

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

2nd Sunday of Advent

Year A

Sunday 4th December 2022

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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 11.30am (Anointing Mass)

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 2.00pm (Anointing Mass)

Sunday 10.30am

St John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Tony Bazzano, Margo McKinley, Maurice Hayes, Rita Hughes, Giovanna Ledda, Bernard Linahan, Phyl Lloyd, Rosita Reyes, Deonisius Van Gaans, Dorothy Vaughan,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Nellie deJong, Constancio Laduan Sr., Cath Kavanagh, 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 Offices.

Advent Anointing Masses 2022

St. Aloysius Redan - Thursday 8th December at 11.30am

Take away lunch supplied by the School children, could you please put your name on the sheet in the foyer

St. James Sebastopol - Friday 9th December at 2.00pm

Afternoon tea to follow in the foyer. Please bring a plate to share.

Please note: There will be NO 9.30am Mass on these days.

Advent Reconciliation 2022

will occur during Masses at Redan & Sebastopol on the weekend of 10th & 11th December 2022.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

Christmas Eve Mass – Saturday 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's Skipton – 7.30pm Mass

Christmas Day Mass – Sunday 25th December

St. James' Sebastopol – 9.30am Mass

St. Peter's Linton – 9.00am Mass

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$643.00

Presbytery \$658.00

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

Caring Circle - This group will meet on Wednesday 7th December, 1pm. All interested are welcome

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$656.00

Presbytery \$254.00

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 the month - Wednesday 7th December at 7.00pm

End of Year St. James School Mass - Friday 16th December at 9.30am - All welcome

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 17th December at 9.00am

Next SVDP meeting 4th Monday of the month - Monday 27th February 2023 at 4.00pm

Sausage Sizzle – Thank you to all who were involved in our sausage sizzle last Sunday.

Giving tree for St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal - We would appreciate items of Christmas fare to share with our clients. Envelopes are also available for monetary donations. We will be getting hampers ready and doing some deliveries on the mornings of Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th if anyone would like to assist.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Columban calendars are now available for purchase at St. James' Piety counter or see Anne Dark.

Notice of Application on Planning (corner of Albert Street & Vale Street) opposite the church for a service station. Update on lodging our submission can be found on the foyer notice board.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

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 Masses on the days leading up to Christmas, which will be held at **St. Alipius Parish Church, Victoria Street, Ballarat East**. Everyone is welcome to attend the masses at St Alipius at 7:00 PM from Thursday 15 – Friday 23 December. On Saturday 17 December the mass will be at 8:00 PM. A shared Christmas dinner in the hall will follow the final mass on Friday 23 December. Please contact Fr Eladio, 0450 017 007 or Dion 0427 876 553 for further information.

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch - OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Bookings are essential, ph. 0419 975914. Transport to the Hall is available. If you are able to volunteer on this day, please phone the number listed to register your availability. Flyer on the noticeboard.

Making A Scene At Christmas - Bridge Mall on Saturday December 3, Saturday December 10 - Friday December 23, 2022. A display of over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries. Entry is a gold coin donation.

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

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.