

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**Sunday 3rd September 2023**

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**Fr. Eugene McKinnon**

**Next Week's Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20**

*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:**

**Anniversaries:** Emma Collins, Helena Damen, Jos Graafmans, Geoff Hayes, Lorna McCormack, Donald McDonald, Kathryn Morris, Kathleen Mulcahy, Fred Nihill, Jean Nihill, Margaret O'Brien, Margaret and Ned O'Keeffe, Margorie Sherritt,

**Please remember in your prayers:** Margaret Cooper, Constancio Laduan Sr., 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/>

## **Prayer for Father's Day Prayer**

*God of kindness and compassion, we are your children and you are Father to us all. We pray for all men who reflect your fatherly example: Those who are dads and grandads; step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-in-law; those who embrace their role as father; those who struggle with being fathers; those who are distanced from their children; those who have passed from this world; those who are coaches, leaders and mentors; those who are elders and wisdom-men of our communities. Give them all strength, comfort and peace. Amen.*

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.

## **Ballarat Clergy Support Fund- Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – this weekend**

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. **CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

**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 \$695.00                      Presbytery \$857.00**

**Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius** - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, after 9.30am Mass Thursday  
**Sacrament of Confirmation** This weekend, we welcome the second group of children and their families who are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. The final celebrations will be on September 9/10. *We pray that the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen and guide them through-out their lives.*

**Caring Circle** - This group will meet on Wednesday 7th September, 1pm in the Parish Office. Anyone interested in joining this group is welcome .

## **St. James' Parish Sebastopol**

### **Collections for previous weekend**

**Parish \$323.00                      Presbytery \$424.00**

### **Dates to Remember:**

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

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 16th September at 9.00am.

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

**Thank you** to our wonderful Caring Group who have organised morning tea packs for the Father's to take home after Mass today. *Wishing all fathers, grandfathers and special men in our lives, a very enjoyable day.*

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Last Sunday, thirteen sacramental candidates celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to Jan Schaper and Dolly Seery for all their hard work and effort in preparing the children. Also many thanks to Sarah Prendergast from the school for leading the celebration. We look forward to the children who will return in December for a blessing from Bishop Paul and in 2023 for their first Reconciliation and Eucharist.

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

## **Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events**

**Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4, 2023** - Every year from September 1 - October 4, Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" drawing on the river imagery of in Amos 5:24. It challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity loss and other consequences of climate change. Resources for the Season of Creation are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>