

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday 16th February 2025

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Next Week's Readings: 7th Ord Time -1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

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:

Anniversaries: Agustina Abarquez, Maria Bessems, Therese Black, Mychajel Dyhin, Bob Fewster, Sr. Anne Forbes rsm, Jackie Jones, Lorraine Lock, Ivy Saunders, Mary Squire

Please remember in your prayers: Pat Lourey

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

Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope - *The Jubilee Prayer* - *Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen. Pope Francis*



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.

A big thank you to the parishioners of St. Aloysius and St. James' for the very generous donations of food and money towards our Christmas Appeal. Thank you to all who assisted us in making up 36 hampers and delivering most of those hampers. Our hampers bring joy and hope to many, especially those who live alone. God bless you all. Krys Reid and fellow Vincentians.

Linton Parish

Sacraments 2025 - St. Peter's Catholic Church Linton (Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley) will be offering the Sacrament of Confirmation to children in grade 3 or older and then Sacraments of First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion to children in Grade 4 or older. To register your interest please contact Tess 0409 957 032 or Margot 0418 125 321.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend **Parish \$572.00** **Tap n Go \$105.00** **Presbytery \$680.00**

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

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 \$542.00** **Tap n Go \$105.00** **Presbytery \$481.00**

Dates to Remember: Caring Group Meeting - Tuesday 25th February at 9.30am in the foyer. All welcome.

St. James' Ladies Afternoon Tea will be held on Monday 24th February at 2.00pm at the Ballarat Golf Club. You are welcome to bring a friend and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Afternoon tea is at own cost.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - Monday 3rd March at 4.00pm. We are always looking to welcome new members so if you are interested in joining our wonderful group of volunteers pls contact Krys on 0411451320.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Ballarat Regional Council 2025 Festival Mass & Gathering will be held on Thursday 27th February at 11.00am. Please RSVP is essential to assist with planning and catering by Monday 16th February to Traycie Walker (traycie.walker@svdp-vic.org.au). All past, current & future members are welcome to attend.

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 and celebrated on Tuesday 25th March, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church

Sacramental Team News - A big thank you to Dolly Seery who is retiring from our Sacramental Team. Your dedication and willingness to assist these children in the preparation and celebration of their sacraments will be greatly missed. Wishing you and your family every blessing for the future.

We are seeking new members who would like to join our Sacramental Team . The responsibilities of this role includes preparing children and their parents for the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist. The team also prepares and organises the liturgies, organises and runs parent meetings and dismissals for each sacrament. Along with meetings prior to each Sacrament and at other times as deemed necessary. Meetings are held in the Church foyer. You will require a Working With Children Check card. If you are interested please contact Jan Schaper or Pauline in the Parish Office.

St. Patrick's Rokewood - On Sunday 16th March we will be blessing and unveiling a photographic commemoration of St. Patrick's Church. Morning tea will follow in the foyer. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

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.

Praying with Pope Francis - Prayer for February - for vocations to the priesthood and religious life: *Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.*