

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B

Sunday 24th November 2024

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Next Week's Readings: 1st Sunday in Advent Year C - Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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 5.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

St. Brigid's, Snake Valley

Saturday 6.30pm

St. Peter's, Linton

Sunday 9.00am

St. James, Sebastopol

Friday 9.30am

(1st Friday of the month - healing and anointing Mass)

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths: Evan 'Tav' Cantwell, Fr. Randy Marquez, OSJ

Anniversaries: Kerry Aquilina, Philip 'Pop' DeBono, Henry deBont, Gary Elliott, Frank Kermond, Chris Pitman, Theresa Pritchard, Kathleen Smith, Sr. Connie Walsh rsm,

Please remember in your prayers: Nerlita Carter, Remy Fernandez, Leila Hudson, Alex McLaren, Glenys Miller, Tegan Nedelkos, Dianne Parrôt, Pat Reynolds, Joel Ridsdale, Fr. Bobby Sta Cruz, Koha Tracey, Annie Welsch

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 5th December 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Advent Anointing Masses 2024

St. James Sebastopol - Friday 6th December at 2.00pm.

Afternoon tea will follow in the foyer. Please bring a plate to share.

Please note: There will be NO 9.30am Mass on this Friday

This weekend, 'The Light' Advent & Christmas daily reflection booklets will be available to purchase for \$5.00 at all the Churches.

Advance Notice of dates 2025 - Rite of Election – Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 12.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Mass of the Oils – Monday, April 14, 2025 at 1.00pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

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.

Diocesan Assembly - A very successful assembly was held last weekend, we sincerely thank our delegates: Geoff Brodie, John Kennedy, Peter Marquand, Paul Thorp, Jan Schaper and Kim Silva, who represented our parishes. We also acknowledge Fr Con who attended as Parish Priest and to Tony Haintz who attended as a facilitator. A more formal report to Parishes will be presented in the near future.

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch - OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers are hosting a free lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482A Gillies Street North, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Bookings are essential as seating is limited, ph. 0491 029217. We welcome all those who would like to be with us as a guest or a volunteer on the day, and we are especially looking for a few fit people who might commit to two hours of their time between 2.00pm – 4.00pm to clean up/pack up. To volunteer, please phone 0467 683504.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$522.00

Presbytery \$610.00

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

Donations of baby items: Pregnancy Help Ballarat are seeking donations of baby items to distribute to new mothers in need. Please leave donations in the box provided in the church foyer. They are looking for clothes, bibs, toys, nappies, wipes etc. For any further information please contact Tracey on 0466 836 717

Working Bee - We are looking for some volunteers to do some weeding and general tidy up of the Church gardens on Saturday 30th November, 10.00am - 11.30am followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$468.00

Presbytery \$439.00

Dates to Remember: Liturgy Group Meeting - Friday 29th November at 10.15am

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 4th December at 7.00pm

Sacrament of Baptism - This Sunday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism, Prudence Niamh Kosh, daughter of Darren & Aislinn. *"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." - Pope Francis*

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition and it is also the spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a series of nine Masses on the days leading up to Christmas, which will be held at St. James' Parish Church Sebastopol. Mass times are: Sunday 15th December at 7.00pm, Monday 16th December at 7.00pm, Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm, Wednesday 18th December at 7.00pm, Thursday 19th December at 7.00pm, Friday 20th December at 7.00pm, Saturday 21st December at 7.00pm, Sunday 22nd December at 7.00pm, Monday 23rd December at 7.00pm & dinner. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you. If you have any questions/need further information, please contact Fr Eladio, 0450 017 007 or Dion 0427 876 553. Everyone is welcome to attend.

StVdeP Piety Stall - Christmas cards & Columbian calendars are now available.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Prayer for November: For those who have lost a child: *Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation. Lord, hear us.*

Making a Scene at Christmas - Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat from Wednesday, December 4 - Friday, December 20, 2024. Entry is a gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome.

Anniversaries at St Alipius' Ballarat East - Broader community we are remembering the 170th anniversary of the Eureka rebellion including the involvement of Fr Patrick Smyth and the Catholics of the Ballarat Goldfields. 2024 is also the 150th anniversary of the opening of the existing St Alipius' Church in Victoria Street. Mass was first celebrated on the Ballarat Goldfields at Brown Hill in 1851 before relocating to the existing Victoria Street site in 1853, where the tent-church-school (as captured by artist Eugene Von Gerrard) was erected. These anniversaries are providing parishioners with opportunities to acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of our history as well the opportunity to look to the future with hope and healing. All are welcome to gather at St Alipius Church for 6.00pm Mass on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Following the Mass we will gather for a BYO picnic tea in the Church grounds with a bbq available. Hot and cold drinks will be available. Photographic displays from across the years are being collated as well as 'people of St Alipius' being recorded. For more information please contact the parish office, ph. 5332 6611. For catering purposes, we would ask that you RSVP to the parish office no later than December 7.