

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

5th Sunday of Lent

Year B

Sunday 17th March 2024

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Next Week's Readings: Palm Sunday - Entrance: Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

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 2.00pm Anointing Mass

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths: Graeme Beaston, Sr. Joan Dagleish rsm, Sr Marion McDonald rsm

Anniversaries: Anthony Atkinson, Sr. Sheila Belleville rsm, Betty Campbell, John van den Hoek, Peggy Holloway, Antonio Lagoa, Kathleen Mathews, Lorna Nihill, Carmel Porter, Mary Treganowan, John Watts, Bernie Wilkie,

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 4th April 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Lenten Reconciliation will be held during the Redan & Sebas Masses this weekend.

Lenten Anointing Masses

St. Aloysius Redan on Wednesday 27th March at 11.00am followed by a take away lunch, supplied by the school

St. James' Sebastopol on Friday 22nd March at 2.00pm. Afternoon tea to follow in the foyer. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you. **There will be no 9.30am Mass on this day.**

Project Compassion 5th Sunday of Lent - The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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Easter Masses 2024

Holy Thursday - March 28th - Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Aloysius Redan - 7.00pm

Good Friday - March 29th - Celebration of the Lord's Passion - St. James' Sebastopol - 3.00pm

Holy Saturday - March 30th - Easter Vigil - St. Brigid's Snake Valley - 6.30pm &
St. Aloysius Redan - 7.00pm

Easter Sunday - March 31st - St. Aloysius Redan & St. Peter's Linton - 9.00am, St. James' Sebastopol
with blessing of Paschal candle & renewal of Baptismal promises & St. John's Skipton - 10.30am

Fr Eugene's Farewell - There will be two opportunities for parishioners to farewell Fr Eugene. There will be a supper after the 6.00pm Mass at St Aloysius on Saturday April 6th and a morning tea after the 10.30am Mass at St James' on Sunday April 7th. If you would like to make a contribution towards a cash gift you can place your contribution in an envelope and place it on the collection plate. Thank you.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$560.00

Presbytery \$617.00

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

Sacramental Program 2024 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - Baptised Catholics in Grade 4 or older who have been Confirmed:

- Final dismissal this weekend Masses, Saturday 6pm or Sunday 9am: March 16th/17th

- Celebration on Thursday 21st March, at either 5.30pm or 7.00pm, St. Aloysius' Church

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$438.00

Presbytery \$456.00

Dates to Remember: Stations of the Cross - Wednesday 20th March at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea.

StVdeP Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 25th March at 4.00pm in the foyer. All welcome.

Sacramental Program 2024 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - This weekend, we welcome the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Reconciliation program for their final dismissal. **Reconciliation will be** celebrated on Tuesday 19th March, at 7.00pm. *Please keep these children and their families in our prayers.*

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Funeral Mass for Sr Joan Dalgleish rsm - The Funeral Mass for Sr. Joan Dalgleish will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 at St Alipius Church, Ballarat East at 10.30am. The funeral will be livestreamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhWByNDRhcM> and the burial at

<https://youtube.com/live/49AmMba25Ms?feature=share>

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - The Diocese of Ballarat will turn 150 on March 30, 2024. During this year there will be many events to acknowledge this significant anniversary. Keep up-to-date at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am (please note change of time). Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall. **Mass of the Oils livestream** - This year the Mass of the Oils will be live streamed at

<https://youtube.com/live/SdivlKiHSs?feature=share>

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2024 is focussed on God's call to leave behind the bonds of slavery with the title, "Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom", which is from the Book of Exodus (20:2). Read the message at

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/20231203-messaggio-quaresima2024.html> and/or watch the presentation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXPPVtpHBM&t=408s>

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