

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday 23rd February 2025

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Next Week's Readings: 8th Ord Time -Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

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: Bob Beare, Eileen Dawson, Jason Ferido, Mia Geurts, William Heath, Irene Hoare, Mollie Kelly, Ljuba Lagoa, Glenis Ledda, Trifonia Mercado, Noreen O'Hehir, Michael Phillips,

Please remember in your prayers: Leila Hudson, 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.

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 5th March 2025) Mass Times:

9.30am at St. Aloysius Redan

12 (noon) at St. James' Sebastopol

6.00pm St. Peter's Linton

The Combined Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 6th March at 5.00pm at the Redan Parish Centre.

New Parish Name - Over the next two weekends at all our Masses, all Parishioners will be given the opportunity to vote for our new Parish name. More information will be given at each Mass.

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.

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 \$642.00** **Tap n Go \$75.00** **Presbytery \$625.00**

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 -This weekend, we welcome the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Reconciliation program over the next four weeks. **Reconciliation will be** celebrated on Thursday 27th March, at 5.30pm & 7.00pm. *Please keep these children and their families in our prayers.*

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend **Parish \$292.00** **Tap n Go \$45.00** **Presbytery \$418.00**

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 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 to Traycie Walker (traycie.walker@svdp-vic.org.au). All past, current & future members are welcome to attend.

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.

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 5th March at 7.00pm.

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

Sacrament of Baptism - This Sunday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism, Clement Jake Bridges, son of Jake and Kylie. *"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." - Pope Francis*

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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 at the 10.30am Mass at St. James' 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.

Project Compassion Launch 2025 will be at the 5.00pm Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on March 2, 2025. All are welcome. Bishop Paul will commission Ambassadors for Caritas at this Mass.