

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday 5th February 2023

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Next Week's Readings: Sirach 15:15-20, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37

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 (School 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 9.30am (School Mass)

Sunday 10.30am

St John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths: Bernie O'Neill

Anniversaries: Alannah (Hazlett) Bryan, Eileen Carroll, Brendan Cranage, Petrus DeBont, Jarrod Faulkhead, Patricia Ford, Rocky Hazlett, Fr. John Kelly, Guiliano Ledda, Matthew O'Connor, Lawrence Parrot, Carmel Riding, Lance Vagg, Margaret Walsh, Kiefer Wilson,

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

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 9th March 2023 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Office.

Word of God Sunday – February 5, 2023 - The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February (5 February). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania 2023 - The Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania will be held in Fiji from February 5-10, 2023. People of the diocese are invited to pray for blessings on this assembly

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/federation-of-catholic-bishops-conferences-of-oceania>

Project Compassion Sunday: February 19, 2023 - Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will launch Project Compassion on Sunday, February 19, 2023 during Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat.

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.

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 22nd February 2023) Mass Times:

9.30am at St. Aloysius Redan

12 (noon) at St. St. James' Sebastopol

Lenten Reconciliation will be held during the Redan & Sebastopol Masses on the weekend of the **25th & 26th March.**

A big thank you to the communities of St. Aloysius and St. James for the support given during our Christmas appeal. The time given to prepare and deliver hampers, monetary and food donations assisted us to make 40 Christmas hampers which included food vouchers and movie tickets for children. We couldn't do it without you. God bless you all. SVDP St James conference.

Combined Linton, Redan & Sebastopol Finance Committee Meeting will be held at the Redan Parish Centre on Thursday 9th February at 5.30pm.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$668.00

Presbytery \$863.00

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

St Aloysius School Beginning of Year Mass - Thursday 9th February, 9.30am Mass

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation- Parent Meeting Thursday 16th February, 10am & 5.30pm at St. Aloysius Church

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$545.00

Presbytery \$386.00

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

Dates to Remember:

Sacramental Team Meeting - Tuesday 7th February at 3.45pm

Liturgy Group Meeting - **Friday 17th February at 10.15am (Please note change of date)**

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 18th February at 9.00am

Caring Group Meeting - Tuesday 21st February at 9.30am. All welcome to attend.

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

St. James School Opening Mass will be held on Friday 10th February at 9.30am. All welcome.

Sacrament of Baptism - This Sunday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism, Edie Rose Ackland, daughter of Kate and James.

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

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - Leaflets are available in the foyer after Mass. **Baptised Catholics in Grade 4 or older who have been Confirmed:**

- Parent enrolment meeting, Tuesday February 14th at 5.30pm, St. James' Church Foyer

- Sunday dismissals, Sunday February 19th & 26th, March 5th & 19th at 10.30am, St. James' Church

- Celebrated on Tuesday 21st March, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Round Table Ecological Theology Sessions - The recent Plenary Council committed the Catholic Church in Australia to developing and committing to a culture of life-long faith formation. For some years now, Fr. Barry Ryan and Sr. Veronica Lawson have been offering regular adult theology classes. A new series of six sessions begins on Wednesday, February 22 (1-3pm or 7-9pm) at Mercy Centre, 16 Gent St. Ballarat East. Then (March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26). For more info please send your mobile number and email to Sr. Veronica on veronica.lawson@mercy.org.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.