

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 22nd August 2021

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Next Week's Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-2, 14-15, 21-23

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 that Churches are able to reopen with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square meters. Face coverings must be worn INSIDE the church at all Masses. **A mass booking is required for each Mass.**

Therefore the number for our Churches are as follows:

Sebastopol - 80 people

Redan - 35 people in the Church (we can have an extra 12 if we use the foyer and choir loft)

Linton - now has a capacity of 25 people (capped at 25 because your Church is less than 100 square metres)

Skipton - now has a capacity of 25 people

Snake Valley - now has a capacity of 25 people

St. Aloysius, Redan

Thursday 9.30am

Saturday 5.00pm (from now till October)

Sunday 9.00am

St Brigid's, Snake Valley

Saturday 6.30pm

St Peter's, Linton

Sunday 9.00am

St. James, Sebastopol

Friday 9.30am

Sunday 10.30am

St John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Kevin Barry, Jack Clohesy, Jessie Downing, Maureen Everard, Sr. M. Genevieve rsm, James Hevey, Sr. Barbara Lemke rsm, ETTY McKinnon, Nora O'Connor, Owen O'Donoghue, Martin Riesewyk, Maria Reynen, Les Skelton, Neil Wood,

Please remember in your prayers: John Casanova, Margaret Cooper, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Gerard Hoogenboom, Constancio Laduan Sr., Lucas Mactingrao, Louis Sykes,

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 will now be held on Thursday 26th August at 5.30pm in the Redan Parish Centre.

National Day of Prayer – The Church Together: Sunday, August 22, 2021

The team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting, in consultation with many church leaders and prayer networks, including Bishop Philip Huggins and the National Council of Churches, is calling Australia to unite in prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis. The theme is found in this beautiful liturgical prayer: “Lord have mercy — Jesus have mercy”. We encourage you to pray in your own church and in your own way at this time. On Sunday, August 22 from 9.00am – 9.00pm the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team will host a Zoom Prayer call featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Come for a short while or come for a long while. Let us join in prayer for our nation.

Register at <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

St. Aloysius’ Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$3350.00 Presbytery: \$400

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

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation celebrations will take place at St Aloysius on the following weekends, **Aug 28th/29th, Sept 4th/5th and Sep 11th**, as we have a great number of children and only limited space, we ask if possible and if you are able, that you attend Mass at another church on these dates. We have kept about 10 places for those parishioners who cannot get to another church. We understand that this is an inconvenience but some of these children have been waiting over 12 months to celebrate this Sacrament. Thank you for your support and understanding. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

St. James’ Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$377.00 Presbytery: \$240.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St James’ - Wednesdays at 10.30am Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sacrament of Confirmation: This sacrament is offered to Baptised Catholics in Grade 3 and Grade 4 or older. We welcome children and their families for their last preparation dismissal session.

- Rehearsal date, St. James’ Church, **Wednesday 25th August at 11.30am**

- Celebrated on Saturday 28th August at 7.00pm Mass & Sunday 29th August, at 10.30am Mass, St. James’ Church. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Sacrament of Baptism - This Sunday we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism, Piper Sydney Richardson. May Piper grow in faith in her loving family and the Catholic community.

Help Needed - We require some Parishioners at Sunday Masses to help operate the Mass powerpoint slides from a laptop computer onto our new television screens. Anyone interested please contact Pauline in the Parish Office.

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/))

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.