

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

1st Sunday of Advent

Universe - Year B

Sunday 3rd December 2023

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Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

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 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

St. Brigid's, Snake Valley

Saturday 6.30pm

St. Peter's, Linton

Sunday 9.00am

St. James, Sebastopol

Friday 9.30am

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries: Max Cooper, Norrie Currie, Steven Farrell, Maurice Hayes, Rita Hughes, Giovanna Ledda, Bernard Linahan, Annette Lloyd, Phyllis Lloyd, Margo McKinley, Veronica Power, Rosita Reyes, Alice Rich, Deonius van Gaans, Dorothy Vaughan,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Leila Hudson, Maggie Mitchell, 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 December at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Ordination to the Diaconate- Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome to attend.

Advent Anointing Masses 2023

St. James Sebastopol - Friday 8th December 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.

Advent Reconciliation 2023

will occur during Masses at Redan & Sebastopol on the weekend of 9th & 10th December 2023.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2023

Christmas Eve Mass – Sunday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan School Auditorium - 6.00pm Mass

St. Brigid's Snake Valley – 6.00pm Mass

St. James' Sebastopol – 7.00pm Carols & 7.30pm Mass

St. John's Skipton – 7.30pm Mass

Christmas Day Mass – Monday 25th December

St. James' Sebastopol – 9.30am Mass

St. Peter's Linton – 9.00am Mass

This weekend, we welcome Bishop Paul Bird, who will be celebrating Masses at Redan & Sebastopol. At these Masses Bishop Paul will give a special blessing to all children in our Parishes who have celebrated Sacraments this past year. We welcome all children and their families.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$928.00

Presbytery \$890.00

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

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Columban calendars are now available for purchase after Mass in the church foyer. There is also a giving tree if you wish to contribute.

Working Bee - This will be held on Saturday 23rd December, 9.30am. Come along to lend a hand to clean up the gardens. If you are able, could you please bring brooms, shovels and leaf blowers. All welcome, morning tea after the working bee will be provided in the Parish Centre

Caring Circle - This group will meet on Wednesday 6th December, 1pm in the Parish Centre. All Welcome

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$870.00

Presbytery \$377.00

Dates to Remember: StVdeP Meeting - Monday 4th December at 4.00pm. Meeting and afternoon tea.

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 6th December at 7.00pm

St. James End of Year School Mass - Friday 15th December at **9.15am - please note change of time**

Sausage Sizzle – Thank you. This Sunday, we hold our annual sausage sizzle after Mass as a thank you to all Parishioners for their contribution to our Parish through-out the year.

We pray: For all our volunteers in our Parish, that they may be acknowledged and appreciated for their commitment to serve God and their neighbour and making our Parish a place of welcome and prayer.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Columban calendars are now available for purchase at St. James' Piety counter or see Anne Dark.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

OHLC Christmas Lunch - Please see invitation on foyer notice boards

Choir for the Ordination to the Diaconate Mass for Cay Peter Trinh – Saturday, December 16, 2023 - Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group for Cay Trinh's Ordination to the Diaconate Mass on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. Practice times: Sunday, December 3 and 10 at the Cathedral. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

Fundraiser for our Seminarians - St. Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat -The Catholic Women's League (CWL) will hold a cake stall at the Cathedral after Masses on Sunday December 10th. We are having a competition for a decorated Christmas cake and will sell tickets after the Masses the week before this. Funds raised will assist our Seminarians: Simon, Channa, Lam and Peter. Donations of cakes and produce are welcome. If you can assist please contact - Inquiries - Carmel 0401 175 045 annekav1234@gmail.com

Making a Scene at Christmas - Over 500 Christmas Nativities will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat and at the Catholic Diocesan Archives from Tues, Dec 5 – Frid, Dec 22, 2023. For information please contact Fiona Tonkin Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Everyone welcome. Entry is a gold coin donation.



“Love Natural Resources” Did you know ? Bees help pollinate flowers and food crops, which helps them grow. Bees are the MPVs of our ecosystem. Taking care of the plants and flowers in your garden helps the bees do their job.