

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year B

Sunday 7th April 2024

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon

Next Week's Readings: 3rd Sunday of Easter - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48

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 from April 13th

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: Rita Heinemann

Anniversaries: Joseph Armeni, Anitona Attard, Walter Begbie, Sr. Maureen Connelly rsm, Emma Devitt, Clarie Jensen, Arleen Lannen, Marjorie McManus, Sr. M. Rita Mugavin rsm, Kathleen Robbie, Inez Sullivan, Sr. Tricia Vagg rsm, Mary-Joy van Gaans,

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

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.



Easter Message from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

"An Easter with a Special Anniversary". You can read Bishop Paul's Easter Message on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-easter-message-3/> or scan or click the QR code.

Fr Eugene's Farewell - This weekend at the Redan and Sebastopol Masses we thank and farewell Fr. Eugene on his birthday and his retirement. There will be a supper provided after the 6.00pm Mass at St. Aloysius on Saturday April 6th and a morning tea after the 10.30am Mass at St. James' on Sunday April 7th. For morning tea please bring a plate to share. All welcome. Wishing Eugene every blessing for his future.

Daylight Saving- From Saturday 13th April, Saturday night Mass at St Aloysius will be at 5.00pm until October.

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.

Parish Office Closures – The Parish office at Redan & Sebastopol will be closed during the school holidays. **The Redan & Sebastopol Offices will reopen on Tuesday 16th April.** *Wishing you all a blessed and safe Easter. Bernadette & Pauline*

Project Compassion Easter Sunday - Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia! Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal. Please return Caritas boxes and envelopes and place them on the collection plates. Thank you.

Easter Offerings (Linton, Redan & Sebastopol) - Along with Christmas Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Easter Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Envelopes are available on the table.

Linton Parish - St Brigid's Snake Valley Altar Society is 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 \$1,032.00 Presbytery \$1,261.00

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

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 2 – Eucharist - Baptised Catholics who have been Confirmed and celebrated their Reconciliation, Parent meeting, Thursday 18th April at 10am or 5.30pm, dismissal sessions- Weekends 20/21 April, 4/5 & 11/12 & 18/19 May, Celebration Dates - 25/26 May, 1/2 & 15 June

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Dates to Remember: Sacramental Team Meeting - Tuesday 16th April at 3.45pm

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 20th April at 9.00am

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

A big thank you - to all who were involved in the preparation and ministering during our Easter ceremonies.

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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/>

Seminarians' Fundraising Afternoon Tea - The Cathedral Branch of the Catholic Women's League will be hosting an Afternoon Tea as a fundraiser to aid our Seminarians on Saturday April 20th from 1.30 onwards at 30 Waller Ave, Ballarat. Entry \$20 - Cash only - Stalls and Competitions. Donations Welcome. Donations to assist can be paid direct to Bendigo Bank. Cathedral Branch Ballarat CWL BSB 633 000 ACC 21371 7255. Inquiries - Carmel - 0401 175 045

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www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer, or contact the CDF Team on csg@melbcdf.org.au or phone 1800 134 135. *Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the [CDF website](#).

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.



“Learn about your food”. Did you know? Discovering more about food helps you eat meals that are better for the planet. Learn if your snack grew on a tree or comes from a farm. How did it end up in that wrapper?