

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18th October 2020

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Next Week's Readings: 30th Sunday Ordinary Time - Exodus 22:20- 26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40

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

Alienation of Parish Property - From Fr. Kevin

This is part of a recent letter I sent to the bishop, Paul Bird, regarding alienation of parish property :

RE: Sale of Properties in Linton Parish and Sebastopol Parish.

Dear Paul,

As Parish Priest of St James' Sebastopol, I request permission to sell St Patrick's church Rokewood.

Earlier this year the St Patrick's Mass attending community agreed to the ending of celebrating Mass at the Church.

Low numbers and the effort required to ready the building for a monthly Mass were taking its toll on the small community, (usually about 12 people). The closing of St Patrick's church has been a topic of discussion at Sebastopol Parish Council and Finance Committee meetings for some time.

At a combined meeting of the Sebastopol Parish Council and Finance Committee on February 20, 2020, a recommendation to close and sell St Patrick's Church, Rokewood, was carried. The Mass attendees at Rokewood and the parishioners of Sebastopol are aware of this decision.

As Administrator of St Peter's Parish, Linton, I seek permission to sell the presbytery at Cumberland Street, Linton. The building has been unoccupied for a number of years. There are significant safety issues associated with use of the house.

At a combined meeting of the Linton Parish Council and Finance Committee on March 11, 2020, a recommendation was accepted to request permission from the diocese to sell the presbytery.

This decision has been previously communicated to the parishioners through the parish notice sheet.

Regards

Kevin Maloney.

The relevant diocesan authorities have given ascent to this request.

From Bishop Paul - Clergy Announcements

Recently the Diocese has started to announce clergy changes. So far Bishop Paul Bird, after the appropriate consultation, has made the following announcements. As you see there are implications for our parishes:

- Fr Shaiju is currently serving as Assistant Priest in the Cathedral Parish in Ballarat. His new appointment will be as Assistant Priest in the parishes of Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs, taking effect on November 28.
- Some time ago, Fr Michael Linehan asked if he might retire from the position of Parish Priest at the end of 2020. From January 1, 2021, the Parishes of Warrnambool West and Dennington will be entrusted to the pastoral care of Fr John Fitzgerald and Fr John Corrigan. This will be in addition to their care of the Parishes of Warrnambool, Koroit and Port Fairy. To highlight the team approach, I have nominated Fr Fitzgerald and Fr Corrigan as Co Pastors, with Fr Fitzgerald as the Moderator. This is in accord with the provisions of canon
- Fr Peter Hudson will be retiring as Parish Priest of Horsham and Nhill on December 27. I am pleased to be able to announce appointments to these parishes and neighbouring parishes to take effect following Fr Peter's retirement. Currently, Monsignor Glynn Murphy is Administrator of the parishes of Warracknabeal and Hopetoun. From January 15, 2021, he will become Parish Priest of Horsham and Nhill and also of Warracknabeal and Hopetoun. At the same time, Fr Jim McKay, who is currently Assistant Priest in East Wimmera Parish, will become Assistant Priest in the parishes of Horsham, Nhill, Warracknabeal and Hopetoun.
- Fr Eugene, Parish Priest of East Wimmera, has indicated that he would like to move in the New Year to another parish requiring less driving. In anticipation of these moves, I now invite expressions of interest from any priest who would like to be considered for appointment to the East Wimmera Parish from January 2021.
- Following recent discussions about diocesan pastoral planning, I propose to appoint Fr Kevin Maloney as Diocesan Pastoral Development Coordinator, to be supported by a small panel. This coordinating role will be in addition to Fr Kevin's existing role as Vicar General. To enable him to fulfil these roles, he will conclude his current responsibilities as Parish Priest of Redan and Sebastopol and Administrator of Linton. In anticipation of this change, I now invite expressions of interest from any priest who would like to be considered for appointment to the parishes of Linton, Redan and Sebastopol.

Recent Deaths: Patricia Duggan, Ursula Smith

Anniversaries: Adrian Bartolo, John (JB) Bylsma, Jack Donegan, Susan Everard, Shirley Kearney, Sr. Janja Kolaric, Allan Krzempek (Huggard), Gordon Lewin, Rene and Jim Nester, Paddy O'Brien, Alice Ryan, Ricky Stephens, Win Towns, Neil (Bill) Vagg

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

October 18 is Mission Sunday - The joy of the Lord is our Strength! Nehemiah 8:10

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 18 - a special day, called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and practical support to live a fulfilling life. You can support by placing your donation in the appeal envelopes, online at www.catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia or by texting GIVE to 0488 854 436. Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

Diocesan e-News

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and schools of the diocese. To subscribe please go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au, click News & Events in the menu at the top, then e-News and register for the Diocesan e-News by the subscribe box.

St. James' Footy Tipping Results 2020

Jill Ffrench & Morgan Murphy tied for first place on 107 points with Maureen Russell taking out 2nd place on 105 points. The wooden spoon went to Laura Bylsma on 84 points. Many thanks to Bryan Goble for all the work and effort in collating the results each week. Good luck if your team made it into the final series.

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

Diocesan Resource Centre closed until further notice

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

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>

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.

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. Click [HERE](#) to register

Liturgical Music - Gregorian chant course

Fr Anthony Ruff OSB is offering his online chant course. It's asynchronous learning, a comprehensive introduction to Gregorian Chant, with practical emphasis on singing in the liturgy. Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration:

Social Justice trends

The latest copy of Social Justice trends can be found [HERE](#)

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. Click [HERE](#) for more information

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 have released a resource to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers (attached). Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month.

For the month of October we will look at HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Humble, Healing and Merciful? *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

Read the discernment paper [HERE](#)

Visit the Prayerful & Eucharistic page: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/humble/>

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. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Pastoral Care Education

The South West Victoria CPE Centre is offering the opportunity for education and formation in Pastoral Care, with the option to have a CPE unit recognised as 30 points should you wish to enrol in theological studies with the University of Divinity. The Centre is registered through the Association for Supervised and Clinical Pastoral Education Victoria (ASACPEV Inc.) CPE is offered online presently and will be this way for at least the first semester in 2021 after which it will be reassessed. For further information ph. 0455 033 321 or email bernadette@bernadettewurlod.com.au. More information can be found at [HERE](#)

Young women encouraged to apply for Leadership Program

Leadership for Mission is a joint initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops' National Centre for Evangelisation and Australian Catholic University. It is designed by and for women who are inspired by the Gospel vision of justice, freedom and the dignity of the human person. The program offers both academic and formative opportunities for young Catholic women aspiring to be leaders in their chosen fields of endeavour. The program is open to women aged 25-35 with diverse personal and professional experiences from across Australia. As this is a graduate program, applicants must have already successfully completed an undergraduate degree. For more information go to <https://nce.catholic.org.au/events/leadership-for-mission>

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