

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

3rd Sunday of Lent

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Sunday 12th March 2023

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Fr. Eugene McKinnon

Next Week's Readings: 4th Sunday of Lent - 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

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: Dr Mary Cameron, Gerard Sculley

Anniversaries: Lena Browning, Tom Dickson, James D. Everard, Ted Flynn, John van den Hoek, Patrick Walsh,

Please remember in your prayers: Margaret Cooper, Noreen Griffin, Nellie deJong, Constancio Laduan Sr., Peter Kavanagh, Lucas Mactingrao, Shirley Mitchell, Lexie Spicer, Annie Welsch

Centralised Baptism Preparation Session will be held at MacKillop and Glowrey Rooms of St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall on **Thursday 6th April 2023 at 10.00am & 5.30pm**. Bookings to be made with the Parish Office.

Stations of the Cross - St. James Sebastopol on Tuesday 14th March at 1.30pm and a cuppa to follow in the foyer.

Lenten Reconciliation will be held during the Redan & Sebastopol Masses on the weekend of the **25th & 26th March**.

Lenten Anointing Masses

St. Aloysius Redan on Thursday 30th March at 11.00am

St. James Sebastopol on Friday 31st March at 2.00pm

There will be no 9.30am Mass on these days.

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.

Project Compassion - 3rd Sunday of Lent

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought. While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis. Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

St. Aloysius' Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$645.00

Presbytery \$820.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - You are invited to join in saying the rosary, after 9.30am Mass Thursday
Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - we welcome the children who are preparing for this Sacrament to Masses this weekend.

Family Group - St Aloysius Family Group is looking for anybody who would like a social outing once a month on the 4th Friday of the month for light lunch and talk. If you are interested please phone, Margot on 53351924 or Betty on 0407 041 321

Thank you - We thank Albert Dulfer for his wonderful service in preparing for Thursday and Sunday Masses. This ministry is vital to the celebration of the Eucharist and Albert has attended to this ministry for many years. We are now seeking someone to take on this role for weekend Masses. This ministry will require a person to arrive 20 minutes before the start of Mass to set up what is necessary for the celebration of the Mass, eg. set up the altar, set out the offertory. For further information please contact Fr Eugene or Bernadette.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish \$588.00

Presbytery \$459.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St James' - Wednesday at 10.30am Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Dates to Remember: Stations of the Cross - Tuesday 14th March at 1.30pm with cuppa to follow

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

Liturgy Group Meeting - Friday 24th March at 10.15am

Sacramental Program 2023 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - This weekend, the children and their families who will be preparing and working their way through the Reconciliation program at home before the final dismissal. **Reconciliation will be** celebrated on Tuesday 21st March, at 7.00pm. Please keep these children and their families in our prayers.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Mass of the Oils - Each year, the Mass of the Oils is celebrated on Monday in Holy Week at St Patrick's Cathedral for all parishes within the Ballarat Diocese. Representatives from each parish come forward to receive the oils which will be used during sacraments in the coming year. There is an opportunity to come together with the priests and people of other parishes with the supper in the cathedral hall following mass. This year's mass will be on Monday, 3 April at 6.30 PM.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2023 - Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 3, 2023. Practice times are Sunday, March 19, Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.