

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday 16th July 2023

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Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-30

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: Flora Brennan

Anniversaries: Wanda Biala, Colin Birks, Danny Cashin, Millicent Chatham, Mena Heagney, David Grisinger, Corazon Laduan, Marie Ann McEldrew, Fred Mellington, Patrick O'Neil, Nellie Ross, William Patrick Smith, Dinny Sullivan,

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.

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 July – For a Eucharistic Life: *We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and be opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters. Lord, hear us.*

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.

Redan Presbytery Working Bee - Joe would like to thank the following men who put their hand up for gardening at Fr. Eugene's residence. Ted Connellan, Kevin Brady Bryan Goble and two young boys (Caleb and Emmett) from up the road that Fr. Eugene bribed with a dozen eggs. But don't forget Fr. Eugene himself, he got stuck into clearing weeds off the long gravel path and helped spread a ute load of Eucy mulch before he had to attend to his pastoral care. Many thanks to everyone. I'm looking forward to recommence in Spring about once a week for an hour only.

Parish Office Closures – The Redan Office will reopen on Wednesday 19th July.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

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

Stewardship Program - If you would like to consider giving to the Parish on a regular basis, there are pledge cards that can be filled in and returned on the giving plate at any Mass. We are also updating our Parish Census, if you are new to the Parish and would like to register your details, census cards are also available in the foyer. Could those parishioners who have been generously giving through Direct Debit and Credit Card please check that you have informed the office if you have a new card, our records show that a number of them have expired.

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 \$523.00

Presbytery \$551.00

Dates to Remember: Sacramental Team Meeting - Tuesday 18th July at 3.45pm

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

Sacrament of Baptism - This Sunday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism, Francis Allen Cork, son of Damien and Louise.

"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." - Pope Francis.

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

Stewardship Program - New envelopes for the next 12 months are available for collection in the foyer. If you would like to consider giving to the Parish on a regular basis, there are pledge cards that can be filled in and returned on the collection plate at Mass.

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

Fr. Bill Lowry's first anniversary Mass will be held at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 23rd July with morning tea to follow in the foyer. Could you please bring a plate to share. Thank you.

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/>