

HOLY TRINITY PARISH SOUTH WEST BALLARAT

Incorporating St. Aloysius Redan
St. Brigid's Snake Valley
St. Peter's Linton
St. James' Sebastopol
St. John's Skipton

5th Sunday of Lent - Year A
Sunday 22nd March 2026

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Next Week's Readings: Palm Sunday - Entrance Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11;
Matthew 26:14-27:66

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 Mass

(Rosary prayed after 9.30am Mass)

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 Mass

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

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Holy Trinity Parish South West Ballarat - Parish Postal Address is PO Box 13 Sebastopol 3356.

Recent deaths: Sr. Patricia 'Pat' O'Brien rsm

Anniversaries: Sr. Sheila Belleville rsm, Joan Clingan, Vincent DiCesare, Julia Faulkhead, Max McGarry, Kathleen Mathews, Josephine Mizzi, Lorna Nihill, Anne Ryan, Mary Treganowan, Lola Tuddenham, John Watts,

Please remember in your prayers: James Ball, Rodney Ball, Imelda Beltran, Maria DeJong, Monica Dignan, Leila Hudson, Tony McVeigh, Maggie Mitchel, Tegan Nedelkos, Alonso Ng, Yolanda Perez, Reynaldo Puyaoan, Alma Rivera, Agnes Reyes, Imelda Soriano, Elmer Tabios, Daniel Vedovelli,

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 10.00am ONLY**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Office.

Project Compassion – Fifth Sunday of Lent - the Project Compassion story features the emergency response in Gaza. Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict. Watch the emergency response story here: <https://vimeo.com/1127713885>. **Please donate today.** You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes, scanning the QR code, online at www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

Holy Trinity Parish South West Ballarat is 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.

Parish News

This weekend Fr. Con will be away in Western Australia as he was invited back to his former Parish as they bless and dedicate the church as a Diocesan shire to Saint Joseph. Fr. Eric will be celebrating the Masses at St. Brigid's Church Snake Valley, St. John's Skipton & St. Peter's Linton.

Sacrament of Baptism

This Sunday at St. Aloysius Church we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism Dahlia Bronte Rodger, daughter of Ben and Semonne and at St. James' Church Sebastopol we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism Zeyllie Rose Sigua Valdez, daughter of Ronald and Anna. *May they grow in faith in their loving families and the Catholic community.*

Sacramental Program 2026 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - Baptised Catholics in Grade 4 or older who have been Confirmed: This weekend, we welcome the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Reconciliation program over this last weekend. Reconciliation celebrations will take place on **Tuesday 24th March at 7.00pm St. James' Church Sebastopol or Thursday 26th March at 5.30pm St. Aloysius Redan.** *Please keep these children and their families in our prayers.*

Palms - We require palms for Palm Sunday at our five churches. Anyone who can help please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Bishop's Ordination - Peter Marquand represented our Parish at the Ordination of Bishop Mark on Thursday.

St. James' Caring Group Easter Raffle - 3 tickets for \$2.00. Drawn on Friday 27th March after 9.30am Mass.

Easter Masses 2026

Holy Thursday - April 2nd - Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Aloysius Redan - 6.00pm & St. Peter's Linton - 5.30pm

Good Friday - April 3rd - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

10.00am - Stations of the Cross - St. Peter's Linton

St. James' Sebastopol - 3.00pm & St. Peter's Linton - 3.00pm

Holy Saturday - April 4th - Easter Vigil

St. Aloysius Redan - 6.00pm & St. Peter's Linton - 6.00pm

No Mass on Saturday night Mass at St. Brigid's Snake Valley

Easter Sunday - April 5th

St. Aloysius Redan - 9.00am & St. Brigid's Snake Valley - 9.00am

St. James' Sebastopol - 10.30am & St. John's Skipton - 10.30am

No Mass on Sunday morning at St. Peter's Linton

Safeguarding Officers are: John Kennedy (Linton), **Redan (Vacancy)**, Pauline O'Brien (Sebastopol), Kerry Mulcahy (Skipton) and Tanya Kehoe (Snake Valley).

Support our Parish/Stewardship

Thank you to those who regularly support our Parish each week. Collections from the previous weekend:

Presbytery Account: **\$1467.00**

Parish Account: Linton **\$294.00** Redan **\$242.00** Sebastopol **\$328.00**
(not including Direct Debits)

Tap n Go Terminals: Linton **\$50.00** Redan **\$60.00** Sebastopol **\$112.00**

New envelopes - Anyone wishing to contribute please contact the Parish Office or you can scan the QR code for CDF pay online.



Dates to Remember/Upcoming Events

Monday 23rd March - 2.00pm - St. James' Ladies Afternoon Tea at Ballarat Golf Club. At own expense.

Monday 30th March - 4.00pm - St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (St. James' Church Foyer)

Wednesday 1st April - 1.00pm - Caring Circle Meeting (St Aloysius Church office). New members welcome.

Wednesday 1st April - 7.00pm - 1st Wednesday of the month - Filipino Rosary Group (St. James' Church Foyer)

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events



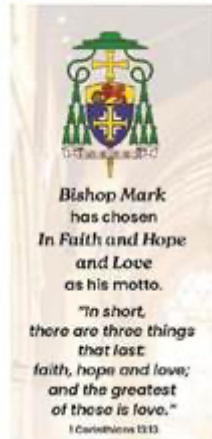
Welcome Bishop Mark Freeman

We welcome Bishop Mark Freeman as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat and wish him well as he begins his Episcopal Ministry.

We pray that Bishop Mark may faithfully fulfil this ministry and be a genuine sign of Christ's loving presence among the people of the diocese.

Prayer for our New Bishop

We give thanks for the appointment of Bishop Mark Freeman as our new shepherd of the diocese of Ballarat, chosen by Your servant Pope Leo. We pray that You pour out Your Spirit upon him, filling him with strength, wisdom, and compassion to lead us in the path of faith, love, and unity. May his leadership reflect Your grace and inspire us to grow as a community in service to You. Amen.



2026 Roundtable Ecological Theology Sessions - Venue: Mercy Centre Ballarat East (Gent Street entrance). Dates: **March 24**, April 21, May 18, June 18, August 19, September 15, October 13, November 17. Times: Afternoon sessions: 1.30pm - 3.00pm; Evening sessions: 7.00pm -8.30pm. To register, text Sr Veronica Lawson on 0408392297 or email veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au

World Day of Prayer at Nazareth House - The final Ballarat event for the World Day of Prayer for 2026 will be held at Nazareth House in the Lifestyle Centre **11.00am on Thursday March 26th**. The presentation is from the women of Nigeria and all are welcome to attend. Morning tea will be served. Inquiries - Carmel 0401175045

Mass of the Oils 2026 - All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils this year on **Monday, March 30, 2026** at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 1.00pm. Afternoon tea will follow in the Hall. The Mass will also be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/zYkE0GIKJdY?feature=share>

Diocesan Choirs - Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 1.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Choir rehearsal times at the Cathedral are Sunday, March 22 and Sunday, March 29, 2026 from 6.00pm – 8.00pm and on the morning prior to Mass. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest for this choir julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159. All adults joining this choir will be required to supply a copy of their Working with Children / VIT card to the Pastoral Ministry Office.

Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross – Evening Prayer - The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office have invited the Diocese of Ballarat to host the Migrant Jubilee Cross, which has been travelling around Australia since late last year. The Cross will be at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat from March 31 – April 5, 2026 and all are welcome to attend **Evening Prayer on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm**. The Cross will then move to the Sunraysia Parish from April 6 –12. Read more about the Cross at <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/jubileecross/>

Holy Week Vigil - You are invited to prayerfully participate in a Holy Week Vigil, to be held at the St Patrick's College, Old Collegian's Chapel. The Vigil will commence with Mass at 7.00pm on **Wednesday 1st April and conclude with Stations of the Cross commencing 6.30am Thursday 2nd April**. One goal is to have the Chapel prayerfully occupied the entire night. You can register your attendance via <https://www.trybooking.com/DKESF>, or simply come along when you can, whether for 5 minutes, 30 mins or an hour. May God bless our prayer.

The Neil Street Choir will present the Easter musical "Jesus! The Resurrection of the Messiah" at York Street Church of Christ, 410 York Street, Ballarat East, on **Sunday March 29th at 9am, and Tuesday March 31st at 7.30pm**. A freewill offering will be received and light refreshments offered. All welcome!