

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

Pentecost Sunday

Year B

Sunday 19th May 2024

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Next Week's Readings: The Most Holy Trinity - Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20

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: Chris Rigg

Anniversaries: Gerard Britt, Rodney Coady, Michael Everard, Eugene & Terry Grigg, Margaret Kelly, Constancio Laduan Jr., Jack Ryan, Johanna Wilson, Kathleen Vagg, Jan Verberne,

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.

Congratulations to Fr Eric Bryant who celebrates his Golden Jubilee of Ordination (50 years) to the Priesthood at 10.30am Mass on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at St. James' Sebastopol. Please join us in the foyer after Mass for morning tea. We wish Fr. Eric every blessing for the future.

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.

Linton, Redan & Sebastopol Combined Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday **21st May at 5.30pm** in the Redan Parish Centre. *Please note the change of time.*

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.

A message from Fr. Eugene McKinnon wishes to thank you all for your generous and kind gifts and he is enjoying Beechworth.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$770.00

Presbytery \$831.00

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.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$514.00

Presbytery \$438.00

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

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 over these final two weekends. 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

Safetrac compliance online training - Volunteers in parishes will have received an email from Safetrac Enrolments to complete the online training module, "Creating a Child Safe Organisation". There has been concern that this is a scam email, however it is legitimate and we ask that the module be completed by May 31, 2024.

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 with registration at 9.15am.

Conference 10am - 3 pm, including 12.05pm Mass in the Cathedral with the Crowning of Our Lady Help of Christians. Guest speakers - Diocesan Archivist, Catholicare and Thomas More Centre. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Stalls and Competitions. Registration essential \$20. Cash only. RSVP to Margaret Rowe by May 20 on 0419 114 436 or margrowe@bigpond.com or to C Kavanagh at 0401 175 045 annekav1234@gmail.com.

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 Volunteer Week: May 20-26, 2024 - Each year, National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to highlight the important role of volunteers in our community and invites people not currently volunteering to give it a go. From May 20-26, 2024 we have the opportunity to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you and this includes people in our parishes and agencies. The theme for National Volunteer Week 2024 is Something for Everyone. It is an invitation to explore the myriad of opportunities available, emphasising that there's a place for everyone in the world of volunteering.



Prayer for Volunteers - *We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes. May we value the many talents and gifts that God has given to these people. We thank them for generously offering their time to parish ministries. For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank you, God of all goodness. Amen.*