

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

4th Sunday of Advent

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Sunday 19th December 2021

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Next Week's Readings: The Holy Family Yr C - 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

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

From Thursday 16th December there are no longer vaccination check-in requirements at places of worship. We do maintain our strong recommendation that people are fully vaccinated. QR code check-ins are still required.

Quotient requirements are no longer in force. Masks are not mandatory but are strongly recommended.

Bishop Paul Bird

Mass times week commencing Dec 20th

Thursday 23rd Dec - Redan - 9.30am Mass

NO Wednesday or Friday Masses this week

Christmas Masses 2021

Christmas Eve Mass – Friday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan School Auditorium - 6.00pm Mass

St. Brigid's Snake Valley – 6.00pm Mass

St. James' Sebastopol – 7.00pm Carols & 7.30pm Mass

St. John' Skipton – 7.30pm Mass

(QR Code and sign in required at all Masses)

Christmas Day Mass – Saturday 25th December

St. James' Sebastopol – 9.00am Mass

St. Peter's Linton – 9.00am Mass

(QR Code or sign in required at all Masses)

There will be NO Mass at 6.00pm (Redan) and 6.30pm (Snake Valley) on Christmas Day.

Thursday 30th Dec - Redan - 9.30am Mass

Friday 31st Dec - Sebas - 9.30am Mass

New Year's Day - Saturday 1st January - Sebas 9.30am Mass

There will be NO weekday Masses during January at Redan or Sebastopol, there will be Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral each day

Recent Deaths: Maureen Byrne, Gerard Hoogenboom, Monsignor Ullman (Sale) Sr Kathleen McSweeney RSJ

Anniversaries: William Downing, Michael Duffin, Marie Kermond, Maisie Lamb, Naeidra Layton, Mary Matherson, Sammy Mercieca, Stephen Mills, Liam & Margaret Pedelty, Joe Symonds, Matheus van Gaans,

Please remember in your prayers: Helen Casanova, Margaret Cooper, Fred de Jong, Cath Kavanagh, Constancio Laduan Sr., Lucas Mactingrao, Louis Sykes, Sr. Tricia Vagg

CDF has developed an online payments system, you can contribute to the first or second collection this way. CDF pay for Parishes, for the Diocese of Ballarat, <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/> If you have any queries regarding Planned Giving, please phone our Finance Officer Kerrie McTigue, on 53 312 933 or via email: ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Welcome -This weekend we welcome newly ordained Deacon Rev Bill Lowry to the parishes of Linton, Redan and Sebastopol. Bill will be sharing ministries with Fr Eugne for the next few months.

Parish Offices Closure - The Parish office at Redan & Sebas will be closed during January. Sebastopol will reopen on Tuesday 1st February 2022. Redan office will be open on Thursday 28th January. Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Christmas and a hope filled New Year.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend Parish: \$403.00 Presbytery: \$720.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - Rosary and Adoration following the 9.30am Mass, no vaccination status required, Rosary - Thursday at 9am before the 9.30am Mass, full vaccination required

Christmas Roster - Volunteers are required to fill the Christmas ministry roster in the Church foyer.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend Parish: \$381.00 Presbytery: \$296.00

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

Christmas Roster - Volunteers are required to fill the Christmas ministry roster on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch - OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers will be preparing free, hot Christmas meals for people to collect on Christmas Day. This is the 30th year the parish has provided Christmas lunch for those in need. Bookings are essential, ph. 0419 975 914 or email christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com. Arrangements can be made for those unable to collect meals.

Rite of Election 2022 will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall. To assist with planning for the Rite, can you please advise if your parish will have any candidates and/or catechumens participating in the event, email julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mass of the Oils 2022 will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm.

Synod of Bishops - Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Looking Forward Booklet 2021-2025 - The new "Looking Forward" pastoral planning booklet 2021-2025 is now available and can be access and/or downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/looking-forward/>. Hard copies will be distributed to parishes in the new year. This new edition of "Looking Forward" provides principles to guide our pastoral planning, includes data about the diocese and offers information on changes to parishes over the next few years.

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.