

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

4th Sunday of Easter

Year B

Sunday 21st April 2024

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Next Week's Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter - Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

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

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths: Sr Mary Madden rsm

Anniversaries: Fr. Cyril Francis Blake, William Creati, Roger Lamonthé, Rose Norbrum, Catherine Rees, Kath Simpkin,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Leila Hudson, Alex McLaren, Glenys Miller, Maggie Mitchell, Koha Tracey, Annie Welsch, Chris Rigg

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sunday, April 21st - The Universal Church celebrates Vocation Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This is an opportunity for all to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. We remember young women and men throughout our country and diocese and pray they may be open to hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to marriage, the single life, the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. **Prayer for Vocations** - *O Holy Spirit of wisdom and divine love, awaken in the hearts of the young, Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel. May they discover the vocation wherein they can best serve God to be of service to their sisters and brothers. In flame all young hearts with courage and grant them your peace. Mary, Mother of our Saviour, and our Mother, pray for us.*

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - Bishop Paul invites parishes to acknowledge the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat at Masses on the weekend of April 27-28, 2024. He has invited schools to mark the anniversary during the week of April 29 to May 3, coinciding with Catholic Education Week which was brought forward for the occasion. After each Mass we will have a cuppa to celebrate.



Linton Parish - St Brigid's Snake Valley Altar Society are holding a Trash & Treasure and plant sale on Saturday April 27, 7.30am - 12.00pm @ Snake Valley Store Donations of saleable items appreciated. For further information please contact Kate Breen 0431 813 559. Proceeds to St. Brigid's Altar Society

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$645.00

Presbytery \$752.00

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

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 2 – Eucharist - This weekend we welcome the children who are beginning their preparation for the First Eucharist, please keep them and their families in your prayers.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$629.00

Presbytery \$473.00

Dates to Remember:

Liturgy Group Meeting - Friday 26th April at 10.15am

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 22nd April at 4.00pm. All welcome.

Caring Group Meeting - Tuesday 30th April at 9.30am.

Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 1st May at 7.00pm

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 2 – Eucharist - Baptised Catholics who have been Confirmed and celebrated their Reconciliation. Parent enrolment meeting, Tuesday 23rd April at 5.30pm. Sunday dismissals, Apr 28th, May 5th, 19th & 26th May at 10.30am and celebration on Sunday 2nd June, at 10.30am.

Sacrament of Baptism - This Sunday we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism, Lachie Rhys Masterson, son of Karl & Larissa. *"The Church gives the faith to your children through Baptism and you have the task to make it grow..." - Pope Francis.*

Congratulations to Jim Maher on turning 100! Happy birthday and enjoy all the celebrations. Wishing you and all your family every blessing for the future.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Diocesan History Timeline - As part of the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat, a timeline of significant dates and events over the past 150 years has been published on the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/>

An Invitation - Are you interested in becoming a Mercy Associate? This group seeks to "Preserve, Nurture and Reimagine the Mercy charism", established by Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy" We offer members a number of social and spiritual activities throughout the year. If you are interested, both women and men, please contact the Parish Office for further information before 30 April 2024.

Diocesan e-News - The latest edition of the diocesan e-News has been published with stories of news and events in the diocese <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. You can also subscribe to receive e-News directly to your inbox on this same page.

"Walk, cycle or use public transport" *Did you know? Choosing active transport like walking and cycling can not only dramatically reduce your carbon footprint, but you could end up saving money and staying fit at the same time! When walking or cycling is not an option, swapping the car for a bus or train can also make a significant dent in emissions.*

Praying with Pope Francis - The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. **Pope's intention for April – for the role of women:** *Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world. Lord, hear us.*

Wisdom at the Cathedral - All are welcome at the Cathedral parish to hear Dr Patrick Kennedy present "Victor Hugo's Les Misérables: A Catholic Novel?" for the next *Wisdom at the Cathedral* event on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7.00pm. Patrick, whose doctoral research centred on the works of the great French author, will explore ways in which we can engage with fiction in light of Catholic Wisdom. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour in the parish centre and will be followed by a cup of tea. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley at fionalouisebradley@gmail.com