

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

3rd Sunday of Lent

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Sunday 23rd March 2025

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Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent - Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3,11-32

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: Cheryl Strybosch

Anniversaries: Sr. Sheila Belleville rsm, Joan Clingan, Vincent DiCesare, Thomas Everard, Julia Faulkhead, Maxwell McGarry, Mary Maher, Kathleen Mathews, Anne Ryan, Barry Sharp, Josephine Mizzi, Lola Tuddenham, John Watts,

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, please write your name on the list in the foyer if you are attending.

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.**

Project Compassion 3rd Sunday of Lent 22nd & 23rd March 2025 - Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. 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*.

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.

Easter Masses 2025

Holy Thursday - April 17th - Mass of the Lord's Supper

St. Aloysius Redan - 6.00pm & St. Peter's Linton - 5.30pm

Good Friday - April 18th - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

St. James' Sebastopol - 3.00pm & St. Peter's Linton - 3.00pm

Holy Saturday - April 19th - Easter Vigil

St. Aloysius Redan - 6.00pm & St. Peter's Linton - 6.00pm

No Mass on Saturday night Mass at St. Brigid's Snake Valley

Easter Sunday - April 20th

St. Aloysius Redan - 9.00am & St. Brigid's Snake Valley - 9.00am

St. James' Sebastopol - 10.30am & St. John's Skipton - 10.30am

No Mass on Sunday morning at St. Peter's Linton

Due to the problems with bulk emailing of gmail addresses our weekly bulletins can also be directly accessed on the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au under the Parishes tab.

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 at 10.00am. Could you please bring a plate to share. All welcome. **Please note: There will be no Masses at Snake Valley & Skipton, this weekend.**

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$527.00

Tap n Go \$85.00

Presbytery \$652.00

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 \$431.00

Tap n Go \$144.00

Presbytery \$282.00

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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Gathering at the Rokewood Cemetery with Fr. Con will be held on Saturday 26th April at 9.00am.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

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.

Pilgrimage with St Paul - Missionary of Hope - In this Jubilee year, dedicated to becoming Pilgrims of Hope, pilgrims are invited to experience the world of the early Christian communities. The proposed itinerary departs Melbourne on Sunday, September 21, 2025 with the pilgrims arriving in Istanbul and proceeding to Adana, Tarsus, Antioch, Ephesus, Troas, Kavala, Philippi, Thessalonica and Athens with the possibility of an extension to Rome. For further information please contact Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong Street North (PO Box 740), Ballarat, 3350, ph. 03 5331 8077, email info@lifestyletravel.com.au or Fr Justin Driscoll justin.driscoll@ballarat.catholic.org.au