

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

4th Sunday of Advent

Universe - Year B

Sunday 24th December 2023

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Next Week's Readings: Holy Family - Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40

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 6.00pm

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: Denis Edgar, Mary Hazlett

Anniversaries: Sr. Emmanuel Cook rsm, William Hayes, Marie Kermond, Naeidra Layton, Joe Mizzi, Ted Mulcahy, Liam Pedelty, Margaret Pedelty, Helen Spencer, Matheus van Gaans,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Yvonne Farrugia, Leila Hudson, 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 1st February 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2023

Christmas Eve Mass – Sunday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan School Auditorium - 6.00pm Mass

St. Brigid's Snake Valley – 6.00pm Mass

St. James' Sebastopol – 7.00pm Carols & 7.30pm Mass

St. John's Skipton – 7.30pm Mass

Christmas Day Mass – Monday 25th December

St. James' Sebastopol – 9.30am Mass

St. Peter's Linton – 9.00am Mass

New Year's Day Mass - Monday 1st January 2024

St. James' Sebastopol - 9.30am

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.

Bishop Paul's Christmas Message 2024 - Bishop Paul's Christmas Message is available to view on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-christmas-message-3/>. A hard copy of the message is also available to download from this page.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES - The Parish office at Redan & Sebas will be closed during the school holidays. The Redan office will reopen on Tuesday 30th January. The Sebastopol office will reopen on Friday 2nd February 2023. *Wishing everyone a safe and blessed Christmas and a hope filled New Year.* As both offices will be closed over January there will be no bulletins published during this time.

Bulletin - There will be no bulletins printed over January, we will still print the readings and reflections for you to use at Masses.

Christmas Prayer - *Dear God, this Christmas we come before You with hearts full of gratitude. Thank You for the gift of Your love, symbolised by the birth of Jesus Christ. In the midst of festivities, help us remember the true essence of Christmas - love, compassion and the joy of giving. Bless our homes with warmth, our gatherings with laughter and our hearts with the spirit of kindness. Thank You for the hope and joy that Christmas brings. Amen.*

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$725.00

Presbytery \$663.00

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

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Columban calendars are now available for purchase after Mass in the church foyer. There is also a giving tree if you wish to contribute.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$407.00

Presbytery \$467.00

Dates to Remember: Filipino Rosary Group - 1st Wednesday of the month - Wednesday 3rd January at 700pm. Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 20th January at 9.00am.

Happy Birthday and congratulations to George Hudson who turned 95 during the week. Wishing George and all his family every blessing for the future.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards and Columban calendars are now available for purchase at St. James' Piety counter or see Anne Dark. Vinnies Christmas Appeal Envelopes can be placed on the Parish plate. Thank you.

Prayer after Communion - *God, my creator, breathe on me, renew me, refresh me, extend my abilities, comfort me in adjusting to changes in health, mobility and activity. Body of Jesus Christ flow through every fibre of my being. Keep me well, and hope filled, always. Holy Spirit use me in my situation, for the good of others. Amen*

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

50 years of the Diocese of Ballarat - 2024 - On March 30 next year, the Diocese of Ballarat will turn 150. There will be a number of events held next year to mark this occasion. The latest edition of ODC has a very informative article of the formation of the diocese, written by Sr Berenice Kerr rsm. See the display board in your church for the timeline of events.

Diocesan e-News: The latest edition of e-News has been published and is available to view at <https://mailchi.mp/99caecc117ab/edition-119-february-15-13920893> You can also view this edition at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/> or you can subscribe on this page to receive future editions straight to your email address. **"Our Diocesan Community:** The final edition of ODC has been distributed and is also available to view on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/odc/>

Advance Notice 2024 - Rite of Election 2024: Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall. **Mass of the Oils 2024:** Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am (please note change of time). Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall.

Pope's intention for December – For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation. Lord, hear us.



"Love Natural Resources" Did you know? Bees help pollinate flowers and food crops, which helps them grow. Bees are the MVPs of our ecosystem. Taking care of the plants and flowers in your garden helps the bees do their job.