

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday 9th February 2025

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Next Week's Readings: 6th Ord Time - Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

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: Peter Kerwan

Anniversaries: Eileen Carroll, Louisa Fay, Sally Hayes, Rocky Hazlett, Bridget Keighery

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.

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.



Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope - Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world.

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.

Congratulations to Fr. Con who is celebrating his 29th year of ordination.

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.

Parish Leadership Team - This group met 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 has begun 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 \$632.00** **Tap n Go \$60.00** **Presbytery \$805.00**

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.

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 \$487.00** **Tap n Go \$10.00** **Presbytery \$398.00**

Dates to Remember: 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 9.15am. All welcome.

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

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

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 very 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

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.

Diocesan Appointments announced by Bishop Paul: Fr George Kuruvila Koorumullampurayidam MST will be appointed as Parish Priest of Camperdown, Timboon and Hampden and Fr. Cay Xuan Trinh will be appointed as Assistant Priest in the Western Border parish from 1st Mar 2025. Fr. Matthew Thomas will be appointed as Parish Priest to Robinvale and Ouyen Parishes, Fr Willian Lowry will be appointed as Assistant Priest in Sunraysia, Robinvale and Ouyen Parishes, Fr Matthew Restall will be appointed as Assistant Priest in the South West Coast Parish and Fr Shaiju Mathew MST will be appointed as Co-pastor to Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes, from 1st May 2025

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*