

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 18th February 2024

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Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent - Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

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: Sr. Angela Caine rsm

Anniversaries: Agustina Abarquez, Sr. Anne Forbes rsm, Bob Fewster, Molly Kelly, Ljuba Lagoa, Noreen O'Hehir, Ivy Saunders, Mary Squire,

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 7th March 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Lenten Reconciliation will be held during the Redan & Sebastopol Masses on the weekend of the **16th & 17th March**.

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 Sunday - This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. From three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, all united by one dream: to create a better world for future generations. Please donate to Project Compassion, through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and is a forty day period preparation for Easter. It reminds us of the forty-days that Jesus spent in the wilderness before he took up his ministry. During this time he fasted and prayed. Lent is a time of self-denial and prayer for us as well. During this period, we are called to focus on becoming closer to Jesus by praying a little more, doing good deeds for others, going without something we like and giving generously to others in need. Ash Wednesday is a good time for us to think about what we can do to grow closer to Jesus over the next weeks.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$697.00

Presbytery \$687.00

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:

- 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 \$447.00

Presbytery \$443.00

Dates to Remember: 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.

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 7th March

Sacramental Program 2023 – 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 over the next four weeks. **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

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/>

Logo: The logo for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat will feature on correspondence and events relating to the anniversary as well as on the candle and prayer card. It was prepared by a committee convened by Bishop Paul. The design incorporates the diocesan logo and the bough of a tree drawn by Sr Anne McMillan rsm in 1985. The words Anne had used with this drawing were, "If I keep a green bough in my heart, the singing bird will come". It is an old Chinese proverb, which could be interpreted as a reminder to keep hope alive and a call to open our hearts to all. The bough of a tree symbolises growth, interconnectedness and life. The leaves could symbolise the communities, the parishes, the people of the diocese.

Wisdom at the Cathedral - All are welcome to the first talk for the year in the Cathedral parish's series Wisdom at the Cathedral. Fr Bill Lowry from the Warrnambool parish, will speak on *Discerning God's Will in Your Life*. 7pm, followed by a cup of tea. Thursday 29 February in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley on fionalouisebradley@gmail.com.

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.

Pope's intention for February: – **For the terminally ill:** *Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.*

Laudato Si': Everything is connected – In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. **"Think before you buy"** *Did you know? A great way to reduce waste is to think about whether you need something before you buy it. See if you can buy it second hand rather than new. Buying from small local business is also a good way to reduce your environmental impact.*