

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 30th August 2020

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Next Week's Readings: 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time - Ezekiel 33:7-9, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 18:15-20

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:

Anniversaries: Kevin Bond, Val Dickson, Alita Dall, Marlene Dall, Malachy Hayes, Bettina Kembski, Margaret O'Brien, Nellie Pearson, Mario Pratesi, Pauline Rowe, John Thomas,

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

Social Justice Sunday 30 August 2020

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 2020-21, *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. Download the Statement or for more information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

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.

Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October 2020

The 5th anniversary 2020 was the beginning of the Special Laudato Si Anniversary Year (24th May 2020 – 24th May 2021) with the hope that it be a time of grace, a true Kairos experience and "Jubilee" time for the Earth. For humanity and all God's creatures. The theme for Season of Creation 2020 is "Jubilee for the Earth" in which we are invited to consider the integral relationship between the rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social and political ways of living, the need for just and sustainable systems revealed this year by the global COVID-19 pandemic makes this a time to reflect and further act on the urgency of the situation of our world today and act for future generations with local to national responses. Liturgically, we celebrate remembering God's action in prayer. For Liturgical resources to guide our reflection on this season, <https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/educational-resources/a-catholic-season-of-creation-s-undays-of-september-year-a>. For further information on the Season of Creation and Ecumenical Resource, <https://seasonofcreation.org/celebration-guide/>

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/>

Virtual Gathering for Prayer

Victorian Council of Churches and Christian leaders have felt a need to stand together to uphold our State, government, frontline health workers, communities and one another as we work our way through this time of restrictions and uncertainty. Stand Together in a virtual gathering at 2pm on Sunday 30th August. Screened at facebook.com/viccouncilchurches

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