

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 4th August 2024

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Next Week's Readings: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time -1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

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: Rosemary Ryan (sister of Fr Bary Ryan), Dorothy Snell,

Anniversaries: Dawn Dicker, John Everard, Carmel Grono, Len Kent, Sr. Margaret Maloney rsm, Mary Mullane, Jula Pavic, Edmund Francis O'Keeffe, Albert Roleff, James Ryan, Christopher Schaper, Gwen Sowter, Ada Thyne,

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 5th September 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 August intention - for political leaders: *Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor. 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.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$837.00

Presbytery \$845.00

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 their Confirmation preparation, dismissals, Aug 3rd/4th, 10th/11th & 17th /18th during Masses (Saturdays 5pm & Sundays 9am) - Celebration weekends 24th/25th/31st Aug & 1st Sept

Monthly Gatherings - This Sunday, August 4, we will have our first monthly gathering after the 9.00am Mass. All are welcome to gather in the Parish Office to meet with parishioners over a cuppa, morning tea will be supplied.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$932.00

Presbytery \$395.00

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

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 17th August at 9.00am.

Caring Group Meeting - Tuesday 20th August at 9.30am.

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 three weeks. The celebration will be on Sunday 25th August, at 10.30am Mass. *Please keep the children and their families in our prayers.*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) - This Sunday, we welcome through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, Alexander Van Bree, son of Adam and Ingrid. *May Alexander grow in faith in his loving family and the Catholic community.*

St. James Feast Day - Around 40 Parishioners celebrated the feast day with lunch at the Flying Horse Bistro and enjoyed a meal and shared each other's company.

Plan Giving Receipts for the last financial year are now available in the foyer for collection.

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.

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebration – August 8 - Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney and the Sisters of Saint Joseph are livestreaming Mass on August 8, 2024 at 10.00am to celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop. Livestream link is <https://www.youtube.com/embed/lppmamzmOb0>.

National Vocations Awareness Week: August 4-11, is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through prayer and education and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations. This celebration coincides with the feast of the country's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live out your vocation more deeply. For information regarding vocations, go to <https://sydneyvocations.org/events/national-vocations-awareness-week-2024-2/> **Vocations Prayer** - *Holy Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the single and married life, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood and permanent diaconate. Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability. Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call. Inspire parents, families and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service. Nudge inquirers and motivate discerners to learn more about vowed and associate commitment in apostolic life, cloistered life, evangelical life, lay ecclesial ministers, missionary life, monastic life and societies of apostolic life. Ignite our Church with the confident humility that there is an urgent need for all the baptised to live their vocation in solidarity with those who are poor, neglected, and marginalised. Amen.*

Recycle Batteries. Did you know? 15% of batteries can be turned into new batteries. Make sure you save up all your run-down ones and take them to your nearest battery recycling bin.



Laudato Si'



Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Sources of fresh water are necessary for health care, agriculture and industry.
(Laudato Si' 28)

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