

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday 20th August 2023

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

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: Clive Drinkwater, Daniel Forde, Josephine Rennie,

The Funeral Mass for Fr Frank Smith CSsR will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree at 10:30 am on Friday August 25.

Anniversaries: Kevin Barry, Jack Clohesy, Maureen Everard, Martina Hoogenboom, Sr. Barbara Lemke rsm, ETTY McKinnon, Joan Mahoney, Joy Nichols, Nora O'Connor, Maria Reynen, Richard Saliba, Neil Wood,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Maggie Mitchell, Shirley Mitchell, Jonathon Rice, Annie Welsch

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 7th September at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Diocesan e-News - Read about news and events of the diocese in the latest edition of e-News

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

St. Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal Thank you - Our conference would like to thank you for the continued support you give us and the people in need that we assist. We have received generous monetary donations and food donations over the past few weeks from many parishioners. These donations assist us greatly to continue doing our "good works". Parishioners may still donate, envelopes are available at the Piety counter at St. James and may be left in the box there or on the collection plates or at the parish offices. God bless you all. Krys

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA - For anyone interested from all our Parishes there will be an information/enquiry meeting on Tuesday 12th September, 5.30pm in St Aloysius Parish Centre, Ripon Street Redan (between the school and Church). This meeting is for anyone over the age of 16 who is considering becoming a Catholic. This is the initial enquiry meeting, you will be given all relevant information, no commitment needs to be made at this stage. If you require further information please contact Bernadette at the St Aloysius parish office on 0455 212 123.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$1203.00 Presbytery \$861.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, after 9.30am Mass Thursday
Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 3 – Confirmation - Baptised Catholics in Grade 3 and 4 or older - This weekend, we welcome the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Sacramental program for Confirmation for the next three weeks and will be celebrated during Parish Masses on 26/27th August, 2/3rd September & September 9. *Please keep the children and their families in our prayers.*

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$556.00 Presbytery \$436.00

Dates to Remember:

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 6th September at 7.00pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - Monday 18th September at 4.00pm. No August meeting.

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Filipino Choir - Anyone interested in joining the choir please see one of the members regarding practise times.

Plant Sale last Sunday a big thank you to our super sales-lady Ros Connellan who single handedly sold over \$100 worth of plants (I think she enjoyed it). Also a big thank you to Fr. Eugene for letting me set up in the foyer. Our next 1 or 2 sales will be towards the end of October/early November. Anyone wishing to donate plants can drop them off to St. James late Sept/early Oct and Joe will look after them or ring Joe for a pick up on 0413 564 522. Thank you to our congregation for your support.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Social Justice Statement 2023-2024 - The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples". Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>. Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on August 27.

Wisdom at the Cathedral - All are welcome to the next talk in the Cathedral parish's series Wisdom at the Cathedral. Anna Krohn, President of the Catholic Women's League, will speak on *Discovering the Feminine Disciples of the Gospel*. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. 7pm, Thursday 24 August in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley on fionalouisebradley@gmail.com.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study - The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins August 28. There are 41 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. Scan the QR code for more information or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Pope's intention for August – For World Youth Day: *We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives. Lord, hear us.*