

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

The Nativity of the Lord

Year A

Sunday 25th December 2022

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Next Week's Readings: Mary, the Holy Mother of God Year A: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

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

Parish Mass Times

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

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Sr. Emmanuel Cook rsm, William Hayes, Marie Kermond, Naeidra Layton, Joe Mizzi, Ted Mulcahy, Liam Pedelty, Margaret Pedelty, Helen Spencer, Matheus Van Gaans,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Noreen Griffin, Nellie deJong, Constancio Laduan Sr., Peter Kavanagh, Lucas Mactingrao, Annie Welsch,

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS

In the darkness, a light shines. An angel appears, the glory of the Lord shines around the shepherds and finally the message awaited for centuries is heard: "To you is born this day a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord"... That is the sign: a child, a baby lying in the dire poverty of a manger. No more bright lights or choirs of angels. Only a child. Nothing else, even as Isaiah had foretold: "unto us a child is born".

HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS, St Peter's Basilica, Friday, 24 December 2021

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL - This appeal supports a variety of local and distant charities. Last year's appeal provided support for the people of Ukraine, the Catholic Mission, Nazareth House, Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal, and others. A collection will be taken up at our Christmas masses. Donations can also be made via the diocesan website.

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES - The Parish office at Redan & Sebas will be closed during the school holidays. The Redan office will reopen on Wednesday 1st February. The Sebastopol office will reopen on Friday 3rd February 2023. 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 \$978.00

Presbytery \$752.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, after 9.30am Mass Thursday

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$591.00

Presbytery \$420.00

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

Dates to Remember: Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wed of the month - Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 7.00pm

Next St Vincent De Paul Society meeting 4th Monday of the month - Monday 27th February 2023 at 4.00pm

Prayer after Communion

God, my creator, breathe on me, renew me, refresh me, extend my abilities, comfort me in adjusting to changes in health, mobility and activity. Body of Jesus Christ flow through every fibre of my being. Keep me well, and hope filled, always. Holy Spirit use me in my situation, for the good of others. Amen

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Bishop Paul's Christmas Message 2022 - Bishop Paul's Christmas Message is available to view on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-christmas-message-2/>. A hard copy of the message is also available from this page to download.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study - The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The first Cycle for 2023 begins 9th January. There are 36 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now. More information is available on the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Advance Notice - Rite of Election 2023: Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall. **Mass of the Oils 2023:** Monday, April 3, 2023 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall.

2023 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - Expressions of interest are invited to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, June 11th - 24th 2023 - Jordan, Petra, Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Mt of Olives, Jericho, Qumran. Fully escorted, all inclusive pilgrimage accompanied by Fr Justin Driscoll and arranged through Lifestyle Travel in Ballarat. Contact Fr Justin for further information (Daylesford 0448 220 685) or info@lifestyletravel.com.au

Website and E-news - The Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au contains information on parishes and current news and events in the Diocese. Diocesan E-News is a fortnightly newsletter emailed to subscribers, filled with the good news happening in our parishes. You can subscribe to receive E-News from the front page of the website under the tab "Diocesan News".

56th World Day of Peace – January 1, 2023 - Pope Francis' message for the 56th World Day of Peace, "No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace" is available from

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html>.