

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday 21st February 2021

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Next Week's Readings: 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 Arrangements

Just a reminder that all Church gatherings must meet the density quotient of 1 person per 2 square metres. Until further notice, you will need to continue to book in 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. Face Masks are now again mandatory in all Churches.

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

Project Compassion Sunday - 21st February 2021

Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and her eight-month-old baby. With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income. Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila says. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Eileen Dawson, Bob Fewster, William Heath, Glenis Ledda, Noreen O'Hehir, Michael Phillips, Mary Squire,

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

Thank you to Fr Kevin Maloney - we invite parishioners from the parishes of Linton, Redan and Sebastopol to a thank you dinner for Fr Kevin on **Friday the 12th March, 6pm at Sebastopol Bowling Club**. For bookings please contact Bernadette & Pauline.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

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

Sacramental Program 2021 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

- Baptised Catholics in Grade 4 or older
 - Parent enrolment meeting and Session One - Thursday 4th March (Venue & time to be advised)
 - Celebrated on Tuesday 23rd March and Thursday 25th March 24th, at St Aloysius Church
- All other information will be given at the parent meeting

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Opportunity for Prayer at St James' - Wednesday at 10.30am Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **Dates to Remember:** Filipino Rosary Group will recommence on 3rd March 2021 at 7pm
World Day of Prayer Service at St. James' Parish Church - Friday 5th March, 2021 at 2pm

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Leaflets are available in the foyer after Mass. This Sunday we welcome the children and their parents who will be preparing and working their way through the program over the next four weeks. Celebrated on Wednesday March 24th, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church. Please keep these children in our prayers.

St James SVDP Members, wish to acknowledge and thank St Aloysius Lumen Christi, staff and students St James, all Parishioners for their generous donations to our recent Christmas Appeal. Receipts were issued if details provided. Special mention to a young man 8yr old Jackson, from Redan who has yearly, saved up & donated a big bag of 5 cent coins, for us to pass on to a person in need. Well done Jackson. Also St James Conference, currently seeking new volunteer members. Restrictions apply to our service delivery due to COVID 19. Enq; Anne* 0409547953.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

A Pilgrimage for the Year of St Joseph - The Aussie Camino is a pilgrimage route running from Portland in Victoria to Penola in South Australia, inspired by the life and journeys of Australia's first Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop and her mentor Fr Julian Tenison Woods. This year being declared the Year of St Joseph by Pope Francis, is a great opportunity to visit & reflect on the "Josephites or Brown Joeys"; the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, founded by St Mary McKillop in Penola in 1866. On average, you will walk between 20 & 25 km per day (6 to 8 hours) for the 8 days of walking. This Camino includes amazing walks along cliff tops, beaches, sand dunes, goat trails and farm tracks. Based on the traditions of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain, pilgrims receive a guidebook, passport, scallop shell and stay in the local towns along the way. Fr Justin Driscoll will accompany the pilgrims. 10 Days – Portland to Penola. Departing Ballarat: Friday 30 April 21. Returning Ballarat: Sunday 09 May 21. Maximum of 12 people. Please register your interest & attendance at the Info Session via email to Leonie at Lifestyle Travel Ballarat leonie@lifestyletravel.com.au

Parish Secretary Position – Parishes of Bungaree and Gordon - The Parishes of Bungaree and Gordon are seeking to jointly employ a suitably qualified person to fill the position of Parish Secretary to support the business and clerical requirements for both parishes. The position is 12 hours per week for the Parish of Gordon and 5 hours per week for the Parish of Bungaree. Total 17 hours per week. Days of work are negotiable. More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. Applications close February 26, 2021.

World Day of Prayer Services - Friday, March 5, 2021 - 10.00am at Patrick's Cathedral, corner Sturt & Dawson Streets, Ballarat. 2.00pm at St James' Parish Church, corner Albert & Vale Streets, Sebastopol. 7.00pm at Ballarat South Uniting Church, 305 Scott Street, Buninyong. 7.00pm at St John's Anglican Church, 103 Napier Street, Creswick.

The Parishes of St. Aloysius, St. James' & St. Peter's are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.