

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

2nd Sunday of Advent

Universe - Year B

Sunday 10th December 2023

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Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Thur 14th Dec. End of Year School Mass 9am

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

St. Brigid's, Snake Valley

Saturday 6.30pm

St. Peter's, Linton

Sunday 9.00am

St. James, Sebastopol

Frid 15th Dec. End of Year School Mass 9.15am

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries: Tony Bazzano, Joseph Bond, Nicole Burvill, Mary Clohesy, Margaret McDonald, Inez Sullivan, Mary Wilkie,

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 1st February 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.

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

New Year's Day Mass - Monday 1st January 2024

St. James' Sebastopol - 9.30am

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - Once again our conference will be assisting families for Christmas. We have already distributed hampers from Loreto college to families, some other families will be recipients of hampers from the Church of Christ reverse Advent appeal. This year most of the hampers from our conference will be assisting single people households. If you can, a special item for their hamper can be placed in the baskets in the foyer. Donation envelopes are also available and can be placed on the collection plate or handed to a member of our conference. Everyone we assist is most grateful for the extra help given over Christmas. On Wednesday 20th we will be putting together hampers and doing lots of deliveries as many of these households do not have transport. If you have some time you are welcome to assist us in the school hall from 10am. With thanks Sebastopol conference members.

Advent Reconciliation will occur during Masses at Redan & Sebastopol this weekend.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$939.00

Presbytery \$808.00

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.

St Aloysius' End of Year School Mass - This will be celebrated on Thursday 14th December at 9am

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

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$409.00

Presbytery \$359.00

Dates to Remember: St. James End of Year School Mass - Friday 15th December at 9.15am

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 16th December at 9.00am

Sacrament of Baptism - This Sunday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism, Myles George Patten, son of Adam & Katharine. *"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." - Pope Francis*

Presentation of the Sacramental children and Sausage Sizzle – Thank you to the school for leading last Sunday's Mass and also a big thank you to everyone who was involved in the sausage sizzle last Sunday. Without our generous volunteers things can not happen.

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

Prayer Vigil for Cay Trinh before Diaconate Ordination - A special way you might do this will be to join in a special Prayer Vigil on Friday 15th, 6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. We will offer a Holy Hour for Cay as he prepares for this special step in answering God's call to service, as well as prayer for vocations in our Diocese.

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 til Frid, Dec 22, 2023. For information please contact Fiona Tonkin Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Everyone welcome. Entry is a gold coin donation.