

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**Sunday 26th September 2021**

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**Fr. Eugene McKinnon**

**Next Week's Readings: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16**

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

**The Victorian Government has announced that Churches are able to reopen with a maximum of 20 people in all our churches. A mass booking for every Mass is required.**

**St. Aloysius, Redan**

Thursday 9.30am

**Saturday 5.00pm (from now till October)**

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:** Frances Becks, Margaret Coughlin,

**Anniversaries:** Anna Contessotto, Maureen Davis, Wally Jones, Edith Reitze, Ken Russell, David Sullivan,

**Please remember in your prayers:** Helen Casanova, Margaret Cooper, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Gerard Hoogenboom, Kath Kavanagh, 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.

**Migrant & Refugee Sunday 2021 – September 26** - Pope Francis has chosen the theme, Towards An Ever Wider "We", for the 107th World Day of Migrant and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Download the 2021 kit from the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office

<https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet>

**Prayer:** *Holy, beloved Father, your Son Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing in heaven whenever someone lost is found, whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded is gathered into our "we", which thus becomes ever wider. We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all people of good will, the grace to do your will on earth. Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the "we" of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen. Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 May 2021 Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

**This weekend we welcome Fr. Barry Ryan who will celebrate Masses at Redan and Sebastopol while Fr. Eugene isolates and prepares for his knee surgery this coming week.**

### **Ballarat Clergy Support Fund - Collection for Sick and Retired Priests - over the coming weeks**

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. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue *'caring for those who cared for us'*. Envelopes will be available at the check in area when Churches.

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

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

**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.

**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.*

**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**

**Plenary Council – Nearly there!** - The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opens with Mass at 2.00pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth on Sunday, October 3. Watch the live-streamed Mass and access other information on the Plenary Council website at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au). Key moments during the First General Assembly will be live-streamed between October 3 and 10. They will include daily Masses, morning prayer for Plenary Council members and sharing of the fruits of discernment. All found at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) or through the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Diocesan Director of Caritas**

After many years of generous service, Sue Searls is retiring from the role of Diocesan Director of Caritas. Bishop Paul would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking up this role. The position will be funded by Caritas as a part-time role, averaging one day a week, although most of the work is concentrated in the months of February to May in relation to Project Compassion. There is a role description available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. If you would like to be considered for this position or if you would like more information, please contact Bishop Paul at [bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au) by Thursday, October 7. Please include your contact details and some notes about your interest in this position and the experience you could bring to this role.

### **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/>

**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.**