

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

1st Sunday of Lent

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Sunday 9th March 2025

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Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Lent - Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

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: George Burns, Joan Ryan

Anniversaries: Lena Browning, Eileen Delahenty, Tom Dickson, James Everard, Michael Devitt, Ted Flynn, Sheila Forster, Maisie McRostie, Patrick Walsh, Jimmy Ryan, George Burns

Please remember in your prayers: 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.

Planned Giving notification: Some parishioners will receive a letter from Jackie Wrigglesworth (Finance Officer for our Parishes) regarding alterations to the method of Planned giving payments. This is not a scam, as Jackie writes on behalf of Fr Con. Please note Credit Card payments will no longer be processed—other options, Direct Debit or cash via envelopes are available and welcomed.

The Parish Leadership Team Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th March, 5.30pm at Redan Parish Centre.
New Parish Name - Thank you to those who took the opportunity to vote, the top three names will be submitted to Bishop Paul for his consideration and final decision.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend Parish \$647.00 Tap n Go \$95.00 Presbytery \$683.00
Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - Rosary will be prayed every Thursdays after 9.30am Mass

Morning Tea - We will celebrate our monthly morning tea on Sunday 2nd March after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Centre, all welcome

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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 \$477.00 Tap n Go \$25.00 Presbytery \$415.00

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

Thank you for the cards and lovely kind wishes on my birthday. God bless you all Kath Doyle.

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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

Project Compassion First Sunday of Lent 8th & 9th March 2025 - Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities. 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.

Prayer for the Jubilee of the World of Volunteering March 8-9, 2025 - *Loving God, may we be inspired by the great witness to mercy provided by those who volunteer their time, skills and resources in the service of others. In doing so, these generous individuals make the love of Christ visible in the world. May we imitate their example, as we ask to be humble instruments in your hands in order to alleviate the world's sufferings, and to share the joy and hope of the resurrection. Amen. St Teresa of Calcutta, patron saint of volunteers, pray for us!*

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

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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.