

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

4th Sunday of Advent

Year A

Sunday 18th December 2022

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon

Next Week's Readings: The Nativity of the Lord Year A: Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

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: Valerie McCandish

Anniversaries: William Downing, Michael Duffin, Maisie Lamb, Mary Matherson, Sammy Mercieca, Stephen Mills, Joe Symonds,

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 Offices.

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 \$773.00

Presbytery \$923.00

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 \$490.00

Presbytery \$313.00

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

Sacrament of Baptism - This Sunday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism, Beau & Chelsea Hucker children of Sheree and Nathan.

"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." - Pope Francis.

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 and Krys.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Making A Scene At Christmas - Bridge Mall on 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.

Christmas Stall at Nazareth House - Nazareth House Auxiliary are having a Christmas stall on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18 in the reception area of Nazareth House (218 Mill Street, Ballarat) from 10.00am – 2.00pm each day. For further information contact Margaret, ph. 0419003415.

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.

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.

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.