

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

5th Sunday of Easter

Year B

Sunday 28th April 2024

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Next Week's Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter - Acts 10:25-26,34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

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:

Anniversaries: Robert Begelhole, Jim Hughes, Agnes Joyce, Margaret Keighery, Maureen Ryan, Frank Stodolny, Andreas Verberne,

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.

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. Please join us for a cuppa after Mass.



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/>

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.

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.

150 Anniversary Prayer - *Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have received all the gifts we enjoy. As we mark the 150th anniversary of our Diocese of Ballarat, we give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us. We recognise the communities who have lived on this land from ancient times. We honour the Aboriginal peoples, here for tens of thousands of years. We honour those who came from overseas and settled here before our diocese began. Yet our anniversary shines a special light on our years as the Diocese of Ballarat, a community of communities from the Murray to the sea. We remember those who have gone before us, those who laid the foundations of our parish and school communities and our social services and health care. We acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of our history. We celebrate the achievements and we ask pardon for the failures to live our Christian faith to the full. May this anniversary year be a season of renewal for our diocese. Inspired by the Gospel and nourished by the Eucharist, may we follow the example of Jesus and the guidance of your Holy Spirit. May we reach out in humble service, welcoming all and caring for all creation. May we grow in love day by day. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help. Pray for us. Saint Patrick. Pray for us. Saint Mary MacKillop. Pray for us.*

Message re Holy Communion from Bishop Paul - In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$760.00

Presbytery \$811.00

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

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 2 – Eucharist - Dismissals will be on the weekends of May 4/5, May 11/12, May 18/19. Celebrations will be on the weekends of May 25/26, June 1/2, June & June 15th, please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Caring Circle- This group will meet on Wednesday May 1st, 1pm in the parish centre. All are welcome. We have been asked to knit fingerless gloves for the Soup Bus, we have a group of knitters but are asking for donations of 8 ply dark wool, this can be left in the box in the church foyer. Thank you in advance

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$440.00

Presbytery \$493.00

Dates to Remember: Caring Group Meeting - Tuesday 30th April at 9.30am.

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

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 18th May at 9.00am

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 2 – First Eucharist This weekend we welcome the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Eucharist program over the next three weeks. **First Eucharist will be** celebrated on Sunday 2nd June. Please keep these children and their families in our prayers.

Save the Date - 2025 family reunion and book launch of the Walsh Clans of Horsham, 10th, 11th & 12th October 2025. Flyer on the foyer notice board. For further information, enquiries and registration of interest email

walshreunion2025@gmail.com

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ANZAC Day (April 25) Prayer - *Grant all service persons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

An Invitation - Are you interested in becoming a Mercy Associate? To "Preserve, Nurture and Reimagine the Mercy charism", established by Catherine McAuley and the Sisters of Mercy". If you are interested, both women and men, please contact the Parish Office for further information before 30 April 2024.

"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.*

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.*