

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23rd August 2020

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Next Week's Readings: 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time - Jeremiah 20:7-9, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

The parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

The Parish Offices will remain closed under Stage 3 restrictions. Bernadette will continue to work via email and phone. For all enquiries: please contact Redan Parish on 0455 212 123.

Pauline will continue to work via email and phone. For all enquiries: please contact Sebastopol Parish on 0428 699 624.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Stage 3 restrictions have been re-introduced in regional Victoria effective from August 5, 2020. The restrictions will apply until September 13. All updates are also on the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Recent Deaths: Noel McNulty

Anniversaries: Jessie Downing, Maureen Everard, Sr. M. Genevieve rsm, James Hevey, Sr. Barbara Lemke rsm, Nora O'Connor, Owen O'Donoghue, Maria Reynen,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Winifredo Ferrer, Heather Healy, Constancio Laduan Sr., Corazon Laduan, Lucas Mactingrao, Joe Martinovic, Kevin Orchard, Rodolfo Puyaoan, Louis Sykes, Leonie Street, Sr. Patricia Vagg

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan & St. James' Parish Sebastopol

St. Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal Thank you

St. Vincent de Paul, St. James Members wish to acknowledge and thank all the local Parish Community for their generous support to our annual Winter Appeal through phone enquiries and how to donate on line for this local area, due to Covid 19. Receipts are being issued for the envelopes left at the Church. Many thanks for helping us to help others in need. Enquiries Anne 0409 547 953

St. Peter's Parish Linton

It is our intention to continue combining this bulletin into the future. If you have any notices that you wish to include please email them to redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Links to online Masses in the Diocese:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat: Mass livestreamed daily at 11.30am can be viewed live on Patrick's Cathedral facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9> or watched later on the St Patrick's Parish website stpatscathedral.weebly.com

Cancellation of Chrism Mass for 2020

Bishop Paul has advised parishes by email this morning that the Chrism Mass has been cancelled for 2020 due to the coronavirus restrictions which do not allow for large gatherings. We look forward to celebrating this mass on the Monday of Holy Week in 2021

Damascus College Information Webinars & Virtual Tours for 2022 Commencement

Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Webinars on Wednesday, September 9 at 5.00pm and Tuesday, October 20 at 6.30pm. The Information Webinars are a great way for prospective families to learn more about Damascus College. Guided Virtual Tours are held fortnightly on a Thursday at 9.00am. To register, please go to <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us> You will be sent an online link the day prior to the event.

Social Justice Statement 2020-2021

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-2021, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it's in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever. **Discernment Papers:** The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The

National Plenary Facilitation Team will soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of August we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal?** *The Church, founded by Jesus Christ, is a forum of welcome to “the great multitude from every tribe, tongue and nation”. This biblical image invites us to imagine anew the ways in which the diversity of unique gifts can contribute to an organic and authentic common building of the Church. This is especially crucial in Australia, where the Church is manifest in the great multitude of ecclesial expressions from East and West. The words that St John Paul II spoke particularly to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples may be applied to all Catholics in Australia: “the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.”* Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Read the discernment paper at

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-2.pdf>. Visit the Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal theme’s page at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/inclusive/>.

Plenary Council Discernment papers now available in audio format: The Diocese of Bathurst has taken the discernment papers to another format, recording audio versions to help with the reception of the documents. All six discernment papers have now been recorded and can be accessed on the Plenary Council website <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>

Next step on Plenary Council journey: As part of the ongoing journey for the Plenary Council, work has commenced on the preparation of the *instrumentum laboris*, or working document, for the Council. Fr Kevin Lenehan is part of the *instrumentum laboris* writing team

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news/fx-articles.cfm?loadref=102&id=2881&categoryId=101>

National Emergency Appeal for Lebanon

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut on the 4th of August, the Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of Lebanon. For more information about the appeal, and to make a donation go to: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or ph: **1800 101 201**.

Diocesan Resource Centre Closed until further notice

Please be advised that with the reintroduction of Stage 3 Restrictions, the Diocesan Resource Centre will be closed until further notice (at least til 14 September).

Low-cost online study and formation – Registrations extended

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program in conjunction with Dayton University offer online formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries; employed or volunteers. 3 week e-seminars in Basic Catechist Formation and Catholic Teaching as well as 5 week e-seminars in Catholic, Beliefs, the Gospel, Disabilities and more. Seminars begin August 30. Registrations close August 26. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.