

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

The Ascension of the Lord

Year B

Sunday 12th May 2024

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Fr. Con Bagaoisan

Next Week's Readings: Pentecost Sunday - Genesis 11:1-9; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39

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: Franciska Adamsons, Anne Bond, Eileen Cullen, Tom Flynn, Peter Hammond, Veronica Hayes, Dorothy Nolan, Stan Maher, Marlene Odum, Eufemia Puyaoan, Len Street, Lauretta Tancredi,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Leila Hudson, Alex McLaren, Glenys Miller, Maggie Mitchell, 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 Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need: May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us: May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who have separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict: May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day - we wish all the Mums in our community a happy Mother's Day and hope you have the opportunity to spend the day surrounded by the people you love.

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.

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.

Fr Eric Bryant's Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood Mass - All are welcome to Mass to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood for Fr. Eric on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10.30am at St. James' Sebastopol. Could you please bring a plate to share. Thank you.

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 May 21st, no final decisions will be made at this meeting.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$772.00

Presbytery \$930.00

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

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 2 – Eucharist - Dismissals will be on the weekends of May 4/5, May 11/12, May 18/19. Celebrations will be on the weekends of May 25/26, June 1/2, June & June 15th, please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Sacrament of Baptism - This Sunday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism, Dorothy, child of Patrick & Ava and Elliot child of Sean & Brigitte. *"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." - Pope Francis*

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$941.00

Presbytery \$499.00

Dates to Remember: Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 18th May at 9.00am

St. Vincent de Paul Society - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 27th May at 4.00pm. All welcome

Sacrament of Baptism - This Sunday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism, Ivy and Hunter Mitchell, children of Bradley and Rachael. *"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." - Pope Francis*

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

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Ballarat Diocesan Committee Catholic Women's League - An invitation is extended to all to the Diocesan Conference/Reflection Day on Thursday May 23rd in the Mary Glowrey Room at the Cathedral. Registration 9.15am Conference 10am - 3pm. Including Mass 12.05 in the Cathedral with the crowning of Our Lady Help of Christians. Entry \$20. Morning Tea. Lunch and Afternoon Tea. Guest speakers. Stalls & Competition - Cash only.

Corpus Christi Seminary Enquiry Day - Corpus Christi Seminary, Melbourne is hosting an Enquiry Day on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10.45am for those thinking about the priesthood. Please register to attend by email Diane.Carey@cam.org.au. For more information contact Fr Ed Moloney, Diocesan Vocations Committee ed.moloney@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 21-28, 2023 - will be observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was chosen by a working group from Burkina Faso, "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke 10:27). The community of St Patrick's Cathedral is hosting this prayer service on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 7.00pm. A light supper follows each prayer gathering and members of the St Patrick's Community are asked to assist with the supper. If you are able to help contact Susan Crowe 0419887274.

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/>