

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year B

Sunday 11th February 2024

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon

Next Week's Readings: 1st Sunday of Lent - Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

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 9.15am

Sunday 10.30am

St. John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Recent deaths:

Anniversaries: Maria Bessems, Therese Black, Mychajel Dyhin, Louisa Fay, Sally Hayes, Jackie Jones, Bridget Keighery, Lorraine Lock, Mary Theuma

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 7th March 2024 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Offices.

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 14th February 2024) Mass Times:

9.30am at St. Aloysius Redan

12 (noon) at St. James' Sebastopol

Lenten Reconciliation will be held during the Redan & Sebastopol Masses on the weekend of the **16th & 17th March**.

Project Compassion Sunday - February 11, 2024 - Caritas Australia, the international aid and development agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, launch Project Compassion 2024. As many of you know, Caritas works with people living in the most vulnerable situations around the world and helps those living in poverty regardless of their ethnicity, religion or political beliefs. Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. During the six weeks of Project Compassion, millions of Australians unite to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. This year, Caritas Australia celebrates 60 years of service.

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.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$627.00

Presbytery \$755.00

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

Sacramental Program 2024 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - Baptised Catholics in Grade 4 or older who have been Confirmed:

- Parent enrolment meeting, Thursday February 15th at 10.00am or 5.30pm, St. Aloysius Parish Centre
- Dismissals at weekend Masses, Saturday 6pm or Sunday 9am: February 17th/18th, February 24th/25th, March 2nd/3rd, March 16th/17th
- Celebration on Thursday 21st March, at either 5.30pm or 7.00pm, St. Aloysius' Church

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$580.00

Presbytery \$493.00

Dates to Remember: Parent Information Meeting for Reconciliation - Tuesday 13th February at 5.30pm

Men's Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month - Saturday 17th February at 9.00am.

Caring Group Meeting - Tuesday 20th February at 9.30am.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 4th Monday of the month - Monday 26th February at 4.00pm in the church foyer. New members are always welcome and are welcome to contribute as little or much as they can.

Contact Anne Dark, Krysl Reid or the Parish office.

Sacramental Program 2024 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - Leaflets are available in the foyer after Mass. **Baptised Catholics in Grade 4 or older who have been Confirmed:**

- Parent enrolment meeting, Tuesday February 13th at 5.30pm, St. James' Church Foyer
- Sunday dismissals, Sunday February 18th & 25th, March 3rd & 17th at 10.30am, St. James' Church
- Celebrated on Tuesday 19th March, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Mass to Launch Project Compassion 2024 - Mass to launch Project Compassion 2024 will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.00pm. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be the Main Celebrant and will commission Student Leaders as Ambassadors for Caritas 2024. All welcome to attend.

Rite of Election 2024 - will be held on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall. The Rite is an opportunity for adult catechumens and candidates to meet the Bishop prior to being baptised/received into the Church at Easter.

Wisdom at the Cathedral - All are welcome to the first talk for the year in the Cathedral parish's series Wisdom at the Cathedral. Fr Bill Lowry from the Warrnambool parish, will speak on *Discerning God's Will in Your Life*. Learn about the processes employed by the saints and the Lord himself in discerning the Father's will for their lives. The talk and discussion time will go for an hour and will be followed by a cup of tea. 7pm sharp, Thursday 29 February in the MacKillop/Glowrey rooms. Entry by donation. For all enquiries please contact Fiona Bradley on fionalouisebradley@gmail.com.

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.

150 years of the Diocese of Ballarat - 2024 - On March 30 this year, the Diocese of Ballarat will turn 150. There will be a number of events held this year to mark this occasion. See the display board in your church for the timeline of events.

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.

Pope's intention for February: – **For the terminally ill:** *Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.*

Laudato Si': Everything is connected – In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected. **"Think before you buy"** *Did you know? A great way to reduce waste is to think about whether you need something before you buy it. See if you can buy it second hand rather than new. Buying from small local business is also a good way to reduce your environmental impact.*