

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

2nd Sunday of Lent

Year B

Sunday 25th February 2024

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Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent Year B - Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

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: Mark Hay, Rebecca Young

Anniversaries: Bob Beare, Eileen Dawson, Jason Ferido, Maria Geurts, William Heath, Irene Hoare, Dennis Keighery, Glenis Ledda, Joel Nankervis, Michael Phillips,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Leila Hudson, Alex McLaren, Glenys Miller, Maggie Mitchell, Koha Tracey, Annie Welsch

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 7th March 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Lenten Reconciliation will be held during the Redan & Sebastopol Masses on the weekend of the **16th & 17th March**.

Lenten Anointing Masses

St. Aloysius Redan on Wednesday 27th March at 11.00am followed by a take away lunch, supplied by the school

St. James' Sebastopol on Friday 22nd March at 2.00pm. Afternoon tea to follow in the foyer. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you. **There will be no 9.30am Mass on this day.**

A Lenten fast from Pope Francis • Fast from hurting words and say kind words. • Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. • Fast from anger and be filled with patience. • Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. • Fast from worries and trust in God. • Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. • Fast from pressures and be prayerful. • Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. • Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. • Fast from grudges and be reconciled. • Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Project Compassion 2nd Sunday of Lent - After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. Please donate to Project Compassion. 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.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$910.00

Presbytery \$931.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - Rosary will be prayed every Thursdays after 9.30am Mass

Sacramental Program 2024 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - Baptised Catholics in Grade 4 or older who have been Confirmed:

- Dismissals at weekend Masses, Saturday 6pm or Sunday 9am: March 2nd/3rd, March 16th/17th

- Celebration on Thursday 21st March, at either 5.30pm or 7.00pm, St. Aloysius' Church

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$894.00

Presbytery \$457.00

Dates to Remember: St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - Monday 26th February at 4.00pm in the church foyer.

New members are always welcome. Contact Anne Dark, Krys Reid or the Parish office.

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 7th March at 7.00pm

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 16th March at 9.00am

Sacramental Program 2024 – 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 three weeks. **Reconciliation will be** celebrated on Tuesday 19th March, at 7.00pm. Please keep these children and their families in our prayers.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - The Diocese of Ballarat will turn 150 on March 30, 2024. During this year there will be many events to acknowledge this significant anniversary. Keep up-to-date at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/150th-anniversary-of-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

Text: The text *Communities: Remember, Revitalise, Hope* reflects various aspects of the anniversary: The word "Community" highlights the fact that a diocese is essentially a community drawn together by Christ, a large community made up of many local communities. The word "Remember" refers us to the history of the diocese. In this remembering, we acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of that history, celebrating the achievements and recognising the failures to live our Christian faith to the full. The word "Revitalise" calls us to invest ourselves in bringing new life to the community today. The word "Hope" encourages us to look forward to the future with confidence in God.

Wisdom at the Cathedral - All are welcome to the first talk for the year in the Cathedral parish's series Wisdom at the Cathedral. Fr Bill Lowry from the Warrnambool parish, will speak on *Discerning God's Will in Your Life*. 7pm, followed by a cup of tea. Thursday 29 February in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley on fionalouisebradley@gmail.com.

Mass of the Oils 2024: Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am (please note change of time). Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall.

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2024 is focussed on God's call to leave behind the bonds of slavery with the title, "Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom", which is from the Book of Exodus (20:2). Read the message at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/20231203-messaggio-quaresima2024.html> and/or watch the presentation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXPPVtpHBM&t=408s>

World Day of Prayer 2024 – is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. An ecumenical group of Palestinian Christian women have prayed and reflected together. The theme is "I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love," based on Ephesians 4:1-6. Prayer service will be held at Rosebank Retirement Village, Sebastopol on Thursday 29th February at 10am. Everyone welcome to attend the prayer service and to share a cuppa afterwards.