

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

2nd Sunday of Advent

Year C

Sunday 8th December 2024

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Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday in Advent Year C - Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

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 9.15am (School Mass)

in St. James' Parish School Grounds

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths: Dulcie Sullivan

Anniversaries: Tony Bazzano, Joseph Bond, Mary Clohesy, Margaret McDonald, Rosita A. Reyes, Inez Sullivan, Mary Wilkie

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

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

New Year's Eve Mass – Tuesday 31st December 2024 at 9.00pm at St. James' Sebastopol

New Year's Day Mass - Wednesday 1st January 2025 at 9.30am - St. Aloysius Redan

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.

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.

High Court Judgement – Message from Bishop Paul - The message explains the practice of the Diocese in providing compensation to those who have suffered abuse by Church personnel. There has been renewed discussion of this issue following a recent judgement of the High Court of Australia. Thank you for your help in sharing this message which is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/high-court-judgement/>

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.

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 6th February 2025 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

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 \$582.00

Presbytery \$737.00

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

Christmas Eve Mass - There is a roster in the foyer of the Church for volunteers for our 6pm Christmas Eve Mass in the St Aloysius School auditorium

St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree - if you are able, we are seeking donations for the St V de P Christmas appeal. You can take a tag and purchase the item listed on the back or give a monetary donation in the envelopes provided.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$503.50

Presbytery \$446.00

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

9 day Novena Mass for Christmas - 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.

Bishop Paul's visit, blessing of the Sacramental children and Sausage Sizzle – Thank you to all involved in the Bishop's visit especially the cooks and servers. Without our generous volunteers things can not happen.

Ladies Afternoon Tea will be held on Monday 16th December at 2.00pm at the Ballarat Golf Club. You are welcome to bring a friend and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. RSVP Theresia on 0478 196 783 by Thur 12th Dec 2024. Afternoon tea is at own cost.

Christmas ministry roster is on the foyer notice board. Anyone wishing to participate please fill in your name.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Christmas Cake Stall - Sun Dec 15th at St. Patrick's Cathedral after the 8am and 10.30 am Masses. Cash only. All funds raised will support our Seminarians. Donations of cakes/slices welcome. Inquiries - Carmel 0401 175 045

"Holding the Light" Remembering Victims and Survivors of Family Violence - This ecumenical service offers an opportunity to remember and mourn those who have been killed as a result of domestic violence, to stand in solidarity with victim survivors and to reflect and commit ourselves to addressing the causes of violence in our communities. The service will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at St Alipius Church, Ballarat East at 5.00pm. December 10th is the UN Human Rights Day, concluding the 16 days of Activism against gender-based violence campaign from November 25th (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women). This ecumenical service will name the dimensions and dynamics of the serious problem of violence in our society. We will name the God present in and through all our efforts to create lives free from violence. We will seek to hold the light for those who are in dark places and for those whose lives are emerging from darkness. Joce Bignold, CEO of McAuley Community Services for Women will be the guest speaker. All members of the community are invited to gather for this service.