

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday 19th February 2023

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Next Week's Readings: 1st Sunday of Lent - Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

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 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: Ellen Nora Collins

Anniversaries: Agustina Abarquez, Jason Ferido, Bob Fewster, Sr. Anne Forbes rsm, Ljuba Lagoa, Noreen O'Hehir, Michael Phillips, Mary Squire, Mary Fay, Belle Holding, Jim Quish, Nell Stevens

Please remember in your prayers: Anthony Braybrook, 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 9th March 2023 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Office.

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.**

Lenten Anointing Masses

St. Aloysius Redan on Thursday 30th March at 11.00am

St. James Sebastopol on Friday 31st March at 2.00pm

There will be no 9.30am Mass on these days.

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.

Project Compassion Sunday 18th - 19th February - Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *For All Future Generations*. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Lenten Prayer - *Loving God, as we begin this Lenten journey we pray for open hearts and minds so that we can use this precious time to grow in discipleship as we accompany Jesus on the road to Jerusalem. As companions on the journey, may we nurture each other by compassionate and attentive listening and by carrying each other's burdens where we can. May we journey with hope-filled hearts, knowing that we are not alone, for you are always with us. Amen.*

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$704.00

Presbytery \$851.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, after 9.30am Mass Thursday
Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - we welcome the children who are preparing for this Sacrament to Masses this weekend

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$870.00

Presbytery \$452.00

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

Dates to Remember: 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

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 1st March at 7.00pm

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - This weekend, we welcome the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Reconciliation program over the next four weeks. **Reconciliation will be** celebrated on Tuesday 21st March, at 7.00pm. Please keep these children and their families in our prayers.

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.

World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March - Church Services 2023:

Thursday 23 Feb - 10.00a.m. Rosebank Retirement Village, 19a Charlotte Street, Sebastopol

Friday 03 March - 2.00p.m. St. John's Catholic Church, 3 Anderson Street, Skipton & 5.30p.m. St. Peter's Catholic Church, 34 Duke Street, Daylesford

Sunday 05 Mar - 2.30p.m. Sts. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church, 701 Fiskin Street, Buninyong. All welcome.

Thursday 09 Mar - 10.45am Nazareth House Chapel (RAT required arrive 20 minutes early & face mask)

Pray for the people of Turkey and Syria - *Gracious God, we pray for the victims of this disaster in Turkey and Syria. Lord, bring comfort to those whose lives were spared and care for those who perished. Be with the rescue workers and keep them safe as they make heroic efforts in dangerous situations to rescue those in trouble. Help family members to be reunited. God of healing and mercy, we come before you with our hearts filled with grief as we see the devastation. We pray that your presence would be felt by those who are grieving, who are injured, who have lost their homes and livelihoods. We pray through your loving son, Jesus. Amen.*