

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday 6th March 2022

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Next Week's Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

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: Stephanie Carswell, Jamie Petrie, Salome Tautunu

Anniversaries: Don Apfelbaum, Lois Connor, Christine Crawford, Eileen Delahenty, Michael Devitt, Sheila Forster, Barb Gleeson, Maisie McRostie, Jack Robertson, Kath Squire, Mary Quinn, Jim Ryan

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Fred deJong, Constancio Laduan Sr., Cath Kavanagh, Peter Kavanagh, Lucas Mactingrao, Sr. Patricia Vagg,

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 7th April 2022 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with Parish Offices.

Mass of the Oils 2022 - will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

Stations of the Cross will be held at St. James' Church on Wednesday 30th March at 10.00am.

Lenten Reconciliation will be held during Redan & Sebastopol Masses - weekend 2nd & 3rd April.

Lenten Anointing Mass

St. Aloysius Redan - Thursday 7th April 11.30am. Followed by a take away lunch provided by the St Aloysius School's Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden. Numbers required for catering

St. James' Sebastopol - Friday 8th April at 2.00pm. Afternoon tea will be held at the Sebastopol Bowling Club. Bookings required.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$376.00 Presbytery \$639.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, Thursday at 9am,

Volunteers for Ministries - We are looking for volunteers for readers, leaders, special ministers and someone to run the projector on the weekend, we are especially low on Saturday nights. If you could do it once a month that would be a great help. Please see Fr Eugene or Bernadette if you are interested.

Sacramental Program 2022 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

- Children who have been Baptised and Confirmed who are in Grade 4 or older
- Weekend dismissals, March 5th /6th, 19th/20th, Saturday 6pm or Sunday 9am
- Celebrated on Thursday March 24th, at either 5.30pm or 7.00pm, at St. Aloysius Church

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$424.00 Presbytery \$318.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St James' - Wednesday at 10.30am Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Dates to Remember:

Parish Craft Group - Monday 7th March at 1.00pm

Men's Breakfast - Saturday 19th March at 9.00am. Double vaccination required.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - Monday March 28th at 4.00pm. New members welcome contact Krys on 0411451320 or Anne on 0409547953.

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This weekend, we welcome the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Reconciliation program over the next two weeks. Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday 23rd March at 7.00pm. Please keep these children in our prayers.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Project Compassion – First Sunday of Lent

Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

Invitation to Blessing of Statue of St Patrick for the Cathedral - will be placed and blessed in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR during Evening Prayer (Vespers) on the Vigil of St Patrick's Day (Wednesday, March 16) at 7.00pm. On St Patrick's Day itself, there will be Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm. Fr Ed Moloney and Fr Abraham Thomas will preside and acknowledge the blessing of the statue during those Masses. People of the Diocese are welcome to the Evening Prayer and the Masses. More information is available from the diocesan website

https://mcusercontent.com/904e76c839232ddc552d4311d/files/df651b2-ca50-6e9d-4844-c24a97df8ff0/St_Patrick_Invitation.pdf

Roundtable Ecological Theology Conversations - After a two year COVID hiatus, Fr Barry Ryan and Sr Veronica Lawson's monthly theology sessions will resume on Wednesday, March 9 (afternoon group 1.30-3.00pm; evening group 7.00-8.30pm). Everyone is welcome. Just turn up at the Mercy Gathering Room, 16 Gent Street, Ballarat East (with evidence of vaccination).

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.