

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year B

Sunday 3rd March 2024

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Next Week's Readings: Sunday Lent 4B - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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 7th March NO 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 8th March

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries: Don Apfelbaum, Lois Connor, Christine Crawford, Barb Gleeson, Carmel Hockley, Maisie McRostie, Mary Quinn, Jack Robertson, Gerard Sculley, Kath Squire,

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 3rd Sunday of Lent - Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. 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.

Integrity in our Common Mission has been recently published by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. This document is a National Code of Conduct for those exercising pastoral ministry in dioceses. The subjects covered include: A Culture of Safeguarding, Positive Relationships, Stewardship and Lifelong Formation. The document is available on the foyer notice boards for all those engaged in parish ministry as a model of behaviour in the exercise of their ministry.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$555.00 Presbytery \$968.00

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

Caring Circle - This group will meet on Wednesday 6th March, 1pm in the Parish Centre, all welcome

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$456.00 Presbytery \$461.00

Dates to Remember: 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 two 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/>

Scripture: The Scripture verse chosen for the 150th anniversary year reflects various elements of our vocation as a Christian community. *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer"* (Romans 12:12). The words are drawn from a passage in St Paul's letter to the Romans in which the apostle lists qualities appropriate for a community inspired by Christ. As the years go by, the community experiences times of trial as well as times of gladness. Through it all, their trust in Christ makes them joyful in hope and patient in affliction. They recognise that they need God's help in all they do and so they are faithful in prayer, seeking God's help day by day.

Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - The Mass of the Oils this year will incorporate acknowledgement of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat and will be held on 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. **Mass of the Oils livestream** - This year the Mass of the Oils will be live streamed at <https://youtube.com/live/SdivlKiHSs?feature=share>

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=zXPPVvtPHBM&t=408s>

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.