

# 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  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the  
Universe - Year C

**Sunday 23rd November 2025**

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**Next Week's Readings: 1st Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44**

*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 2.00pm Anointing Mass**

**No 9.30am 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:**

**Anniversaries:** Kath Buttler, Philip (Pop) DeBono, Henry deBont, Gary Elliott, Frank Kermond, Jack McEldrew, Theresa Pritchard, Anne-Marie Smerdon, Kathleen Smith, Sr. Connie Walsh rsm,

**Please remember in your prayers:** James Ball, Rodney Ball, Maria DeJong, Monica Dignan, Leila Hudson, Tom Kennedy, Tony McVeigh, Tegan Nedelkos, Alonso Ng, Yolanda Perez, Reynaldo Puyaoan, Agnes Reyes, Mary Sillekens, Imelda Soriano, Elmer Tabios, Bill Van Ravenstein

**Centralised Baptism Preparation Session** will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 4th December 2025 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Office.

**Parish Leadership Team** - Geoff Brodie, John Kennedy, Tanya Kehoe, Peter Marquand, Kim Silva and **Sebastopol (Vacancy)**.

**Finance Committee Members** - Bryan Goble, Cath Kavanagh, John Kavanagh, John Kennedy, Joe Martinovic, Colleen Orchard, Jackie Wrigglesworth and **Redan (Vacancy)**

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

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.

## Parish News

**St. Aloysius Redan Office is currently closed** due to Bernadette Lynch taking some leave and will reopen on Thursday 11th December. Please contact Fr. Con Bagaoisan on 0435 494 472.

**November Prayers for our Deceased Loved Ones** - In November, we traditionally place a special emphasis on praying for those who have died. Parishioners wishing to have a Mass celebrated can use the envelopes in all the Churches. At St. James' church our Book of Remembrance is available for all to include the names of our loved ones.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### Advent Anointing Masses 2025

**St. James' Sebastopol - Friday 28th November at 2.00pm.**

**Afternoon tea will follow in the foyer. Please bring a plate to share.**

**Please note: There will be NO 9.30am Mass on this Friday & this will be the last anointing Mass for the year.**

**'The Promise' Advent & Christmas daily reflection booklets will be available to purchase for \$5.00 at all the churches.**

**St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas cards and Columban Calendars (\$10) are now available in the St. James' Piety Stall and at St. Aloysius Church.**

**Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on Sunday 23rd November** - At St. John's Church Skipton 10.30am Mass - First Confirmation & Eucharist for Maisie, Alex & Eve. Confirmation for Pip & Bridget. Shared morning tea at Skipton Hall Supper room to follow Mass. All welcome.

**Thanksgiving Mass for Bernadette Lynch** will be held on 9.30am Thursday 18th December at St. Aloysius Church Redan with morning tea to follow. Could you please bring a plate to share. Thank you.

**Position Vacant: Parish Assistant – Southwest Ballarat Parish** - In preparation for Bernadette's retirement, applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Parish Assistant at the Southwest Ballarat Parish, part-time (10 hours a week) on Wednesday & Thursday. The position description and application details are available from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/). Applications close on November 28, 2025.

**St. James' Church Sebastopol Christmas Roster** is now on the foyer notice board. If you are available to minister at either Masses could you please fill in your name. Thank you.

## Dates to Remember/Upcoming Events

**Monday 24th November - 2.00pm** - St. James' Ladies Afternoon Tea at Ballarat Golf Club. This will be our last afternoon tea for the year, so come and join us for a cuppa and chat. Afternoon tea at own expense.

**Monday 24th November - 4.00pm** - St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting (St. James' Church)

**Wednesday 3rd December - 7.00pm** - 1st Wed of the month Filipino Rosary Group (St. James' Church Foyer)

**Wednesday 3rd December - 1.00pm** - Caring Circle will meet in the St Aloysius Parish Centre, all welcome

**Friday 5th December - 9.15am** - St. James' Primary School End of Year Mass (St. James' Church)

**NB: Please note change of time**

**Thursday 11th December - 9.30am** - St Aloysius Primary School End of Year Mass (St Aloysius Church)

## Support our Parish/Stewardship



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

**Presbytery Account: \$1573.00**

**Parish Account: Linton \$187.00 Redan \$412.00 Sebastopol \$729.00**

**(not including Direct Debits)**

**Tap n Go Terminals: Linton \$0.00 Redan \$160.00 Sebastopol \$110.00**

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

## Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

**Pilgrimage inspired by St Paul the Apostle** - Parishioners and friends are invited to join a pilgrimage through Turkiye and Greece departing mid-June 2026 with Fr Justin and Lifestyle Travel. An information evening will be held on Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> 5.00pm at Lifestyle Travel 11 Armstrong St Nth., Ballarat to provide pilgrimage details, costings, itinerary, inclusions and a Q&A. To register contact Lifestyle Travel 5331 8277 or [info@lifestyletravel.com.au](mailto:info@lifestyletravel.com.au)

**Y.C.W Cricket Club** - Former players, family and supporters of the Y.C.W Cricket Club are invited to a get together for lunch on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at the Robin Hood Hotel, starting at 12pm. For further details or to book contact Terry on 0401 730 670 or John on 0409 864 080.

**Nazareth House Auxiliary** - Christmas stall and raffle. December 13th/14th 9.00am - 2.00pm each day.

**OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch** - OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers are hosting a free lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 480A Gillies Street North, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm (meal at 12.30pm). Bookings are essential as seating is limited, ph. 0491 029217. Thank you to all the very wonderful volunteers for their work in making the Christmas Day lunch at OLHC so special over all the years it has been held. We welcome all those who would like to volunteer on the day - please phone 0467 683504 to register. A Working with Children Check is required for all volunteers.

**Catholic Women's League (CWL) News** - A Garden Party to support Pregnancy Help Ballarat will be held on Sunday, November 30, 2025. Details to follow. Christmas Stall at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, December 14, 2025 after the morning Masses. Competition for decorated Christmas cake. Tickets to be sold in advance. Rose sale. Donations welcome. Inquiries to Carmel, ph. 0401 175 045.

**Making A Scene At Christmas** - Come December, you are invited to see a display of over 500 nativities in the Bridge Mall. Some of these nativities tell the Christmas story of the birth of Jesus, others come from over 60 countries around the world, some are hand crafted, and some are commercial. Visitors are given the opportunity to touch relics that date back to the time when Herod was king, the time of the birth of Jesus. Please invite your parishioners to come and see, and come and see for yourself too. The cost? A gold coin donation, if you so choose.

**Simbang Gabi Mass Times for 2025** - Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition and it is also the spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a series of nine Masses on the days leading up to Christmas, which will be held at St James' Church Sebastopol. Mass times are: Monday, December 15 at 7.00pm; Tuesday, December 16 at 7.00pm; Wednesday, December 17 at 7.00pm; Thursday, December 18 at 7.00pm; Friday, December 19 at 7.00pm; Saturday, December 20 at 7.00pm; Sunday, December 21 at 7.00pm; Monday, December 22 at 7.00pm; Tuesday, December 23 at 7.00pm and dinner. Please bring a plate to share. If you have any questions/need further information, please contact Fr Eladio, ph. 0450 017 007 or Dion, ph. 0427 876 553. All welcome to attend.

**Praying with The Holy Father** - The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement and each month the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. "The Pope Video" forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org).

**Praying with The Holy Father - Prayer for November – For the prevention of suicide:** Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. Lord, hear us.

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) – Melbourne 2025** - Registrations to attend the festival are now closed. There are around 50 pilgrims from across the diocese who will be attending the festival, with an anticipated overall attendance of 6,000. Please keep these young people in your prayers. More info: <https://acyf.org.au/>

