

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 24th July 2022

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Next Week's Readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

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

Parish Mass Times

St. Aloysius, Redan

Thursday 9.30am

Saturday 5.00pm

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: Eve Beaton, Pat Fitzpatrick, Peter Saunders, Harry Van de Camp (Fr. Bill's brother), Edna Worrall,

Anniversaries: Thomas Dillon, Catherine Merrick, John Murphy, Mary O'Neill, Maureen Phillips, Bernie Sculley, Mary Vaughan,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Nellie deJong, Constancio Laduan Sr., Cath Kavanagh, Peter Kavanagh, Lucas Mactingrao

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 4th August 2022 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with Parish Offices.

Ordinations to the Priesthood - Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat 7.00pm. All welcome. For those not able to attend the Mass will be live streamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>
Bill's thanksgiving mass will be celebrated at St. James on Saturday 23rd July at 9.00am. All welcome

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeals - St. James & St. Aloysius - As winter has set in many vulnerable families are experiencing difficulties with paying power bills and buying healthy food. Our conference has been and will be assisting families with some bills, providing food vouchers and supplying bedding. Parishioners can assist by donating money (envelopes are available in the church), donating toiletries and non-perishable food, blankets and linen (baskets are in the foyer). Thank you to all for your continuing assistance for the society's "good works".

The Parishes of St. Aloysius, St. James' & St. Peter's are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

On Sunday July 24 we celebrate the **2nd World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**. The date is chosen to coincide with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (grandparents of Jesus) during the week. Pope Francis has chosen the theme *“In old age they will still bear fruit”* (Ps 92) and calls us all to reflect on how grandparents and the elderly bear fruit in our world.

I give thanks to you, Lord, for the blessing of a long life, for, to those who take refuge in You, grant always to bear fruit. Forgive, O Lord, resignation and disillusionment, but forsake me not when my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope to the future you give me, to the mission you entrust to me and to sing your praises without end. Make me a tender craftsman of Your revolution, to guard with love my grandchildren and all the little ones who seek shelter in You. Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis and grant Thy Church to deliver the world from loneliness. Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen.

Linton Parish

At the recent Combined Linton, Redan & Sebastopol Parish Finance Committee Meeting it was decided to sell St. Mary's Smythesdale. The sale of the Church will be in the hands of a real estate agent and then hopefully the date of the auction will be July 30.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$378.00

Presbytery \$774.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, after 9.30am Mass Thursday ,

Sacrament of Confirmation: This sacrament is offered to Baptised Catholics in Grade 3 or older

Parent registration meeting, Thursday 28th July, at either 10am or 5.30pm, St. Aloysius Church, all information regarding preparation and dates will be given out at this meeting.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$455.45

Presbytery \$304.00

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

Dates to Remember:

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 25th July at 4.00pm

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 3rd August at 7.00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: This sacrament is offered to Baptised Catholics in Grade 3 and Grade 4 or older

- Parent meeting, Tuesday 26th July, at 5.30pm, St. James' Church Foyer

- Sunday dismissals, Sunday July 31st, August 7th, 14th & 21st at 10.30am, St. James' Church

- Rehearsal date, Friday August 26th at 10.15am & Celebration on Sunday 28th August, at 10.30am Mass

St. James' Feast Day Celebrations - Today we celebrate St. James Feast Day with lunch (12 noon) at Sebastopol Bowling Club. All welcome to join us.

We pray God of life, inspired by the faith of St. James, may our faith be a real treasure in our hearts, supporting us and blessing us on our journey. This we pray through Jesus our Lord and God. Amen.

The St. James Parish School invite all parishioners and friends to attend the St. James Feast Day Mass on Monday 25th July at 9.15am followed by morning tea over at the school and a tour of the new renovations. All welcome.

Volunteers required - we are seeking anyone wishing to fill the role of sacristan please contact Pauline or Fr. Eugene. You will be rostered on once a month and trained to open the church and set up for Mass.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Vinnies Winter Appeal – *Ballarat City Brass Band Concert* presents, “A Golden Era Music” on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Gold coin donation, all proceeds go to the Appeal.

Position Vacant: Parish Coordinator - The Parish of St Alipius, Ballarat East, are seeking a Parish Coordinator to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office. Applications including a cover letter and addressing the Key Selection Criteria and including the names of two referees, close on July 22, 2022. Information available from the Ballarat East webpage <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballar-at-east/>

Ballarat Interfaith Network Forum – *Sunday, July 31, 2022* are hosting a forum, “Death, Sanctity of the Human Body and Organ Donation” to be held on Sunday, July 31, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. To register your attendance please phone 0400 650 234. Masks are recommended. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.