

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 6th October 2024

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Fr. Con Bagaoisan

Next Week's Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-27

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

(1st Friday of the month - healing and anointing Mass)

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Mass Time - After consultation with Parishioners over the last two weekends. The results show the majority of Parishioners have voted to NOT change St. Aloysius Saturday night Mass time. Therefore Saturday night Mass at St. Aloysius will remain at 5.00pm.

Recent deaths: Sheely Pawang (Fr. Jorge de Chavez niece)

Anniversaries: Jacqueline Dark, Bev Hemsley-Clark, Alex Harris, Thomas Keighery, Neil Laduan, Eric Mahoney, Shirley Mitchell, Noel Perera, Joan Potter, Richard Zimmerman,

Please remember in your prayers: Nerlita Carter, Remy Fernandez, Leila Hudson, Alex McLaren, Glenys Miller, Tegan Nedelkos, Dianne Parrôt, Pat Reynolds, Joel Ridsdale, Koha Tracey, Annie Welsch

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 7th November 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Linton, Redan & Sebastopol Parishes Safeguarding Training - In line with our Child and Adult Safe Policy it is now mandated by Bishop Paul Bird that all Parishioners who hold a ministry must complete Safetrac Training. This training can be completed online, however we fully understand that online training may be difficult for some. Therefore we are offering a face to face session to complete the training with Bernadette & Pauline. This will affect Readers, Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Leaders, Sacristans, Counters and Collectors, Children's Liturgy, Sacramental Program Leaders, Welcomers and Mass Powerpoint operators. If you wish to complete online training please contact Bernadette or Pauline for further information. For those who prefer face to face training we will meet on Tuesday 15th October at 10.00-10.45am, at St. James' Church Foyer, morning tea will be provided. For more information please see letter from Bishop Paul Bird.

Parish Office Closures - The Parish office at Redan & Sebastopol will be closed during the school holidays. **The Redan & Sebastopol Office will reopen on Tuesday 8th October.** Fr. Con can be contacted on 0435 494 472.

Communion from the Chalice - Bishop Paul has informed parishes of the option of reintroducing communion from the chalice in parishes in the Diocese of Ballarat.

Dear People of the Diocese, In the early days of the Covid pandemic, one of the adjustments made was suspending the practice of sharing communion from the chalice. As Covid restrictions have been lifted, some have asked me about reintroducing the option of communion from the chalice in our diocese of Ballarat.

When I wrote about this in April this year, we were actually facing a surge in Covid cases in hospitals in our diocese and medical advisors were concerned because of the greater risk of various infections in winter. So, even though some other dioceses in Australia had reintroduced communion from the chalice by then, I indicated that we would wait a while longer. However, now that we are looking towards the warmer months of the year, I consider that it is time to reintroduce the option of communion from the chalice.

In the diocese of Ballarat, communities may reintroduce the option of communion from the chalice from November 1 this year. From All Saints Day, local communities will be free to offer communion from the chalice to any of the faithful who wish to take this option. I leave it to the judgment of the Parish Priest or Administrator in each place to arrange when and how communion is offered from the chalice. The practices may vary from place to place. However, the common aim is to allow the faithful to receive Christ under the appearance of wine as well as under the appearance of bread, following the words of Jesus "Take and eat" and "Take and drink". In this way, communion is more clearly a sign of sharing in Christ's heavenly banquet.

In making the chalice available, care should be taken to follow good hygiene practices. The person ministering the chalice should wipe the rim of the chalice inside and out with a purifier before offering the chalice to the next communicant. Anyone who is feeling unwell should refrain from taking the chalice. After Mass, it is good to wash chalices in hot water.

From All Saints Day, communicants in our diocese will again have the option of communion from the chalice. May the revival of this practice enrich our celebration of communion with Christ and with one another.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$680.00

Presbytery \$506.00

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

Sunday Morning Tea - A reminder that all parishioners are invited to our monthly shared gathering this Sunday October 6th after the 9am Mass, a cuppa and morning tea will be supplied.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$423.00

Presbytery \$346.00

Dates to Remember: Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - **Saturday 19th October at 9.00am**

Congratulations to Margaret & Laurie Spencer who celebrated 70 years of marriage. Wishing them both and their family God's blessings for the future.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Ordination to the Priesthood Mass & Thanksgiving Mass: Cay Trinh will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome to attend. A light lunch will follow in the Hall. The Mass will be livestreamed. People of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to form the choir for this Mass (further details to come). Cay will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm. A light supper will follow in the Hall. All welcome.

Synod on Synodality – Second Session - The Second Session of the XVI General Assembly of the Synod is currently underway in Rome. This session runs from October 2-27, 2024. Keep updated with the Synod at the ACBC Media Blog <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/> or go to the diocesan website for more information <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

Pope's October Prayer Intention - *For a shared mission: Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity. Lord, hear us.*

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.