

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 12th September 2021

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Next Week's Readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

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 that Churches are able to reopen with a maximum of 20 people in all our churches. A mass booking for all Masses is required.

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: Sr. Anne McMillan rsm

Anniversaries: Loretta Bumpstead, Eileen Davis, Teresa Jones, Autun Kovacevic, John Olszewski, Sr. M. Philip rsm, Gerardine Ryan, Franciszka Stodolny, Stanislaw Stodolny,

Please remember in your prayers: 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 - 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.

Safeguarding Sunday – September 12

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on September 12 this year. This had previously been known as Child Protection Sunday, but the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference approved the change of name to better reflect the Church's policies and protocols to protect and support children and adults at risk. A series of resources have been developed and can be found on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website <https://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday>

Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday 2021

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. 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: *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

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/>

Plenary Council – Continuing the Journey

With the publication of the Plenary Council agenda, we can 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. **We invite you to complete some feedback individually or after lockdown as part of a small group depending on COVID restrictions.** It can be 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.

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.