

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

2nd Sunday of Lent

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Sunday 5th March 2023

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent - Exodus 17:3-7, Roman 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-42

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: Greta Blomley, Henrietta Galias,

Anniversaries: Don Apfelbaum, Lois Connor, Christine Crawford, Eileen Delahenty, Michael Devitt, Sheila Forster, Barb Gleeson, Maisie McRostie, Jack Robertson, Kath Squire, Mary Quinn, Jim Ryan

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

Stations of the Cross - St. James Sebastopol on Tuesday 14th March at 1.30pm and a cuppa to follow in the foyer.

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.

Project Compassion - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. 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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$674.00

Presbytery \$949.00

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.

Family Group - St Aloysius Family Group is looking for anybody who would like a social outing once a month on the 4th Friday of the month for light lunch and talk. If you are interested please phone, Margot on 53351924 or Betty on 0407 041 321

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$489.00

Presbytery \$377.00

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

Dates to Remember: Stations of the Cross - Tuesday 14th March at 1.30pm with cuppa to follow

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

Liturgy Group Meeting - Friday 24th March at 10.15am

Sacrament of Baptism - This Sunday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism, Samuel Joseph Van Gaans, son of Matthew and Tessie.

"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 - This weekend, we welcome the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Reconciliation program over the next two 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

Mass of the Oils - Each year, the Mass of the Oils is celebrated on Monday in Holy Week at St Patrick's Cathedral for all parishes within the Ballarat Diocese. Representatives from each parish come forward to receive the oils which will be used during sacraments in the coming year. There is an opportunity to come together with the priests and people of other parishes with the supper in the cathedral hall following mass. This year's mass will be on Monday, 3 April at 6.30 PM.

World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March - Church Services 2023: The Ballarat Committee of World Day of Prayer invites you to join WDP services on

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

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

WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. This year our sisters in Taiwan have chosen the theme "I have heard about your faith." Let us listen to these women's stories of faith and their prayers for wisdom in the face of the political isolation that their island home experiences.

Caritas Australia Prayer for International Women's Day – March 8, 2023

God, whose love and goodness gathers us in: we pray for women all over the world, especially those challenged by poverty and other injustice. Stir us to know women's dignity. Quieten us to listen to women's voices. Awaken us to see women's realities. Strengthen us to stand for women's rights. Fill us with hope to make a better future together. Amen.