

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

3rd Sunday of Lent

Sunday 7th March 2021

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Next Week's Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16; 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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.

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 - 1st March 2021

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet, so he and his family always had to walk into the forest to an open defecation area. His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save for toilets. Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.' Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Recent Deaths: Norah Best, Michael Dignan

Anniversaries: Don Apfelbaum, Lena Browning, Lois Connor, Eileen Delahenty, Michael Devitt, Ted Flynn, Barb Gleeson, Kevin McGuigan, Maisie McRostie, Jack Robertson, Kath 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. We are still accepting donations for Kevin's gift

Lenten Anointing Masses - This year the Anointing Masses will be held on:
Thursday 25th March, 9.30am, St Aloysius Church
Friday 26th March, 9.30am, St James Church

Due to the ongoing regulations, morning tea will follow the St James Mass at Sebastopol Bowling Club at your own cost.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$465.00 Presbytery: \$324.00

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
- 2nd Session for the Sacrament will be held on THursday 11th March, 5.30pm, St Aloysius Church
- Celebrated on Tuesday 23rd March and Thursday 25th March 24th, at St Aloysius Church

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$372.00 Presbytery: \$286.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St James' - Wednesday at 10.30am Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. **Dates to Remember:** Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of month at 7pm

St. James Footy Tipping? - Is there any interest in taking part in a footy tipping competition of 2021? Please contact either Bryan Goble or Pauline in the Office to see if we have enough interest to proceed.

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

Celebrated on Wednesday March 24th, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church. Please keep these children in our prayers.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Lenten Resources - Week 3 - The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their Lent 2021 leaflets which invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' "Let us Dream", together with insights and suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers. The leaflets are for individual reflection or small group reflection and discussion. The theme for week 3 is, "How are we to be a Healing Church, a 'Field Hospital'?" These leaflets are available for download from the diocesan website Liturgy Resources page <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

Mercy Regional College Camperdown Open Day - Information sessions and campus tours will be held on Thursday, March 25 from 3.30pm – 7.30pm. To register and for more information go to <https://www.mercy.vic.edu.au/join-our-college/open-day-2021/>

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Virtual Learning Program - Our partners, Dayton University offer low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. Study subjects over 3 and 5 week cycles. Study Cycle 3 begins 11th April. This cycle is mostly 3 week courses. Registrations are now open for new and returning participants. For more information go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

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.