

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

2nd Sunday of Lent

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Sunday 16th March 2025

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Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Lent -Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9

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: Anthony Atkinson, Betty Campbell, Noreen Griffin, John van den Hoek, Peggy Holloway, Antonio Lagoa, Lorna Nihill, Carmel Porter, Mary Treganowan, Bernie Wilkie,

Please remember in your prayers: Monica Dignam, Leila Hudson, Tegan Nedelkos, Tom Kennedy, Sr. Marie Vagg

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Lenten Anointing Mass Times 2025:

Thursday 27th March, 11.00am at St. Aloysius Redan followed by a take away lunch, supplied by the school.

Friday 4th April, 2.00pm at St. James' Sebastopol Afternoon tea to follow in the foyer. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you. **There will be no 9.30am Mass on these days.**

Harmony Week: March 17-23, 2025 is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and coming together to celebrate the cultural diversity in your area and spread the message of "everyone belongs". The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is during this week on Friday, March 21. While Harmony Week celebrates Australia's rich cultural diversity, it is also important to focus on the urgency of combatting racism wherever and whenever it arises <https://www.harmony.gov.au/> **Prayer for Harmony Week:** Lord, give us courage to follow your ways. Help us to make thoughtful decisions and kind actions, so that we may live in loving harmony with others. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

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. Peter's Parish Linton

Collections for previous weekend

Tap n Go \$00.00

150th Anniversary celebrations at Linton - St. Peter's Church, will celebrate its 150th Anniversary with Mass on Sunday May 4. More details to follow. All welcome.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$1,057.00

Tap n Go \$75.00

Presbytery \$758.00

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

Sacramental Program 2025 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - Baptised Catholics in Grade 4 or older who have been Confirmed -This weekend, the children and their families will be preparing and working their way through the Reconciliation program at home. **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 \$652.00

Tap n Go \$50.00

Presbytery \$446.00

Dates to Remember: St. James' Ladies Afternoon Tea will be held on Monday 24th March 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.

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 2nd April at 7.00pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Sebastopol - Monday 7th April at 4pm in church foyer members welcome.

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St. Patrick's Rokewood - This Sunday we celebrate and commemorate the community of St. Patrick's Rokewood at our 10.30am Mass. Please join us in the foyer for morning tea. Thank you to Noelene & Geoff Cahill and Anne Parröt for organised the beautiful framed photo with history which will be a permanent displayed in our Church.

Thank you to Neville Pushon who is retiring from our Finance Committee after many years of service. Your knowledge and support will be greatly missed. Wishing you every blessing for the future.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Project Compassion Second Sunday of Lent 15th & 16th March 2025 - Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education. Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes or envelopes. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

United in Prayer for Pope Francis - *Almighty ever-living God, eternal health of believers, hear our prayers for your servant, Pope Francis, who is sick: Grant him, we implore you, your merciful help, so that, with his health restored, He may give you thanks in the midst of your Church. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.*

Mass of Oils - Monday, April 14, at 1.00pm, St. Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Afternoon tea to follow in the hall.

125th Anniversary celebrations at Springbank - St Michael's Church, will celebrate its 125th Anniversary with Bishop Paul Bird at Mass on Saturday, March 29, 6.30pm with a light supper to follow. All welcome.

Choir for Mass of the Oils - Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 14. Practice times are Sundays, March 30, April 6 and April 13 at 6.15pm Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

Mass for You at Home **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 (Ch 173).



Pope Francis message for Lent - "*Let Us Journey Together in Hope*" is Pope Francis' message for Lent 2025. He reminds us that we cannot stay where it is comfortable, that we must always accompany others, and that we must always do everything with the hope that never disappoints. To read the message scan or click the QR code.