

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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley)

1st Sunday of Advent

Year C

Sunday 28th November 2021

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Next Week's Readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent Yr C - Baruch 5:1-9; Philipians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

The parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

In line with the new changes to the COVID regulations, from 11.59pm Thursday 18th November the parishes of Linton, Redan & Sebastopol will follow the mandate from Bishop Paul that our Churches are open to unlimited numbers for those who are double vaccinated. All attendees 12 years and 2 months and over must prove their vaccination.

St. Aloysius, Redan

Thursday 9.30am

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

St. James, Sebastopol

Friday 9.30am

Sunday 10.30am

St Brigid's, Snake Valley

Saturday 6.30pm

St Peter's, Linton

Sunday 9.00am

St John's, Skipton

Sunday 10.30am

Redan: Mass Wednesday. 9.30am, followed by rosary and Adoration 30 people - vaccination status not required

Recent Deaths: Bert Austin

Anniversaries: Kerry Aquilina, Max Cooper, Noreen Currie, Philip DeBono, Henry deBont, Margo McKinley, Theresa Pritchard, Alice Rich, Cornelia van Raaphorst,

Please remember in your prayers: Helen Casanova, Margaret Cooper, Fred de Jong, Gerard Hoogenboom, Cath Kavanagh, Constancio Laduan Sr., Lucas Mactingrao, Louis Sykes,

CDF has developed an online payments system, you can contribute to the first or second collection this way. CDF pay for Parishes, for the Diocese of Ballarat, <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/> If you have any queries regarding Planned Giving, please phone our Finance Officer Kerrie McTigue, on 53 312 933 or via email: ballaratoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Baptism Preparation - The centralised preparation sessions for Baptism taking place on the first Thursday of each month have been discontinued for now. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

The Parishes of St. Aloysius, St. James' & St. Peter's are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults 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: \$308.00 Presbytery: \$374.00

Opportunity for Prayer at St Aloysius - Rosary and Benediction following the 9.30am Mass, no vaccination status required, Rosary - Thursday at 9am before the 9.30am Mass, full vaccination required

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation celebrations will take place this weekend. **There will be no Saturday night Mass in the Church on the 27th Nov., we ask that you attend Mass on Sunday morning at 9am or go to St. James on Sunday morning at 10.30am.** All weekend Masses from this date will require everyone 12 yrs and older to be double vaccinated.

Caring Circle - This group will meet on Wednesday 1st December at 1pm in the parish Centre

Advent Anointing Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 2nd December with 11.30am Mass** As we cannot gather in large numbers, the school community have offered a take away lunch for all those who attend. Please book in for this Mass for catering purposes. There will be no 9.30am Mass. Double vaccination required.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend Parish: \$717.00 Presbytery: \$152.00

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

Dates to Remember:

Filipino Rosary Group Wednesday 1st December at 7.00pm (1st Wednesday of month)

Parish Craft Group Monday 6th December at 1.00pm (1st & 3rd Mondays of month)

Advent Anointing Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 3rd December with 1.30pm Mass** followed by afternoon tea at Sebastopol Bowling Club. Bookings for afternoon tea are required. Please add your name to the list in the foyer. There will be no 9.30am Mass. Double vaccination required.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2021 - Our Christmas Appeal this year highlights a quintessential Christmas story of compassionate love. Our 'good works' change lives from within, as we reach out to people with material needs. Our gospel readings this Advent give us a clear message: serving Christ in the people affected by poverty through love, respect, justice, hope and joy. You may assist the 'good works' of our local conference this Christmas by donating food, money - using the donation envelopes in the foyer and place on the collection plate, phone donations by calling 131812 or online donations to vinnies.org.au As we move towards the celebration on Christmas may we be watchful in faith, hope filled for our world and those we service, offering the cup of love to all in need.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Making a Scene at Christmas - at the Bridge Mall on December 4-5 and 11-20. Is a display of over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries. Entry is gold coin donation.

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition and it is also the spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a series of nine Masses on the days leading up to Christmas, which will be held at St. Alipius Parish Church, Victoria Street, Ballarat East. Conditions of participation include QR Code registration and double vaccination to attend. Wednesday 15th December at 7.00pm, Thursday 16th December at 7.00pm, Friday 17th December at 7.00pm, Saturday 18th December at 8.00pm (NB: change of time), Sunday 19th December at 7.00pm, Monday 20th December at 7.00pm, Tuesday 21st December at 7.00pm, Wednesday 22nd December at 7.00pm, Thursday 23rd December at 7.00pm. Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated on Friday 24th December at 12 midnight. If you have any questions/need further information, please contact Fr Eladio, 0450 017 007 or Dion 0427 876 553. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Rite of Election 2022 will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall.

Mass of the Oils 2022 will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall.

Ordination to the Diaconate - Seminarians Matthew Restall and William Lowry will be ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, December 10, 2021 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Attendance requirements for the Cathedral is QR code or registration upon entry and full vaccination status needs to be provided to the COVID check-in Marshalls.

House of Welcome Ballarat - Garden Party, Sunday Dec 5th 2pm - 30 Waller Ave Newington, Entry \$20. Stalls and competitions. Afternoon tea. All Welcome. Inquiries 0401175045 Funds raised for migrants/refugees/covid relief