

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

St. Mary of the Cross

Year B

Sunday 8th August 2021

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Next Week's Readings: Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

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

The Victorian Government has announced a 7 day lockdown therefore, all churches will be closed this weekend and on Thursday 12th. We will inform you when Mass will recommence.

Recent Deaths: Neville Karlake, Renato Ugalde,

Anniversaries: Bill Byvoet, Dawn Dicker, Mary Farrugia, Len Kent, Mary Mullane, Wendy & Rod Page, Jula Pavlic, Maureen Phillips, Raymond Quinlan, Johanna Skirka, Gwen Sorter, Ada Thyne, Neil Vagg, Joe Gallagher,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Heather Healy, Gerard Hoogenboom, Constancio Laduan Sr., 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 2nd September 2021 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with Parish Offices.

Combined Linton, Redan & Sebastopol Parish Finance Committee Meeting has been POSTPONED due to the Victorian lockdown and will now be held on Thursday 26th August at 5.30pm in the Redan Parish Centre.

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Sunday is an important feast for Australians as we celebrate the country's first saint – a woman who deeply relied on God's goodness and believed in it with all her being. Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) dedicated her life to doing something about the needs of people around her. This week let us dedicate ourselves to doing what we can for the people around us.

Mary MacKillop, who famously told her sisters, '*Do not see a need and do nothing about it*', was acutely conscious of the needs of the people about her – for basic education, for care, for food. She dedicated her life to doing something about those needs – heroically and most effectively. But inspiring it all and sustaining it all was the vision of God she learned from scriptural passages such as today's Gospel, projecting not just material help and opportunity, but the sense that each person is precious in God's eyes, is loved by God, and therefore is to be valued and given dignity..



Prayer:

God of the prophets you gifted Mary MacKillop with vision and courage.

In her we see one who was not afraid to speak fearlessly your gospel of love.

We pray for the sensitivity and imagination to read the signs of our times, and to articulate new possibilities for our own day. Like Mary, may we learn to confront all that is oppressive and unjust, and empower others towards true freedom and integrity. Spirit of wisdom, be with us as we face new horizons. Amen

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$1562.00

Presbytery: \$577.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, Thursday at 9am, all welcome. **CANCELLED** for next Thursday 12th August

Sacrament of Confirmation: This sacrament is offered to Baptised Catholics in Grade 3 and Grade 4 or older. The parent information meeting was held Thursday, if you know of a family who has children wanting to celebrate this Sacrament and missed the meeting please ask them to contact Bernadette on 0455 212 123 or at redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$465.00

Presbytery: \$136.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St James' - Wednesdays at 10.30am Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - **CANCELLED**

Dates to Remember - Caring Group Meeting - Tuesday 10th August at 9.30am - **CANCELLED**

Parish Craft Group - Monday 16th August at 1.00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: This sacrament is offered to Baptised Catholics in Grade 3 and Grade 4 or older. The program is currently On Hold due to the current lockdown and may need to be rescheduled depending on when the easing of restrictions take place. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021.

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.' Matthew 28:16-20. The ethical and missionary implications of the Eucharist for the Church's communion of faith will always be incomplete while the poor go hungry, for "we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life without sharing bread for life with those in want". (Pedro Arrupe, "Address prior to Eucharistic Congress 1976", The Portal to Jesuit Studies, accessed 23 April 2021,

[https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1976_arrupeeucharist/.](https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1976_arrupeeucharist/))

Victorian Legislative Council Member, Fiona Patten of the “Reason Party”, is introducing a motion today to have the Lord’s Prayer banned and in its place introduce a moment’s silence at the start of each sitting. Her reasoning is that many Victorians are not Christians and its discriminatory toward other religions and to Victorians with no religious affiliation <https://aparliamentforall.com/>. Contact your local Member of Parliament to register your concerns.

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.

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. Lara Kirk, Marriage, Family and Relationships Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, reflects on “The Holy Family” <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month ‘The Pope Video’ forms part of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope’s intention for August: Universal intention for evangelisation – the Church: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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

“Mission: one heart many voices” Virtual Conference

Inspired by Jesus, this conference will focus on themes of encounter on the margins, inclusion, governance and synodality and challenge you to consider contemporary Mission in light of Pope Francis’ teaching, witness and vision of liminal leadership in mission. The Conference is from September 1-3, 2021 and is being convened by Catholic Religious Australia in conjunction with Catholic Mission.

When and where: St Patrick’s Cathedral Parish Glowery Room, September 1 to September 3.

Cost: FREE

Hosts: St Patrick’s Cathedral Parish and Catholic Mission, Ballarat Diocese

Registration: m.susan@optusnet.com.au

RSVP: Friday 28th August, 2021

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.