

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 25th July 2021

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Next Week's Readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

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

We will continue the lockdown this weekend, there will be no Churches open.

Recent Deaths: Rene Devereux, Fr Robert Stickland

Anniversaries: Danny Cashin, Thomas Dillon, Charles Farrugia, Jim Lamb, Catherine Merrick, John Murphy, Mary O'Neill, Bernie Sculley Mary Vaughan, Patrick Walker, Aileen Wickson,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Heather Healy, Gerard Hoogenboom, Constancio Laduan Sr., Corazon Laduan, Lucas Mactingrao, Jonathon Rice, Louis Sykes, Sr. Patricia Vagg,

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 5th August 2021 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with Parish Offices.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – July 25, 2021

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20) is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, Thursday at 9am, all welcome.

Sacrament of Confirmation: This sacrament is offered to Baptised Catholics in Grade 3 and Grade 4 or older. The parent meeting will be held via Google Meet on Thursday 29th July at either 10.00am, 5.30pm or 7.00pm all relevant information will be given at this meeting.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Opportunity for Prayer at St James' - will recommence on Wednesday 4th August at 10.30am Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Dates to Remember - St. James' Feast Day (Sunday 25th July) - Luncheon - CANCELLED

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- **Parent meeting, Tuesday 27th July, at 5.30pm, St. James' Church Foyer - CANCELLED**

- Sunday dismissals, Sunday August 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd at 10.30am, St. James' Church

- Rehearsal date, St. James' Church, Friday August 27th at 10.15am

- Celebrated on Saturday 28th August at 7.00pm Mass & Sunday 29th August, at 10.30am Mass, St. James'

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. In this Year of St Joseph, the National Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. The 2021 program will focus on St Joseph and will include a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31, 2021. To read about this year's speakers go to <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicmen>

Expressions of Interest are being sort for membership of the Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation Ballarat's Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund, and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people (women and men) to join the advisory council, the advisory committee as well as the Foundation's Board. We are seeking persons from across the Diocese who have experience in one or more of the following areas: Corporate Governance; Finance, Banking; Legal; and Philanthropy. Successful candidates will demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church, and possess personal qualities of integrity, collaborative approach, sound judgement, and excellent communication skills. More information is available at the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/expressions-of-interest-are-being-sort-for-membership-of-the-diocesan-finance-council-the-committee-of-management-of-the-catholic-development-fund-and-the-board-of-the-catholic-diocese-of-ballarat-f/> or contact Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager, ph. 5337 7126.

Diocesan Liturgical Commission Membership

The Ballarat Diocesan Liturgical Commission assists the Bishop with diocesan liturgies, liturgical matters of the diocese and provides formation to assist the growth of good liturgical practices. Membership of the Commission includes representation from priests, religious and laity throughout the diocese. The Commission is currently seeking new members from all areas of the diocese. Membership is for an initial term of three (3) years with the option of two further terms (3 years per term). The Commission meets five times per year in Ballarat. Video linking facilities are available for meetings. All members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission must hold a current Working with Children check or VIT (Victorian Institute of Teaching) registration. Expressions of interest can be forwarded to liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Virtual Learning Program

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost online study (\$50usd) and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. Study subjects over 3 and 5 week cycles. Study Cycle 6 begins August 22. Registrations are open now until August 13 for new and returning participants. For more information go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021. ‘Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready’ John 6:1-15

Grace moves God’s people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: How do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness? (Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 6)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Fr Robert Krishna OP, a Dominican priest and chaplain to Monash University, reflects on “St Joseph – ‘A Just Man’” <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

The Parishes of St. Aloysius, St. James’ & St. Peter’s are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.