

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 29th August 2021

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Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

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 lockdown therefore there will be no Masses this weekend.

Mass will be live streamed from the St John of God Hospital Chapel each weekday at 11.30am.

On Sunday, 10.30am Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral.

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<https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/>

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Kevin Bond, Alita Dall, Marlene Dall, Val Dickson, Malachy Hayes, Bettina Kembski, Michael & Loreto Melican, Margaret O'Brien, Ned & Margaret O'Keefe, Nellie Pearson, Mario Pratesi, Pauline Rowe, John Thomas,

Please remember in your prayers: John Casanova, Margaret Cooper, Margaret Coughlin, 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 7th October 2021 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with Parish Offices.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund - Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Envelopes are available in the foyer. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

Social Justice Sunday: August 29, 2021

The launch of the Social Justice Statement was held on August 5 and Bishop Paul features in this video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvLX2BQjOjM&feature=emb_logo

The Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2021-22: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. The Statement, liturgy notes and other resources are available from the ACBC Office for Social Justice website <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>.

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor Prayer

Lord, when listen with your ears we hear: the bush grown more silent, the birdsong less vibrant, the stream's sluggish ripple. Have mercy and open our ears.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see: the soil depleted, the sky smudged, the oceans rubbished and the great currents slowed. Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we look with your eyes we see: the workers who struggle to get by, the women subjected to violence, the people who are excluded. Have mercy and help us to see.

Lord, when we listen with your ears we hear: the sound of hungry children, the distress of the mentally ill, the silent pain of homeless women and men. Have mercy and open our ears. Send your Spirit upon us Lord to renew our sight, to restore our hearing, and to reclaim your reign of justice for all people and peace for creation. 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. **CANCELLED**

Sacrament of Confirmation: At this stage, Confirmation celebrations will take place at St Aloysius on the following weekends, **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

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

Sacrament of Confirmation: The program is currently on hold due to the current lockdown and will need to be rescheduled depending on when the easing of restrictions take place. Our aim is to hopefully celebrate Confirmation before the end of this term. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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

Plenary Council – Continuing the Journey

The last twelve or so months of our Plenary Council Journey has required many unplanned changes due to the impact of COVID-19 and the restrictions which do not allow people to gather. With the publication of the Plenary Council agenda, we can however reflect and pray with the sixteen questions that form the agenda. With this in mind, we extend to people in the diocese an invitation, another opportunity, to engage in the process and to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit. **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED HANDOUT. Please feel free to complete this individually or after lockdown as part of a small group depending on COVID restrictions.** It can be printed out, then emailed or posted back in or you can just send answers via email to

pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Any submissions will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members to the Plenary Council.

As we are not able to gather as a community at this time due to COVID restrictions, this opportunity to respond may be a way for you to spend some quiet time in reflection, thinking about the agenda of the Council and the future of the Church, on your life and prayer life. It may be of comfort to know that others from your faith community may be reflecting on this at a similar time.

Another way of “Continuing the Journey” is taking part in the national prayer campaign and in a special way support the Plenary Council. As the first Assembly in October 2021 draws nearer, all people are invited to become ‘Prayer Partners’ to accompany the Members and invoke the Holy Spirit on this historic gathering for the Church in Australia. The **“Fan the Flame”** resources have been designed so they can be used by individuals or by parishes with groups of any size and in any setting. They include material for each week as well as material that can be used at any time to support prayerful preparation for the Plenary Council. Resources can be accessed at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/>

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection

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.

Interfaith Forum at Ballarat – Sunday, September 12

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, “Death, Sanctity of the Human Body, and Organ Donation” to be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral’s Hall, Ballarat. Speaker topics are organ donation, blood donation and interfaith perspectives - Aboriginal, Baha'i, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh. Registration is essential, ph. 0400 650 234. This is a COVID compliant event – masks, QR check in, social distancing. Donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

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.