonderful Caring Group who have organised chocolates for the Mother's to take home after Masses today. *We pray for all women who play a mothering role and that they will be sustained in their care of their children and loved ones.*

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$750.00

Presbytery \$501.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St James' - Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We wish to thank Irene & Roma for their dedication, faith and ministry to Adoration for many years. Wishing God's blessing on you both.

Dates to Remember: Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 20th May at 9.00am

St Vincent de Paul Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 22nd May starting at 2.30 with afternoon tea for Charlie Armeni followed by meeting at 3.30. 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 *Please keep these children and families in your prayers.*

Sunday dismissals, May 21st & 28th at 10.30am, Rehearsal date, Friday June 2nd at 10.15am and the

Celebration on Sunday 4th June, at 10.30am

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

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

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

National Families Week Australia: May 15-21, 2023 - A Blessing for Families - Heavenly Father, please bless our families with Your everlasting love. Give our families strength to overcome hardship and difficulties. Give our families courage to admit our faults and forgive others. Give our families joy to live life to the full and spread our joy to others. May all families find comfort, support and guidance under Your loving care. Amen. <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28, 2023 - Resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are available from <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>

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.