

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 31st July 2022

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon

Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

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: Benjamin Paul Ray, Keith Ridsdale

Anniversaries: John Everard, Charles Farrugia, Carmel Grono, Len Kent, Jim Lamb, Alan Maher, Sr. Margaret Maloney rsm, Vincent O'Neil, Albert Roleff, James Ryan, Christopher Schaper, Patrick Walker, Aileen Wickson,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Nellie deJong, Constancio Laduan Sr., Cath Kavanagh, Peter Kavanagh, Lucas Mactingrao

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 4th August 2022 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with Parish Offices.

New Parish Appointments - Following the ordination of Fr Matthew Restall and Fr William Lowry, effective from August 4, Fr Matthew will become Assistant Priest in Saint Paul VI Parish, Wimmera-Mallee, and Fr William will become Assistant Priest in Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast. At the same time, Fr Jim McKay, currently Assistant Priest in Saint Paul VI Parish, will become Assistant Priest at the Ballarat Cathedral.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeals - St. James & St. Aloysius - As winter has set in many vulnerable families are experiencing difficulties with paying power bills and buying healthy food. Our conference has been and will be assisting families with some bills, providing food vouchers and supplying bedding. Parishioners can assist by donating money (envelopes are available in the church), donating toiletries and non-perishable food, blankets and linen (baskets are in the foyer). Thank you to all for your continuing assistance for the society's "good works".

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.

A huge thank you to all involved in preparing the Church for Fr. Bill's thanksgiving Mass last Saturday week. Also to the Redan's Caring Circle and Sebastopol's Caring Group who catered for the lovely morning tea.

Linton Parish

At the recent Combined Linton, Redan & Sebastopol Parish Finance Committee Meeting it was decided to sell St. Mary's Smythesdale. The sale of the Church will be in the hands of a real estate agent and the auction will be July 30.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$384.00

Presbytery \$681.00

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 children who are preparing for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The celebrations will be held in St Aloysius church at the following Parish

Masses. **Saturday 27th August - 5pm, Sunday 28th August - 9am, Saturday 3rd September - 5pm,**

Sunday 4th September - 9am (with an extra Mass at 2pm on Sunday 28th August)

Caring Circle: This group will meet in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 3rd August at 1pm, new members welcome

Volunteers required: We are seeking anyone who would be able to take communion to those who cannot get to Mass. You will be required once a month on a day and time that is convenient for you.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$556.00

Presbytery \$306.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St James' - Wednesday at 10.30am Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Dates to Remember:

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 3rd August at 7.00pm

Caring Group Meeting - Tuesday 16th August at 9.30am in the foyer. All welcome

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 22nd August at 4.00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: This weekend we welcome the children and the families who will be preparing and working their way through the Confirmation program over the coming weeks. Celebration on Sunday 28th August, at 10.30am Mass. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

St. James' Feast Day Celebrations - Thank you to our Parish School for the lovely St. James feast day mass which was held on Monday along with the delicious morning tea in their beautiful newly renovated school.

Volunteers required - we are seeking anyone wishing to fill the role of sacristan please contact Pauline or Fr. Eugene. You will be rostered on once a month and trained to open the church and set up for Mass.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Vinnies Winter Appeal – *Ballarat City Brass Band Concert* presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Gold coin donation, all proceeds go to the Appeal.

Ballarat Interfaith Network Forum – are hosting a forum, "Death, Sanctity of the Human Body and Organ Donation" to be held on Sunday, July 31, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. To register your attendance please phone 0400 650 234. Masks are recommended. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons – July 30 - This year the UNODC will focus on the role of technology as a tool that can both enable and stop human trafficking. Find out more at <http://endht.org>. This year ACRAH needs funds to advocate, educate, contribute to change and support the victim/survivors, building on work done through the pandemic. We ask you to help us to continue our important work and spread the message that 'PEOPLE ARE NOT FOR SALE!' by donating today via our website <https://acrath.org.au/donate/>. We receive NO government funding so your donation

Pastoral Practitioner vacancy at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat - The hospital has an exciting opportunity available for a dedicated and committed Pastoral Practitioner to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services to patients and clients. Position description and application details are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. Applications close August 17.