

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 6th December 2020

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Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Presider: As we gather around our Advent Wreath to prepare for the lighting of the second candle, let us pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with Joy.

Blessing of the Wreath

Presider: A voice cries in the wilderness

ALL: Prepare a way for the Lord.

Presider: Across the desert, through the valleys, over every mountain.

ALL: Make his path straight.

Presider: Repent and believe the Good News.

ALL: For the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

The second candle is lit

Presider: Let us pray

ALL: God of power and mercy, fling wide the doors of our hearts in welcoming our Emmanuel. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy. May we share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Recent Deaths: Phyllis Lloyd, Rodolfo Puyaoan

Anniversaries: Tony Bazzano, Joseph Bond, Maurice Hayes, Giovanna Ledda, Margaret McDonald, Inez Sullivan, Dorothy Vaughan,

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, Jonathon Rice, Louis Sykes, Sr. Patricia Vagg, Jo van Gaans,

ANOINTING MASSES 2020

St. Aloysius Redan - Thursday 10th December at 9.30am

St. James' Sebastopol - Friday 18th December at 9.30am

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE - Wednesday 16th December 7.00pm at St. James' Sebastopol

You will need to ring to book a place for any of these ceremonies

Collections for previous weekend

St. Aloysius

Parish: \$1125.00

Presbytery: \$534.00

St. James

Parish: \$397.00

Presbytery: \$125.90

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

Congratulations to Leila and George Hudson who celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. *We wish God's blessing on you both and your family for the years to come.*

St. James Parish School - End of Year Mass will be celebrated in the school grounds on Friday 11th December at 9.30am. There will be NO MASS in the Church on this day.

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.

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

#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/1NmLYsqSx0Ue6qqlz9LofeVjunZUagKym/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/read>. 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**

December we will look at HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS

Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform? *The “call to conversion” is “the indispensable condition of Christian*

love.” (TMA 50) Christians respond to this call when they openly acknowledge personal and communal failings

and experience the joy of reconciliation shaped by renewed relationship with the Trinitarian God. Ongoing

conversion is the source of renewal and of authentic reform. Catholics in Australia experience the riches of the

Church’s traditions, through liturgy, parish life and the Church’s contributions to welfare, education and

healthcare. At the same time, they acknowledge hindrances to personal and institutional conversion toward

Christ. The Report repeatedly refers to the Church’s rites of reconciliation (particularly the Third Rite), indicating

that the Church in Australia needs to respond to this desire for formation in, and access to, sacramental

reconciliation. 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/>

Making a Scene at Christmas

In this year of COVID, travelling around the world is but a dream. Making a Scene at Christmas, a display of over 500 Christmas Nativities, can take you around the world and through time using the lens of hand-crafted

Nativities. Currently we have Nativities from Australia, Asia, Europe, Africa and North and South America. We

have nativity related artifacts (coins) that are 2000 years old, nativities made of different materials including

bullets and bullet shells, recycled potato chip packets, spark plugs, pewter, china, wood and our latest

acquisition is a 1.2 m high wooden Herod about 100 years old that came from a carousel in NY State. We will be

displaying these in The Bridge Mall, Ballarat, from December 17 - 20, All are welcome.

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