

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 19th September 2021

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon

Next Week's Readings: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Due to the recent Government announcement we are in a 7 day lockdown therefore there will be no Masses celebrated this weekend

Mass will be live streamed from the St John of God Hospital Chapel on

Monday - 11.30am

Tuesday - 5.30pm

Wednesday - 5.30pm

Thursday - 5.30pm

Friday - 11.30am

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

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Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Mary Connellan, Patrick Connor, Anne Hervey, Bruce Hopkins, Cynthia Hucker, Margaret McManus, Lynette Romeo, Sr. Noreen Torney rsm, Jim Sanders,

Please remember in your prayers: John Casanova, Margaret Cooper, Margaret Coughlin, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Gerard Hoogenboom, Kath Kavanagh, 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 - over the coming weeks

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue *'caring for those who cared for us'*. Envelopes will be available at the check in area when Churches re open.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Parish: \$664.00 Presbytery: \$228.00

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

Sacrament of Confirmation: *At this stage all Sacraments have been put on hold, we will await further announcement re COVID restrictions to reschedule these celebrations.*

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Parish: \$569.00 Presbytery: \$215.00

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

Sacrament of Confirmation: *At this stage all Sacraments have been put on hold, we will await further announcement re COVID restrictions to reschedule these celebrations.*

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

Bishops of Victoria stand in solidarity with our Afghani communities across Victoria

The Catholic Bishops of Victoria have expressed their solidarity and support for the local Afghan community and their families back home in a joint statement. Read the statement on the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/cssv-stands-in-solidarity-with-our-afghani-communities-across-victoria/>

Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2021 – September 26

Pope Francis has chosen the theme, Towards An Ever Wider "We", for the 107th World Day of Migrant and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Download the 2021 kit from the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office

<https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet>

Catholic Mission Month

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

Diocesan e-News

For recent news of events and celebrations, see the latest Diocesan e-News at this link –

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. You can also subscribe to receive e-News directly to your inbox on this same page.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. Cycle 7, the last for 2021, begins October 10 .

Registrations are open now until October 1. The first Cycle for 2022 will begin on January 16. For more

information go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

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/>
- Fan the Flame: ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me;’ Mark 9:30-37

Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an ‘instinct for the faith’ which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church’s life. (Instrumentum Laboris #133) <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/>

Season of Creation – September 1 – October 4, 2021

The Season of Creation is the time of year when the world’s 2.2 billion Christians are invited to pray and care for creation. This prayerful season runs annually from September 1 through to October 4 – the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The Season of Creation is dedicated to prayer, reflection and celebration of God as Creator. It also celebrates and reflects prayerfully on the gifts of creation and the mission given to us by God to care for creation and respond to its needs and crises today. This year our theme is ‘A Home for All? Renewing the oikos of God’ (one of the meanings for the ancient Greek word oikos is home). Oikos is a home for all but our common home, the Earth, is now in danger because of people’s greed, exploitation, disrespect, disconnection and systematic degradation. Resources to assist celebrate the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2021/>

Commission Climate Change Forum – Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission

On November 6, 2021 the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission will host a Climate Change Forum in Ballarat. Through this forum, we celebrate the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2021-2022 Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor. We are inviting you to share what you have for ecological justice. Do you market a product that is about sustainable practices and clean living? Maybe you know a thing or two about how to reduce carbon emissions. Do you have a particular skill in embracing nature

and celebrating all things in the natural environment? We want to show the community what people are doing and this is an opportunity for you to share! It could be anything from how to make bees wax wraps, how to compost food scraps to how to recycle and make your own paper. Perhaps you have a wealth of gardening skills and can set up a stall to showcase them. Maybe you have information about how to save power and water. Get in touch with us and let us know what you've got! We would love to hear from you. Email social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

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.