Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Easter - Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

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, RedanThursday 9.30amSaturday 5.00pmSunday 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: Ivan Downing

Anniversaries: Edmund Baker, Muriel Dunne, Lyn Evans, Arnolda Goosens, Mary Guinan, Daniel Hayes, Edward Hayes, Kath Hogan, Paul Pearson, Enrique Pomar, Patricia Snowdow, Robert Sobey, Bernard Vaughan, **Please remember in your prayers:** Margaret Cooper, Leila Hudson, Alex McLaren, Glenys Miller, 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 2nd May 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm.** Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.



Easter Message from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

"An Easter with a Special Anniversary". You can read Bishop Paul's Easter Message on the diocesan website https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-easter-message-3/ or scan or click the QR code.

This weekend we welcome Fr. Concord 'Con' Bagaoisan OSJ (Oblates of St. Joseph) as our new Parish Priest.

Thank You! Fr Eugene would like to thank all parishioners for their generous contributions towards his gift for his retirement and for all the beautiful cards and letters. He was very touched by the beautiful messages he received from all, he made many friendships while working here in our three parishes. **Parish Office Re Openings – The Redan & Sebastopol Offices will reopen on Tuesday 16th April.**

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.

Thank You! Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week and place them on the collection plates. Thank you. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

Easter Offerings (Linton, Redan & Sebastopol) - Along with Christmas Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Easter Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Envelopes are available on the table.

Linton Parish - St Brigid's Snake Valley Altar Society are holding a Trash & Treasure and plant sale on Saturday April 27, 7.30am - 12.00pm @ Snake Valley Store Donations of saleable items appreciated. For further information please contact Kate Breen 0431 813 559. Proceeds to St. Brigid's Altar Society

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$608.00 Presbytery \$854.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - Rosary will be prayed every Thursdays after 9.30am Mass Sacramental Program 2023 - Term 2 - Eucharist - Baptised Catholics who have been Confirmed and celebrated their Reconciliation, more information to come next week

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$870.00 Presbytery \$612.00

Dates to Remember: Sacramental Team Meeting - Tuesday 16th April at 3.45pm

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 20th April at 9.00am

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 22nd April at 4.00pm. All welcome. Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 2 – Eucharist - Baptised Catholics who have been Confirmed and celebrated their Reconciliation. Parent enrolment meeting, Tuesday 23rd April at 5.30pm. Sunday dismissals, Apr 28th, May 5th, 19th & 26th May at 10.30am and celebration on Sunday 2nd June, at 10.30am.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Diocesan History Timeline - As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/

Seminarians' Fundraising Afternoon Tea - The Cathedral Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be hosting an Afternoon Tea as a fundraiser to aid our Seminarians on Saturday April 20th from 1.30 onwards at 30 Waller Ave, Ballarat. Entry \$20 - Cash only - Stalls and Competitions. Donations Welcome. Donations to assist can be paid direct to Bendigo Bank. Cathedral Branch Ballarat CWL BSB 633 000 ACC 21371 7255. Inquiries - Carmel -0401 175 045

An Invitation - Are you interested in becoming a Mercy Associate? This group seeks to "Preserve, Nurture and Reimagine the Mercy charism", established by Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy" We offer members a number of social and spiritual activities throughout the year. If you are interested, both women and men, please contact the Parish Office for further information before 30 April 2024.

Diocesan e-News - The latest edition of the diocesan e-News has been published with stories of news and events in the diocese https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/. You can also subscribe to



receive e-News directly to your inbox on this same page.

"Walk, cycle or use public transport" Did you know? Choosing active transport like walking and cycling can not only dramatically reduce your carbon footprint, but you could end up saving money and staying fit at the same time! When walking or cycling is not an option, swapping the car for a bus or train can also make a significant dent in emissions.