

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

The Presentation of the Lord Year C

Sunday 2nd February 2025

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Next Week's Readings: 5th Sunday in Ordinary - Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

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 (School Mass)

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: Sr. Lesley Dickinson rsm

Anniversaries: Alannah (Hazlett) Bryan, Brendan Cranage, Levi Curran, Petrus DeBont, Jarrod Faulkhead, Patricia Ford, Giuliano Ledda, Matthew O'Connor, Bernie O'Neil, Lawrence Parröt, Carmel Riding, Dick Towns, Lance Vagg, Kiefer Wilson, Margaret Walsh,

Please remember in your prayers:

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 and who has at least one Catholic parent. If you would like more information about this program a meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th February, 5.30pm at the St Aloysius Parish Centre, or contact Bernadette for more information on 0455 212 123.

Word of God Sunday: February 9, 2025 - The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on February 9 this year. In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing [the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*](#) (External site). The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. A number of resources have been developed to commemorate Word of God Sunday <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Word-of-God-Sunday>.

Parish Leadership Team - This group will meet on Thursday February 6th at 5.30pm in the St Aloysius Parish Centre. The members of this team are Geoff Brodie, John Kennedy, Tanya Keogh, Peter Marquand, Kim Silva, Paul Thorpe, Fr Con, Fr Eladio, Pauline O'Brien and Bernadette Lynch. This group will begin the process of merging the three parishes, more information will be given in the following weeks.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend **Parish \$700.00** **Tap n Go \$70.00** **Presbytery \$695.00**

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

Tap n Go Machine is now available in the foyer for contributions that will go towards the Parish. The machine has been set up for certain amounts, just choose the amount you want to contribute and tap your card.

Morning Tea - This Sunday, February 2nd, we will gather for our first monthly morning tea after the 9am Mass.

Caring Circle - This group will meet on Wednesday 5th February, 1pm in the St Aloysius Parish Centre, all welcome

Ministry volunteers for 2025 - We are seeking parishioners who would like to volunteer to take on a ministry within our parish: reader, leader, minister of the Eucharist, projector, washing of linen, vacuuming the church. If you are interested in any of these ministries please contact Bernadette on 0455 212 123 or email

redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Sacramental Program 2025 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - Baptised Catholics in Grade 4 or older who have been Confirmed -Parent enrolment meeting, Thursday February 20th at 10am or 5.30pm, St. Aloysius Parish Centre

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend **Parish \$649.00** **Tap n Go \$5.00** **Presbytery \$387.00**

Dates to Remember: Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month. Wednesday 5th February at 7.00pm

Sacramental Team Meeting - Tuesday 11th February at 3.15pm in the foyer

Opening St. James's Parish School Mass will be held on Wednesday 12th February at 9.30am. All welcome.

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 15th February at 9.00am.

Sacramental Program 2025 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - Baptised Catholics in Grade 4 or older who have been Confirmed:

- Parent enrolment meeting, Tuesday February 18th at 5.30pm, St. James' Church Foyer

- Sunday dismissals, Sunday February 23rd, March 2nd, 16th & 23rd at 10.30am, St. James' Church

- Celebrated on Tuesday 25th March, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church

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Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Mass for You at Home - Australia's longest-running religious television program *Mass for You at Home* will continue its beloved ministry in 2025. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Diocese of Wollongong have signed an agreement to continue producing and broadcasting the program, which first aired on Australian television in 1971. *Mass for You at Home* will be broadcast every Sunday at 6.00am on the Ten Network and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

World Interfaith Harmony Week 2025 – Flag Raising Event - The Ballarat Interfaith Network invites you to join their Flag Raising Event in celebration of United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week on Monday, February 3, 2025 from 11.00am – 12.30pm at St Peter's Anglican Church, 1307 Sturt Street, Ballarat. The Welcome will be provided by Mayor Cr Tracey Hargreaves. After the raising of the unique Ballarat Interfaith Network flag, we will adjourn into the church for a keynote address from Dean Berger, Deer Park Stake President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, short student speeches from senior leaders of Damascus, Loreto, Phoenix P-12, and St Patrick's Colleges, prayer for peace offered by representatives of many faiths, and a children's choir from Emmaus PS. Refreshments will be provided.

Fr Robert McCulloch - Thank you to all those who supported and attended the recent presentation of Fr. Robert McCulloch and Eric Siraj. Their ongoing work in the poorest parts of Pakistan in running St. Elizabeth's Hospital and commencing hospital based Palliative care is in great need of support. The 2024 Annual Report is now in all the Churches along with donation options and envelopes. Inquiries - Carmel 0401175045.

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.