

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 17th October 2021

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Next Week's Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

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 every Mass is required.

St. Aloysius, Redan

Thursday 9.30am

Saturday 6.00pm (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: Norma Puyaoan, Licia Sullivan, Angelina Villamor Valdez

Anniversaries: Iris Alldis, John Bylsma, Jack Donegan, Patricia Duggan, Susan Everard, Sr. Janja Kolaric, Allan Krzempek (Huggard), Gordon Lewin, Rene & Jim Nester, Jack Nihill, Paddy O'Brien, Alice Ryan, Ricky Stephens, Win Towns

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, 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 4th November 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. 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 at the Churches, or you can use the online system as explained here. **CDF has developed an online payments system, you can contribute to the first or second collection this way. CDF pay for Parishes, for the Diocese of Ballarat, <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/> If you have any queries regarding Planned Giving, please phone our Finance Officer Kerrie McTigue, on 53 312 933 or via email: ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au**

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$233.00 Presbytery: \$263.70

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

Caring Circle: This group will meet on Wednesday 6th October, 1pm in the Parish Centre

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

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$370.00 Presbytery: \$105.00

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

Dates to Remember: Parish Craft Group will be held on Monday 18th October at 1.00pm

Caring Group Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th October at 9.30am

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting will be held on Monday 25th October at 4.00pm

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 Vincent de Paul Society members have a change in leadership. Outgoing President, Anne Dark, welcomes incoming Kryss Reid, along with current team members, Charlie Armeni, Kevin Brady, Paul Balkin, Judith Grano, Anthony Haintz, Anne-Marie Joyce, Carmel Kavanagh, Mike Maloney (Treasurer), Joe Martinovic, Danny Reid, Peter Senserrick, Helen Smith, Dion Thorp and retiring member Sr. Marie RSM after 20 years of service with the Conference, who will receive the Emeritus long service award at our next meeting. New members welcome. Covid restrictions apply to all. Enquiries Kryss on 0411 451 320.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Plenary Council – it's a wrap!

The first Assembly of the Plenary Council was held last week and concluded on Sunday. Daily diocesan updates from the Plenary Council and reflections from diocesan members are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. To watch recordings of sessions and Masses from the Council go to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/masses-and-livestreams/>. We will keep you updated on the progress of the Plenary Council towards Assembly Two in July 2022.

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission forum - save the date: Listening, learning...change.

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a forum on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. The forum can be attended via parish hubs (COVID restrictions depending) or independently via Zoom. Registration for the forum is free and opens on October 22. Key messages from the Statement have been selected and the following experts have been invited to respond: Janet Morris: Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer. Bishop Paul Bird: Introduce the Bishops Statement Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor. Dr Mark Diesendorf: Listening to and learning from the world – what the science is telling us. Dr Sandie Cornish: Listening and drawing wisdom from our own wells – responding to the Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor. Vicki Clark: Listening to creation – a call to care for Country. Jacqui Remond: Caring for creation – watering the seeds of change. The brochure can be downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission - On Sunday, October 10, 2021 Pope Francis celebrated Mass to mark the global launch of the Synod of Bishops with the theme For a Synodal Church. The Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome in October 2023. The Plenary Council and Synod of Bishops processes will overlap, and a national committee has created a timeline to explain how the processes will unfold <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

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.