

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 4th February 2024

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Next Week's Readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

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 9.00am School Mass

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 9.15am School Mass

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths: Dan Deveney, Robert Gosden,

Anniversaries: Alannah (Hazlett) Bryan, Eileen Carroll, Petrus DeBont, Brendan Cranage, Jarrod Faulkhead, Patricia Ford, Bessie Gallagher, Rocky Hazlett, Guiliano Ledda, Matthew O'Connor, Bernie O'Neil, Lawrence Parrot, Carmel Riding, Lance Vagg, Margaret Walsh, Kiefer Wilson,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Yvonne Farrugia, Leila Hudson, 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 7th March 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 14th February 2024) Mass Times:

9.30am at St. Aloysius Redan

12 (noon) at St. James' Sebastopol

St. VdeP Society - A big thank you to St. James and St. Aloysius community for the donation of food and money to go towards our Christmas hampers. Lumen Christi primary school contributed a huge amount of food and treats for the hampers. A big thank you also to those who came and helped to pack and distribute hampers, your time and effort is always welcome and always appreciated. We packed 36 hampers with special treats and a voucher mainly going to single person households and single parent households. Eleven large hampers from Loreto College were available for larger families. Ballarat conferences also supported hampers through the Church of Christ by nominating families. We also nominated 9 single person households to receive a small hamper and voucher from the Commonwealth bank social club. December is a very busy month for us but also a very satisfying time as we see the joy and appreciation from our clients.

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 Brigid's Snake Valley congratulations on celebrating their 100-year anniversary. This occasion was marked by celebrating Mass on Saturday 3rd February at 6.30pm.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$606.00

Presbytery \$645.00

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

Birthday Wishes - We congratulate Frances on celebrating a wonderful milestone, reaching the great age of 101. Wishing her all the best for the future.

Caring Circle - This group will meet on Wednesday 7th February, 1pm in the Parish Centre. New Members welcome

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

- Parent enrolment meeting, Thursday February 15th at 10.00am or 5.30pm, St. Aloysius Parish Centre

- Dismissals at weekend Masses, Saturday 6pm or Sunday 9am: February 17th/18th, February 24th/25th, March 2nd/3rd, 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 \$485.00

Presbytery \$423.00

Dates to Remember: Sacramental Group Meeting - Tuesday 6th February at 3.45pm

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 7th February at 7.00pm.

St. James' Parish School Opening Mass will be held on Friday 9th February at 9.15am. All welcome.

Parent Information Meeting for Reconciliation - Tuesday 13th February at 5.30pm

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 17th February at 9.00am.

Caring Group Meeting - Tuesday 20th February at 9.30am.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 26th February at 4.00pm in the church foyer. New members are always welcome and are welcome to contribute as little or much as they can.

Contact Anne Dark, Krys Reid or the parish office.

Sacramental Program 2024 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - Leaflets are available in the foyer after Mass. **Baptised Catholics in Grade 4 or older who have been Confirmed:**

- Parent enrolment meeting, Tuesday February 13th at 5.30pm, St. James' Church Foyer

- Sunday dismissals, Sunday February 18th & 25th, March 3rd & 17th at 10.30am, St. James' Church

- Celebrated on Tuesday 19th March, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church

Catholic Mission thanks to Parishioners in our parishes for your support of this year's World Mission Day Appeal. Your generosity has empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses, allowing them to spread the message of hope and love within their local communities. Through your partnership with Catholic Mission, Sr. Carolina in Timor-Leste can continue providing life-saving treatment and essential resources for health, education and well-being. Your gift not only transforms individual lives but also fuels mission programs globally, reaching out to those in dire need. Many thanks!

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

150 years of the Diocese of Ballarat - 2024 - On March 30 next year, the Diocese of Ballarat will turn 150. There will be a number of events held next year to mark this occasion. See the display board in your church for the timeline of events.

Rite of Election 2024: Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall.

Mass of the Oils 2024: 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.

Message re Holy Communion from Bishop Paul - In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue.