

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 8th September 2024

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Fr. Con Bagaoisan

Next Week's Readings: 24rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Isaiah 50:5-9:1; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

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

Recent deaths: Mick Clark

Anniversaries: Ellen Davis, Teresa Jones, Jos Graafmans, Bruce Hopkins, Lorna McCormack, Paul Mahar, Fred Nihill, Jean Nihill, Violet O'Keeffe, Margorie Sheritt, Franciszka Stodolny, Kaz Zabinski,

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

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 3rd October 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark **Safeguarding Sunday 2024** on the **8th September**, at the conclusion of **National Child Protection Week**. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

This year Safeguarding Sunday has adopted the theme of National Child Protection Week - *"Every conversation matters"*. Embracing this theme, we are reminded that every conversation about safeguarding matters. Children and adults at risk are more likely to raise concerns and issues in an organisation that empowers and listens to them, and creating space for children and adults to have a say in decisions that affect them is an integral part of every safe organisation. <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

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.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND - Collection for Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund". Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. There will be an inquiry session held on Thursday 12th September, 5.30pm St Aloysius Parish Centre for adults who are seeking information about Baptism into the Catholic Church.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$609.00

Presbytery \$941.00

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

Monthly Morning tea - thank you to those who joined us for morning tea after Mass last Sunday, we will meet again on Sunday 6th October. (First Sunday of each month) Morning tea provided.

St Aloysius School Festival of Art - will take place on Wednesday 18th September from 4.30pm - 6pm. This will be a celebration of Art from across the community. Parishioners are invited to showcase their own art pieces, setup will be from 10am on Wednesday 18th. Any enquiries, contact Lesley at the school office 5335 8177.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$384.00

Presbytery \$330.00

Dates to Remember: Liturgy Group Meeting - Friday 13th September at 10.15am

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 21st September at 9.00am

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - Monday 23rd September at 4.00pm. New members welcome.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday 2024 - *Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence has been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard. We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future, their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required. Help us all to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.*

Diocesan e-News - The latest edition of e-News has been published and is available to view at <https://mailchi.mp/251395aac20/edition-119-february-15-14185523?e=c28697ff66>. You can subscribe to receive future editions straight to your email address at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

Wisdom at the Cathedral - All are welcome to hear Fr Shawn Murphy ibp present From Paris to Chartres to Eternity at the next Wisdom at the Cathedral event on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7.00pm. Fr. Murphy, an experienced pilgrim of the famous Paris-Chartres pilgrimage, which attracts tens of thousands of people each year in Holy Week, will share his experiences and reflections on pilgrimage as an enriching journey not only for the body but for the mind and soul. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. Entry by donation. For all enquiries, please contact Fiona Bradley at fionalouisebradley@gmail.com

Pope's September Prayer Intention - For the cry of the earth: *Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit. Lord, hear us.*

Catholic Earthcare to host Season of Creation workshop in September - Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare team is inviting the Catholic community to join its 2024 Season of Creation convocation. Taking place from Thursday, September 12 - Saturday, September 14, the convocation will call participants to 'Wonder', 'Weave' and 'Heal' together. Keynote speakers include Sr Anne-Maree O'Beirne RSM, Pedro Walpole and Sally Neaves. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-earthcare-to-host-season-of-creation-workshop-in-september/>