

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

2nd Sunday of Advent

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Sunday 5th December 2021

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent Yr C - Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

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

In line with the new changes to the COVID regulations, the weekend Masses at Redan, Sebastopol, Snake Valley and Skipton are open to unlimited numbers for those who are double vaccinated. All attendees 12 years and 2 months and over must prove their vaccination. The Linton Mass will be for vaccination status unknown.

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

Vaccination status not required

Redan: Mass Wednesday. 9.30am, followed by rosary and Adoration 35 people - vaccination status not required

Recent Deaths: Patricia Harvey

Anniversaries: Tony Bazzano, Joseph Bond, Maurice Hayes, Rita Hughes, Giovanna Ledda, Bernard Linahan, Phyllis Lloyd, Margaret McDonald, Christina Mary Pitman, Deonisius van Gaans, Dorothy Vaughan,

Please remember in your prayers: Helen Casanova, Margaret Cooper, Fred de Jong, Gerard Hoogenboom, 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

Baptism Preparation - The centralised preparation sessions for Baptism taking place on the first Thursday of each month have been discontinued for now. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

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.

This weekend, Advent Reconciliation will be held during the Masses at Redan & Sebastopol. If you would like individual reconciliation would you please contact Fr. Eugene directly on 0402 804 104. Thank you.

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 in & double vaccination 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 in & double vaccination required at all Masses)

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

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend Parish: \$369.00 Presbytery: \$102.00

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

Sacrament of Confirmation: Thank you to all those involved in the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Anointing Mass - Thank you to those who attended our anointing Mass last Thursday and thank you to the school community who prepared a takeaway luck for all who attended.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend Parish: \$448.00 Presbytery: \$268.00

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

Dates to Remember:

Parish Craft Group Monday 6th December at 1.00pm (1st & 3rd Mondays of month)

Men's Breakfast Saturday 18th December at 9.00am Contact Bryan & Les (**double vaccination required**)

Many thanks to the Caring Group for providing the lovely afternoon tea packs for the anointing Mass.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2021 - Our Christmas Appeal this year highlights a quintessential Christmas story of compassionate love. Our gospel readings this Advent give us a clear message: serving Christ in the people affected by poverty through love, respect, justice, hope and joy. You may assist the 'good works' of our local conference this Christmas by donating food, money - using the donation envelopes in the foyer and place on the collection plate, phone donations by calling 131812 or online donations to vinnes.org.au Thank you.

Giving Trees - These are to be set up in Redan and Sebastopol for donations of food or money

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Making a Scene at Christmas - at the Bridge Mall on December 4-5 and 11-20. Is a display of over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries. Entry is gold coin donation.

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition and it is also the spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a series of Nine Evenings of Masses leading up to Christmas. It will be held in St Alipius Church, from December 15th to the December 23th at 7.00pm. On the 24th mass will be at midnight. For further information, please contact Fr Eladio, 0450 017 007 or Dion 0427 876 553.

Ordination to the Diaconate - Seminarians Matthew Restall and William Lowry will be ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, December 10, 2021 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Attendance requirements for the Cathedral is QR code or registration upon entry and full vaccination status needs to be provided to the COVID check-in Marshalls.

House of Welcome Ballarat - Garden Party, Sunday Dec 5th 2pm - 30 Waller Ave Newington, Entry \$20. Stalls and competitions. Afternoon tea. All Welcome. Inquiries 0401175045 Funds raised for migrants/refugees/covid relief

Lumen Christi -SHOPPING NIGHT at Formosa Nursery, Thursday 9th December, 5.30pm-7.00pm. Lumen Christi school will receive 15% of all sales on the night. If you can't make the night but shop during the day just mention Lumen Christi and your sale will go towards the school fund raiser.