

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 4th October 2020**

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**Next Week's Readings: 28th Sunday Ordinary Time - Isaiah 25:6-10, Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14**

*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)**

All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Open letter to the Premier from Catholic Bishops of Victoria**

The Catholic Bishops of Victoria have released an open letter to the Premier raising concerns of unfairness in the numbers allowed for religious gatherings and have asked that the disparity be rectified urgently.

**Recent Deaths:** Ken Russell

**Anniversaries:** Erina Brown, Gabby Byslma, Bryan Cleeman, Ian Dewar, Thomas Keighery, Eric Mahoney,

**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, Sr. Patricia Vagg

**New Diocesan Website**

The new diocesan website is now live at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**Diocesan e-News Upgrade**

Due to the upgrade of the diocesan website, diocesan e-News has also been updated. If you did not receive e-News in your inbox this week, please re-subscribe at

<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.

## 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](http://stpatscathedral.weebly.com)

### **Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission Mental Health Webinar**

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a zoom webinar for anyone who wants to know more about mental health in Australia and to empower participants to understand mental health, the supports available here in Australia and provide an opportunity to reach out, encourage hope and bring fullness of life to those we love and care for. The Zoom webinar will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2020 from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. For more information, registration details and to download the flyers, go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

### **It's St Mary's 10th Anniversary and you're invited!**

To mark the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint, the Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross. The Sisters have created commemorative prayers, videos and a global vigil in of honour Mary throughout September and October <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary>

### **Diocesan Resource Centre closed until further notice**

With the reintroduction of stage 3 restrictions, the Diocesan Resource Centre will be closed until further notice.

### **Plenary Council Update**

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it is 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 September we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Prayerful & Eucharistic?** *The Listening and Dialogue responses revealed the deep faith, integrity and sincerity of all the people who gave of themselves in their offerings. The responses included divergent opinions on various topics. At the same time, they showed a common faith in Christ and a common desire to follow his teaching in love of God and love of neighbour. They demonstrated a commitment to living the gospel of Christ and sharing the gospel with others, even in the midst of a largely secular culture. They expressed a love for the community of the Church, despite the well-documented failings of members of the community. They showed a desire to be a Christ-centred Church that is prayerful and Eucharistic.* 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](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au). Read the discernment paper <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-3.pdf>. Visit the Prayerful & Eucharistic page <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/prayerful/>.

**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/next-step-on-plenary-council-journey/>

### ***Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Online Study***

Low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. 5 week study cycles include Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Registrations open now until October 12 for the next cycle which begins October 18. More information at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### ***Damascus College Information Webinars & Virtual Tours for 2022 Commencement***

Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Webinars on 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.

### ***Prayers and Images in the Time of Virus***

Following the success of Michael McGirr's *Trees in Solitude, Prayers and Images for Pentecost*, Garratt Publishing are pleased to present a complimentary second 'Trees' series from Michael – *Trees Without Masks*. Over the coming weeks these beautiful prayers and images will be shared. Download the prayers from the news section of the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### ***Heart of Life's Siloam Program***

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation is now taking applications for its internationally-renowned Siloam Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors. Candidates from Australia and around the world have undertaken the Siloam journey of contemplative discernment, following the way of the heart. It is open to women and men of varying cultural traditions, who are drawn to listen deeply to their own hearts and the hearts of others, and seek to discern whether they may be called to the ministry of spiritual direction. More information is available at <http://www.heartoflife.melbourne/siloam/>. Applications close November 30, 2020 however as places are limited, we encourage applications as early as possible.

### ***St Vincent de Paul Society, "Assist a Student" Program for Victoria***

The program assists very poor students in countries to our north to attend school who may otherwise, without this assistance, not be able to afford to attend. It is aimed at breaking the poverty cycle the student finds themselves in and it encapsulates the Vincentian message of "a hand up, not a hand out". A \$100 donation provides access to education. Any administrative costs are met by the Australian St Vincent de Paul Society. For more information go to [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our\\_Impact/International\\_Impact/Assist\\_a\\_student\\_today/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Our_Impact/International_Impact/Assist_a_student_today/)

### ***Free Public Lecture hosted by ACU Centre for Liturgy: "Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics"***

On Monday, October 12, 2020 the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Sr Prof Julia Upton rsm, a member of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, who will give an online public lecture entitled "Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics". Applying her expertise in liturgy and her education and interest in public health, Dr Upton's lecture will be of great interest to all those involved in pastoral care in this time of global pandemic. The Lecture will run from 10.00am – 11.30am AEDT via Zoom. Registration by October 7, 2020 is essential

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/pastoral-training>. The Zoom link will be sent on October 9 to the email address you provide.

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