

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

4th Sunday of Lent

Year B

Sunday 10th March 2024

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Next Week's Readings: Sunday Lent 5B - Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30

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: Br. Charlie Barry, Julie Wilkinson

Anniversaries: Lena Browning, Eileen Delahenty, Michael Devitt, Tom Dickson, James Everard, Ted Flynn, Sheila Forster, Elsie & Harry Lavery, Rosaria Saliba, Patrick Walsh,

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 4th April 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Lenten Reconciliation will be held during the Redan & Sebas Masses on 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.**

Appointments to Parishes in the Ballarat Region - Bishop Paul announces the following appointments which will take effect on April 10, 2024. Ballarat Cathedral, North & Beaufort Parishes - Administrator: Fr. Edward Moloney, Assistant Priests: Frs. James McKay & Francis Kureeckal MST. Ballarat East, Bungaree & Gordon Parishes - Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll, Assistant Priest: Fr. Matthew Restall. Redan, Sebastopol & Linton Parishes: Parish Priest: Fr. Concord Bagaoisan OSJ, Assistant Priest: Fr. Eladio Lizada OSJ. Wendouree, Creswick & Daylesford Parishes: Fr. Marcello Colasante. Fr. Sajan Mathew as Assistant Priest in the Paul VI Parish in the Wimmera-Mallee.

Fr Eugene's Farewell - There will be two opportunities for the parishioners to farewell Fr Eugene, there will be a supper after the 6pm Mass at St Aloysius on Saturday April 6th and a morning tea after the 10.30am Mass at St James' on Sunday April 7th. If you would like to make a contribution towards a cash gift you can place your contribution in an envelope and place it on the collection plate.

Project Compassion 4th Sunday of Lent - As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. With the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. 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 \$690.00

Presbytery \$754.00

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 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 \$552.00

Presbytery \$554.00

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

Stations of the Cross - Wednesday 20th March at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea in the foyer.

StVdeP Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 25th March at 4.00pm in the foyer. All welcome.

Sacramental Program 2024 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - This weekend, the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Reconciliation program at home.

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/>

Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - 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>

Pope's intention for March – for new martyrs: *Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. Lord, hear us.*

Laudato Si': Everything is connected – In his encyclical Laudato Si', Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. **"Walk, cycle or use public transport"** Did you know? Choosing active transport like walking and cycling can not only dramatically reduce your carbon footprint, but you could end up saving money and staying fit at the same time! When walking or cycling is not an option, swapping the car for a bus or train can also make a significant dent in emissions.