

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 25th August 2024

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Next Week's Readings: Ord Time 22B - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

(1st Friday of the month - healing and anointing Mass)

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths: Mark Braybrook (Anthony's son), Margaret Cooper, Eduardo Puyaoan Snr.

Anniversaries: Kevin Bond, Jessie Downing, Maureen Everard, Sr. M. Genevieve rsm, James Hevey, Bettina Kembski, Sr. Barbara Lemke rsm, Nellie Pearson, Robolfo S. Puyaoan, Owen O'Donoghue, Martin Riesewyk, Les Skelton, John Thomas,

Please remember in your prayers: Nerlita Carter, Remy Fernandez, Leila Hudson, Alex McLaren, Glenys Miller, Tegan Nedelkos, Dianne Parrôt, 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 5th September 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Social Justice Sunday is Today. The Australian Bishops' have launched the 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World." To watch Bishop Paul's video and to access the statement and liturgy resources, go to the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/> You can

also download a text copy of Bishop Paul's message from this webpage. **Prayer for the Social Justice Statement 2024-2025 - (Adapted from Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti)** O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love. Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community. Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each sister or brother who makes a new start. Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND - Collection for Retired Priests – next weekend

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

St Vincent de Paul wish to thank all Parishioners who have contributed to and supported our Winter Appeal. Envelopes are still available and you may continue to contribute toiletries and groceries if you are able. May God bless you all.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. There will be an inquiry session held on Thursday 12th September, 5.30pm in St Aloysius Parish Centre for adults who are seeking information about Baptism into the Catholic Church.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$523.00

Presbytery \$892.00

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

Sacramental Program - This weekend we welcome the first 2 groups of children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. *We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen and guide them through-out their lives.*

St Aloysius School Festival of Art - will take place on Wednesday 18th September from 4.30pm - 6pm. This will be a celebration of Art from across the community. Parishioners are invited to showcase their own art pieces, setup will be from 10am on Wednesday 18th. Any enquiries, contact Lesley at the school office 5335 8177.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$522.00

Presbytery \$352.00

Dates to Remember: Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wed of the month - Wednesday 4th September at 7.00pm.

Liturgy Group Meeting - Friday 13th September at 10.15am

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - Monday 23rd September at 4.00pm. New members welcome.

Sacrament of Confirmation - This Sunday, we welcome the children and their parents to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to Samuel Cullen, Saxon Creati, Trinha Frankie, Fivienne Garcia, Ava Holland, Dash Holland, Piper Holland, Mollie Murnane, Kylan Moran, Ethan Perera, Oliver Reid and Kalyssa Templeton. *We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen and guide them through-out their lives.*

Ladies Afternoon Tea will be held at the Ballarat Golf Club on Monday 26th August at 2.00pm. Please feel free to bring a friend and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. RSVP Theresia on 0478 196 783. Afternoon tea is at own cost.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Catholic Women's League - The next meeting of the Cathedral branch will be a social event on Monday 2nd September at 1.30pm. We will meet at 15 Lyons Street, Ballarat at the "Pregnancy Help Centre" for an introduction to their community work and enjoy afternoon tea with them. ALL WELCOME. Please bring a friend and a plate of afternoon tea if you can and RSVP to Carmel on 0401 175 045 by 1 September.

Diocesan Social Justice Commission Reflection Day – Saturday, September 7, 2024 - The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite all to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre. Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr. Registrations are essential through trybooking. A flyer is available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ballarad-diocesan-social-justice-commission-reflection-day-with-michael-mcgirr-saturday-september-7-2024/>.

Catholic Earthcare to host Season of Creation workshop in September - Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare team is inviting the Catholic community to join its 2024 Season of Creation convocation. Taking place from Thursday, September 12 to Saturday, September 14, the convocation will call participants to 'Wonder', 'Weave' and 'Heal' together. Attendees will enjoy keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences, before gathering to transform learnings into action. Keynote speakers include Sr Anne-Maree O'Beirne RSM, Pedro Walpole and Sally Neaves. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-earthcare-to-host-season-of-creation-workshop-in-september/>

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.