

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 28th July 2024

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Next Week's Readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

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:

Anniversaries: Harry Beckers, Charles Farrugia, Bev Hogan, Jim Lamb, Alan Maher, John Murphy, Vincent O'Neil, Maureen Phillips, Bernie Sculley, Patrick Walker, Aileen Wickson,

Please remember in your prayers: Nerlita Carter, Margaret Cooper, Leila Hudson, Alex McLaren,

Marisol Matudio, Glenys Miller, Tegan Nedelkos, Joel Ridsdale, Susana Reginio, Koha Tracey, Annie Welsch

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 1st August 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal - Our winter appeal asks for those of us who can give a hand up to those in need. If you are able to assist us please consider the following ideas.

- A monetary donation using the envelopes and place on the collection plate or approach one of our members.
- Donating toiletries such as shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, shower gel, disposable shavers.
- Cans of fruit/vegetables, breakfast cereal, pasta & pasta sauce, rice.

With thanks, Sebastopol conference members.

Pope's July intention is *For the pastoral care of the sick:* *Let us pray that the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope. Lord, hear us.*

Merging of our three parishes - Please refer to the insert.

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.

Fourth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday, July 28, 2024

Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image, You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through every season of life, Do not abandon us, take care of us, And grant us, once again, The ability to discover ourselves and recognise that we are Your children. Renew our hearts with your Word And do not allow anyone to be cast aside. May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness And teach us to say: "I will not abandon you!" To those we meet on our journey. With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the taste for fraternity And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness. Help us to look to the future with renewed hope, And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly a day without loneliness, and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace.

Amen.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$522.00

Presbytery \$549.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - Rosary will be prayed every Thursdays after 9.30am Mass

Sacramental Program 2024 – Term 3 – Confirmation - Baptised Catholics in Grade 3 and 4 or older - This weekend we welcome the children for the beginning of their Confirmation preparation, dismissals, July 27th/28th, Aug 3rd/4th, 10th/11th & 17th/18th during Masses (Saturdays 5pm & Sundays 9am) - Celebration weekends 24th/25th/31st August & 1st September

Monthly Gatherings - We are going to introduce a monthly morning tea after the 9am Mass on the First Sunday of each month. All are welcome to gather in the Parish Office to meet with parishioners over a cuppa, morning tea will be supplied. The first gathering will be on **Sunday 4th August**.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$430.00

Presbytery \$402.00

Dates to Remember: St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 29th of July 4.00pm. No meeting during August.

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 7th August 7.00pm.

Sacramental Program 2024 – Term 3 – Confirmation - This weekend, we welcome the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Sacramental program for Confirmation over the next four weeks. The celebration will be on Sunday 25th August, at 10.30am Mass. *Please keep the children and their families in our prayers.*

St. James Feast Day Celebrations - Today we celebrate the St. James Feast Day with lunch (12 noon) at Flying Horse Bistro. *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.*

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Formation - In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, formation sessions will be held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together clergy, representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate the formation sessions. Dates are: Ballarat - Aug 4– 10.30am – 4.00pm – Ss Peter & Paul Church, Buninyong; Aug 13 – 5.00pm – 8.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree.

Prevention of domestic violence - Catholic Social Services Victoria has published a brochure, "Let's build respectful communities" for parishes across Victoria that provides information about recognising, responding to, and preventing domestic violence, as well as further resources for those seeking help. The brochure forms part of CSSV's ongoing work within the Catholic community to build capacity for the prevention of family and domestic violence. For more information and to download the brochure, go to the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/prevention-of-domestic-violence-against-women/>

Save energy at home: Much of our electricity and heat are powered by coal, oil and gas. Use less energy by reducing your heating and cooling use, switching to LED light bulbs and energy-efficient electric appliances, washing your laundry with cold water or hanging things to dry instead of using a dryer. Improving your home's energy efficiency, through better insulation for instance, or replacing your oil or gas furnace with an electric heat pump, can reduce your carbon footprint by up to 900 kilograms of CO₂e per year.

