

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Year C

Sunday 26th December 2021

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Next Week's Readings: The Epiphany of the Lord - Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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

From midnight Thursday 23rd December there are no longer vaccination check-in requirements at places of worship. We do, however, maintain our strong recommendation that people are fully vaccinated. QR code check-ins are still required. Masks are now again mandatory in Churches.

Mass times after Christmas

Sunday 26th December Masses - Redan 9.00am, Linton 9.00am, Sebastopol 10.30am, Skipton 10.30am

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, Snake Valley 6.30pm (No 6pm Mass at Redan)

As of Sunday 2nd January Mass times as follows:

St. Aloysius, Redan

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

St. James, Sebastopol

Sunday 10.30am

St Brigid's, Snake Valley

Saturday 6.30pm

St Peter's, Linton

Sunday 9.00am

St John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

There will be NO weekday Masses during January at Redan or Sebastopol, there will be Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral each day. Redan Mass will resume on Thursday February 3rd and Sebastopol Mass will resume on Friday 4th February.

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Dot Brookman, Sr. Emmanuel Cook rsm, Joan Dowdell, William Hayes, Joe Mizzi, Ted Mulcahy, Terrence Page, Helen Spencer,

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

Prayer for the Holy Family

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

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

Parish Offices Closure - The Parish office at Redan & Sebas will be closed during January. The Sebastopol office will reopen on Tuesday 1st February 2022. The Redan office will be open on Thursday 28th January. Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Christmas and a hope filled New Year. As both offices will be closed over January there will be no bulletins published during this time.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend Parish: \$413.00 Presbytery: \$730.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - This will resume on Thursday February 3rd at 9am before the 9.30am Mass, no vaccination required

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend Parish: \$359.00 Presbytery: \$278.00

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

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

55th World Day of Peace – January 1, 2022 - Pope Francis' message for the 55th World Day of Peace, "Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace" is available from <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20211208-messaggio-55giornatamondiale-pace2022.html>. Pope Francis' prayer for peace is included below in the bulletin notices. Attached are suggested Prayers of the Faithful for January 1.

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. Supper will follow in the Hall.

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.