

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday 29th November 2020

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Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

The parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Parish Arrangements

With the further easing of the Covid 19 restrictions we will be able to have the following people gathering in our Parish while meeting the density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres. This will enable the following number of people to celebrate Mass together in our Parish Churches:

**St. Aloysius, Redan - 44 people, St. James, Sebastopol - 80 people,
St Brigid's, Snake Valley - 24 people, St Peter's, Linton - 19 people,
St John's, Skipton - 24 people**

If you wish to attend a Mass please make a booking either by phone, text, or email with the Parish Coordinators. Your name and contact details which will be recorded when you make a booking. Please remember that you cannot attend Mass without a prior booking and a face mask.

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

Everyone must wear a mask for the duration of the Mass except when receiving communion

Continue with hand sanitising on entry and wiping down of church seats after each Mass

Continue with social distancing when in the Church, please sit in allocated seats

No gatherings before or after Mass

Please do not just arrive at a Mass because if the Church is at capacity you will not be able to stay

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.

First Sunday of Advent

Presider: God of Grace and promise, at the beginning of this Advent Season, we gather as a community to prepare for the coming of Jesus. We ask you to bless our Advent Wreath and all who gather round it. May our wreath remind us of the coming of Christ:

in His Incarnation

in our love for Him

and in His future glory.

Blessing of the Wreath

Presider: May the circle of green leaves which has no beginning and no end, be a sign of God's everlasting love for us.

ALL: Come Lord Jesus

Presider: As we kindle the flames on these candles each week, may a spirit of love be kindled in our hearts.

ALL: Come Lord Jesus

Presider: May his coming bring true peace on earth and herald the dawn of a new day.

ALL: Come Lord Jesus

The first candle is lit

Presider: Let us pray

ALL: God of faithfulness, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We make this prayer in His name and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Recent Deaths: Sr. Kate McGarth rsm, Ethel O'Brien, Mary Christina Pitman

Anniversaries: Kerry Aquilina, Maxwell Cooper, Noreen Currie, Rita Hughes, Bernard Linahan, Margo McKinley, Alice Rich, Deonisius van Gaans, Cornelia van Raaphorst,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Winifredo Ferrer, Heather Healy, Gerard Hoogenboom, Constancio Laduan Sr., Corazon Laduan, Lucas Mactingrao, Loreto Martinovic, Kevin Orchard, Rodolfo Puyaoan, Jonathon Rice, Louis Sykes, Sr. Patricia Vagg, Jo van Gaans,

Collections for previous weekend

St. James

Parish: \$355.00

Presbytery: \$88.05

St. James Vinnies Piety Stall - Christmas cards and Columban calendars are now available. These will also be available at St. Aloysius Church

Vinnie Christmas Appeal envelopes are now available and can be placed on collection plates at the entrance door. Receipts will be issued. Any queries contact Anne 0409 547 953.

Opportunity for Prayer at St James' - Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - will recommence this Wednesday December 2 at 10.30am. All welcome.

This weekend we welcome Bishop Paul Bird who will celebrate the weekend Parish Mass at both St. Aloysius and St. James while Fr. Kevin is away.

Christmas Day Take-away Lunch 2020

Due to the uncertainty of gathering in large groups for Christmas Day, OLHC Wendouree is offering a Christmas Day Take-away lunch. Bookings are essential. Please phone 0419 975 914. For those without transport, alternative arrangements can be organised.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Links to online Masses in the Diocese:

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat: Mass livestreamed daily at 11.30am can be viewed live on Patrick's Cathedral facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9> or watched later on the St Patrick's Parish website stpatscathedral.weebly.com

Caritas Australia Asia Emergency Appeal

Typhoon Vamco has caused devastating unprecedented flooding in the regions of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia, followed only weeks after being hit by Super Typhoon Goni. Severe flooding has submerged towns up to 12 metres deep across the Cagayan region of the Philippines leaving tens of thousands of families without electricity, clean water or road access. People who have lost their homes and livelihoods are fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risk of COVID-19 spreading is high. If you are able to assist, donations are being accepted at www.caritas.org.au or by calling toll free 1800 024 413.

#AdventHope

Read the latest from the Global Catholic Climate Movement at <https://preview.mailerlite.com/u9i6z9/1558374805588153901/o6p7/>
The November *Laudato Si* monthly reflection can be found at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NmLYsqX0Ue6qqIz9LofeVjunZUagKym/view>

Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it is in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

Discernment Papers: The six discernment papers have been released and are available to read at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/ead>. The National Plenary Facilitation Team have released a resource to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers (attached). Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. **For the month of November we will look at HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS A joyful, hope-filled and servant community?** *This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people in Australia – particularly for refugees and asylum seekers and other people who are vulnerable or at risk. Many responses called for greater sharing of the story of the good works done by so many people and organisations of the Church. Some responses expressed a hunger for strong witness of faith, especially by priests, young people and female leaders in parish and school ministries.* Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Read the discernment paper:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/PC2020-thematic-papers-5.pdf>

Visit the thematic page: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/servant/>

Catholic Care Victoria

Victoria's bishops have announced the merging of CatholicCare Melbourne and Gippsland, Centacare Ballarat and CatholicCare Sandhurst, to form a new entity, CatholicCare Victoria from January 1, 2021. Statements and further information is available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-care-victoria/>

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.