

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

The Most Holy Trinity

Year B

Sunday 26th May 2024

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Next Week's Readings: Corpus Christi - Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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: John Damen, Eleanor (Pat) McCarthy

Anniversaries: Peter Coad, Lawrence Devitt, Betty Hucker, Frank Mizzi, Eileen Norden, Leo O'Connor, Molly O'Neil, Peter O'Rorke, Addie Sanderson, Colleen Sheehan, Beryl Wheeler,

Please remember in your prayers: Nerlita Carter, Margaret Cooper, Leila Hudson, Alex McLaren, Marisol Matudio, Glenys Miller, Maggie Mitchell, Tegan Nedelkos, Koha Tracey, Annie Welsch

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 6th June 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

A message from Fr. Eric. Thank you so much for joining with me to celebrate my 50th Ordination anniversary. Also many thanks to all who made it such a very memorable day.

First World Children's Day: May 25 & 26, 2024 - Pope Francis has announced the celebration of the first World Children's Day on May 25 & 26, 2024, "Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre and care for them." The day will be organised by the Vatican's Dicastery for Culture and Education and will seek to answer the question, "What kind of world do we wish to pass on to the children who are growing up?" Read the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Children's Day at <https://www.worldchildrenday.org/>



Prayer for World Children's Day (taken from Pope Francis' Message) - *Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in the faces of children all over the world. Come, Jesus, you who make all things new, who are the way that leads us to the Father, come and remain with us always. 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.

In preparation for the merging of our three parishes - The 'new' parish needs to take on a new name whilst retaining the individual identities and names of the current Churches. We are inviting suggestions for a new name, and reasons for your suggestion. These submissions can be emailed to redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au or sebastopol@ballarat.catholic.org.au or can be submitted in writing and given to Pauline or Bernadette. These submissions will be considered by the leadership/finance team on July 30, no final decisions will be made at this meeting.

Mass Counts start on weekend 4-5 May - The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting will start on 4-5 May and continue each weekend until the end of May.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$613.00

Presbytery \$770.00

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

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 2 – Eucharist - This weekend we welcome the children who will celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist, celebrations will also occur on the following days: June 1/2, June & June 15th, please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$420.00

Presbytery \$458.00

Dates to Remember: St. Vincent de Paul Society - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 27th May at 4.00pm in the church foyer. All welcome

Liturgy Group Meeting - Friday 31st May at 10.15am

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 5th June at 7.00pm

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 15th June at 9.00am

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 2 – First Eucharist This is the last weekend the children and their families will be preparing and working their way through the Eucharist program. First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd June. *Please keep these children and their families in our prayers.*

Filipino Flora de Mayo or Flowers of May (is a festival held in the Philippines in the month of May and is a religious devotion to the Virgin Mary) - will be held on Sunday 26th May with Mass at 4.00pm. All welcome.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Nazareth House Piety Stall - selling gifts for Sacraments, this stall is located in Nazareth House, 218 Mill St, Lake Wendouree. Opening hours, 1pm-3pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Safetrac compliance online training has commenced. Staff and volunteers who received an email are requested to complete the training module, "Creating a Child Safe Organisation" by 31 May, 2024. Please refer to the login details in the email sent from *Safetrac Enrolments* and follow the instructions carefully. If anyone is experiencing difficulties in logging in please notify us at fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat – Formation - In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate the formation sessions. Further details on the format will follow.

Diocesan History Timeline - As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/>

Pope's intention for May – *for the formation of men and women religious and seminarians: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel. Lord, hear us.*

Letter from the Holy Father Francis to Parish Priests - Pope Francis has written a letter of appreciation to his brother priests

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2024/documents/20240502-lettera-parroci.html>

National Reconciliation Week (NRW): May 27 – June 3 including Sorry Day (May 26) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, "Now More Than Ever", is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must —continue. Resources and more information is available from diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/national-reconciliation-week-may-27-june-3-including-sorry-day-may-26/>