

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**Sunday 5th September 2021**

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**Fr. Eugene McKinnon**

**Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35**

*The parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.*

**Due to the current Victorian Government lockdown, there will be no Masses this weekend.**

**Mass will be live streamed from the St John of God Hospital Chapel on**

**Monday - 11.30am**

**Tuesday - 5.30pm**

**Wednesday - 5.30pm**

**Thursday - 5.30pm**

**Friday - 11.30am**

**On Sunday, 10.30am Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral.**

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**Recent Deaths:** John Walsh

**Anniversaries:** Emma Collins, Helena Damen, Jos Graafmans, Fred Nihill, Jean Nihill, Lorna McCormack, Donald McDonald, Paul Mahar, Kathryn Morris, Kathleen Mulcahy, Violet O'Keeffe, Margorie Sherritt, Kaz Zabinski,

**Please remember in your prayers:** John Casanova, Margaret Cooper, Margaret Coughlin, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Gerard Hoogenboom, Constancio Laduan Sr., Lucas Mactingrao, Louis Sykes,

**Centralised Baptism Preparation Session** will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 7th October 2021 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with Parish Offices.

### **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'. **This collection will be taken when we return to Mass.**

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

#### **Father's Day Prayer - 5 September 2021**

*Let us praise those fathers,*

*Who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifices. Who have worked to become good fathers. Who have to parent on their own. Who continue to offer their children, now grown, their love and support. Who, despite family breaks, have remained in their children's lives. Whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing. Who as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their children's love and respect. Who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart. Let us praise those men. Who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own. Who have 'fathered' us in their role as teachers, coaches, mentors and guides. Who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children. And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us. Amen.*

#### **Happy Father's Day**

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

#### **Safeguarding Sunday – September 12**

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on September 12 this year. This had previously been known as Child Protection Sunday, but the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference approved the change of name to better reflect the Church's policies and protocols to protect and support children and adults at risk. The day seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. A series of resources have been developed and can be found on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website <https://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday>

#### **Parishes of Mortlake & Terang From Bishop Paul**

From September 20, 2021, Fr Gary Jones, currently Parish Priest of Creswick and Daylesford, will become Parish Priest of Mortlake and Terang. For most of this year, Fr Mick McKinnon has been serving the communities of Mortlake and Terang while he has been waiting for an opportunity to travel to Peru for ministry there in collaboration with the Columbans. Fr Mick has recently received notification that he will be able to travel. I offer my thanks to Fr Mick for his care for the parishioners of Mortlake and Terang for these past months. He will continue as Administrator of these parishes until September 19.

### **St. Aloysius' Parish Redan**

**Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius** - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, Thursday at 9am, all welcome. **CANCELLED**

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** **At this stage all Sacraments have been put on hold, we will await further announcement re COVID restrictions to reschedule these celebrations.**

## St. James' Parish Sebastopol

**Opportunity for Prayer at St James'** - Wednesdays at 10.30am Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **CANCELLED**

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** At this stage all Sacraments have been put on hold, we will await further announcement re COVID restrictions to reschedule these celebrations.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

### St. James Footy Tipping Results -

1<sup>st</sup> place – Zoe Ffrench & Andrew Dark, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Ella Ffrench & Fr. Eugene McKinnon and the Wooden Spoon goes to Laura Bylsma. A huge thank you goes to Bryan Goble for all his work and effort in ensuring that our tips were received and the results were tallied each week.

**Help Needed** - We require some Parishioners at Sunday Masses to help operate the Mass powerpoint slides from a laptop computer onto our new television screens. Anyone interested please contact Pauline in the Parish Office.

## Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

### Bishops of Victoria stand in solidarity with our Afghani communities across Victoria

The Catholic Bishops of Victoria have expressed their solidarity and support for the local Afghan community and their families back home in a joint statement. Read the statement on the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/cssv-stands-in-solidarity-with-our-afghani-communities-across-victoria/>

### Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

Our partner, Dayton University, offers low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes. Study cycles are over 3 or 5 weeks. Cycle 7, the last for 2021, begins October 10. Registrations are open now until October 1. The first Cycle for 2022 will begin on January 16. For more information go to [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

### Plenary Council – Continuing the Journey

The last twelve or so months of our Plenary Council Journey has required many unplanned changes due to the impact of COVID-19 and the restrictions which do not allow people to gather. With the publication of the Plenary Council agenda, we can however reflect and pray with the sixteen questions that form the agenda. With this in mind, we extend to people in the diocese an invitation, another opportunity, to engage in the process and to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit. **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED HANDOUT. Please feel free to complete this individually or after lockdown as part of a small group depending on COVID restrictions.** It can be printed out, then emailed or posted back in or you can just send answers via email to [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au). Any submissions will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members to the Plenary Council.

As we are not able to gather as a community at this time due to COVID restrictions, this opportunity to respond may be a way for you to spend some quiet time in reflection, thinking about the agenda of the Council and the future of the Church, on your life and prayer life. It may be of comfort to know that others from your faith community may be reflecting on this at a similar time.

Another way of “Continuing the Journey” is taking part in the national prayer campaign and in a special way support the Plenary Council. As the first Assembly in October 2021 draws nearer, all people are invited to become ‘Prayer Partners’ to accompany the Members and invoke the Holy Spirit on this historic gathering for the Church in Australia. The **“Fan the Flame”** resources have been designed so they can be used by individuals or by parishes with groups of any size and in any setting. They include material for each week as well as material that can be used at any time to support prayerful preparation for the Plenary Council. Resources can be accessed at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/>

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021. ‘He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’ Mark 7:31-37

The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth. (Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, "A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge. Social Justice Statement 2002", accessed 23 April 2021, <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Social-Justice-Statement-2002.pdf>, 10.) <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/>

### **Season of Creation – September 1 – October 4, 2021**

The Season of Creation is the time of year when the world's 2.2 billion Christians are invited to pray and care for creation. This prayerful season runs annually from September 1 through to October 4 – the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The Season of Creation is dedicated to prayer, reflection and celebration of God as Creator. It also celebrates and reflects prayerfully on the gifts of creation and the mission given to us by God to care for creation and respond to its needs and crises today. This year our theme is 'A Home for All? Renewing the oikos of God' (one of the meanings for the ancient Greek word oikos is home.) Oikos is a home for all but our common home, the Earth, is now in danger because of people's greed, exploitation, disrespect, disconnection and systematic degradation. Resources to assist celebrate 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-2021/>

### **Commission Climate Change Forum – Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission**

On November 6, 2021 the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission will host a Climate Change Forum in Ballarat. Through this forum, we celebrate the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2021-2022 Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor. We are inviting you to share what you have for ecological justice. Do you market a product that is about sustainable practices and clean living? Maybe you know a thing or two about how to reduce carbon emissions. Do you have a particular skill in embracing nature and celebrating all things in the natural environment? We want to show the community what people are doing and this is an opportunity for you to share! It could be anything from how to make bees wax wraps, how to compost food scraps to how to recycle and make your own paper. Perhaps you have a wealth of gardening skills and can set up a stall to showcase them. Maybe you have information about how to save power and water. Get in touch with us and let us know what you've got! We would love to hear from you. Email [social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### **Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections**

Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

### **Mercy Regional College Alumni Night**

Tickets are now on sale for the Mercy Regional College Alumni Night, to be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at Noorat. Early bird pricing is available for tickets purchased before August 31. For further information go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=784563&>

### **Interfaith Forum at Ballarat – Sunday, September 12**

The Ballarat Interfaith Network are hosting a forum, "Death, Sanctity of the Human Body, and Organ Donation" to be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick Cathedral's Hall, Ballarat. Speaker topics are organ donation, blood donation and interfaith perspectives - Aboriginal, Baha'i, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh. Registration is essential, ph. 0400 650 234. This is a COVID compliant event – masks, QR check in, social distancing. Organ donor registration is available - bring Medicare card to facilitate.

### **ACRATH 2022 calendars now available**

ACRATH's first calendar was produced in 2015 and now features in many offices, homes, staff rooms and classrooms. By purchasing a 2022 ACRATH calendar, you're supporting its efforts to promote its work in raising awareness of human trafficking issues, showcase some of the anti-trafficking work of a range of organisations

worldwide and within Australia, fundraise for ACRATH's work and provide some income for a project in South East Asia supporting victims of human trafficking. For more information go to

<https://acrath.org.au/acrath-2022-calendar/>

### **Praying with Pope Francis**

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for August: Universal intention for evangelisation – the Church: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**The Parishes of St. Aloysius, St. James' & St. Peter's are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.**