

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

1st Sunday of Advent

Year C

Sunday 1st December 2024

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Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday in Advent Year C - Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

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 No 9.30am Mass - 2pm Anointing Mass

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths: Weronica Burcon

Anniversaries: Max Cooper, Noreen Currie, Steven Farrell, Maurice Hayes, Rita Hughes, Giovanna Ledda, Bernard Linahan, Annette Lloyd, Phyllis Lloyd, Margo McKinley, Veronica Power, Cornelia van Raaphorst, Alice Rich, Deonisius van Gaans, Dorothy Vaughan,

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal - Once again Advent is upon us and our conference is preparing to make up 36 Christmas hampers for those in need of extra assistance in the Sebastopol and surrounding area at Christmas. If you are able, the following Christmas treats would be appreciated: biscuits, chocolates, Christmas fare, long life milk, preserved fruit, jelly, custard, desserts. Envelopes will also be available for monetary donations. With thanks and God bless Sebastopol conference members.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024

Christmas Eve Mass – Tuesday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan School Auditorium - 6.00pm Mass

St. Brigid's Snake Valley – 6.00pm Mass

St. James' Sebastopol – 7.00pm Carols & 7.30pm Mass

St. John's Skipton – 7.30pm Mass

Christmas Day Mass – Wednesday 25th December

St. James' Sebastopol – 9.30am Mass

St. Peter's Linton – 9.00am Mass

This weekend, we welcome Bishop Paul Bird, who will be celebrating Masses at Redan & Sebastopol. At these Masses Bishop Paul will give a special blessing to all children in our Parishes who have celebrated Sacraments this past year. We welcome all children and their families. Also this visit will be part of the Bishop's visits to all parishes to mark the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat.

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch - see flyers in the church foyers.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) - A baptism program for children who are 8 years or older, who were not baptised as infants. If you would like more information about this program please contact Bernadette at St. Aloysius on 0455 212 123 before the 7th February 2025.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$712.00

Presbytery \$719.00

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

Working Bee - Thank you to those parishioners who helped out at the working bee, the gardens around the church now look very neat and tidy, we had a lovely time catching up while working and enjoyed morning tea

Anointing Mass - We had a lovely Mass last week for the Anointing of the Sick, at the conclusion of Mass each parishioner received a 'Lunch to go' prepared by the St Aloysius school community and distributed by the children from grade 3/4, a lovely parish-school partnership.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$473.00

Presbytery \$476.00

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

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: Every day from Sun 15th Dec at 7.00pm to Mon 23rd Dec. Dinner on final Monday evening. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you. If you have any questions, contact Fr Eladio, 0450 017 007 or Dion 0427 876 553. Everyone is welcome to attend.

St. James End of Year School Mass & blessing of their award winning garden "Our Common Home" will be held on Friday 13th December at 9.15am in the school grounds followed by morning tea. All welcome to attend.

Sausage Sizzle – Thank you. This Sunday, we hold our annual sausage sizzle after Mass as a thank you to all Parishioners for their contribution to our Parish through-out the year. *We pray: For all our volunteers in our Parish, that they may be acknowledged and appreciated for their commitment to serve God and their neighbour and making our Parish a place of welcome and prayer.*

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Columban calendars are available for purchase at St. James' Piety Stall.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Nazareth House Auxiliary Christmas Stall - Saturday and Sunday 14th & 15th December in the foyer of Nazareth House 218 Mill St 9am - 2pm. Baked goods, Christmas Gifts & Decorations and much more. Great Christmas Hamper raffle to be drawn on Sunday.

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.

Christmas Cake Stall - Sunday December 15th at St. Patrick's Cathedral after the 8am and 10.30 am Masses. Competition for a decorated Christmas cake to be drawn on the day. Tickets available after all Masses on the weekend of 8th December and again on Sunday 15th. Cash only. All funds raised will support our Seminarians. Donations of cakes/slices welcome. Inquiries - Carmel 0401 175 045