St. Aloysius Redan & St. James' Sebastopol

Sunday 1st December 2019
1st Sunday of Advent Year A

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Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10, Ps 71(72):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

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

Mass Times

Redan		Sebastopol
6.00pm Vigil	9.00am	10.30am
Cathedral		Rokewood

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm 3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral Wednesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Thursday 11.00am Redan (Anointing Mass) 12.05pm Cathedral **1.30pm Sebastopol (Anointing Mass)** 12.05pm Cathedral

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Penance Cathedral Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30am

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Max Cooper, Noreen Currie, Maurice Hayes, Marguerita Hughes, Giovanna Ledda, Bernard Linahan, Margo McKinley, Alice Rich, Deonisius van Gaans

Please remember in your prayers the following: Tony Bazzano, Margaret Cooper, Lanie Dugay, Corazon Laduan, Alex McLaren, Maureen Mulcahy, Alonso Ng, Jonathon Rice, Leonie Street

BUPA Aged Care - Prayer Service Thursday, December 5th, at 10.30am. All Welcome

Advent Reconciliation Service - Wednesday 18th December 7pm at St. James' Sebastopol

Christmas Liturgies 2019

Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium)

St. James' Sebastopol—7.30pm (Carols @ 7pm)

8.00pm, Linton, St Peter's Church.

Christmas Day Masses- Wednesday 25th December

St. Aloysius Redan—9am

St. James' Sebastopol—9am

9.00am, Skipton, St John's Church.

We welcome Bishop Paul Bird who will be celebrating Masses this weekend. At these Masses he will give a special to all children in our parishes who have celebrated Sacraments this past year. We welcome all children and their families.

St. Aloysius Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$795.00 Presbytery: \$572.00

Invitation to pray the Rosary - Thursday morning at 9am before the 9.30am Mass

Adoration and Exposition - 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 7.00pm-8.00pm

Collectors - We are in need of more collectors for our 6pm Saturday night Mass. If you are interested in this ministry please ring Bernadette at the Parish Office 0455 212 123

Caring Circle - Anointing Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 5th December at 11am followed by a light lunch in the Parish Centre. Raffle tickets will be on sale after Masses beginning this week, prizes will include: a Christmas Hamper, original painting, handmade candle holder, Christmas cake, cushions and rugs. Tickets are \$1 each and will be drawn at the lunch.

GodStart - Members are invited to attend our last meeting for the year on Monday 2nd of December at the Formosa Cafe at 9.30am. Please note change of day. Many thanks for your continued commitment to this wonderful program. Special thanks to Bernadette and Robert Young for once again financing our materials. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Roster December 7th / 8th

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	K Andrews	B Martin		K Andrews A Braybrook	N McGuigan	E Fernandez	Team 1 Kennedy P McGowan N McGuigan C 'anderkley	Team 2 V Dulfer L Spencer B Martin C Densley
9am	J Burns	N Chapman	Hirth Family	A Dulfer C Densley	C Orchard	M Brown		

Children's Liturgy - Val Dulfer

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$1125.00 Presbytery: \$310.00

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 1st December 2.30pm Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group

(Mass with Fr. Alex Lim)

Monday 9th December 4.00pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

Opportunities for Prayer - Monday 10.30am Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. James' Parish Filipino Community

Rosary 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm Good Shepherd Community Prayer Group 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.30pm

Congratulations to Leila and George Hudson who celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary this weekend. Wishing God's blessing on them and their family.

Parish Pastoral Team Sausage Sizzle – Thank you. This Sunday, the Parish Pastoral Team will hold a sausage sizzle after Mass as a thank you to all Parishioners for their contribution to our Parish through-out the year.

Caring Group – Anointing Mass & Afternoon Tea - will be held on Friday 6th December with 1.30pm Mass & afternoon in the foyer to follow. *There will be no 9.30am Mass.* Those needing transport please contact Pauline in the Parish Office. A Christmas Raffle will be held on the day. Tickets are \$1 each or \$2 for 3.

St. James' Parish School - End of Year School Mass on Friday 13th December at 9.30am. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2019 - We ask that you support our annual Christmas Appeal through the donation of non-perishable food items. Vinnies Christmas Appeal envelopes will be available in the pews for those wishing to make a cash donation to the appeal.

Market Day will be held on Saturday 7th December 9.30am - 1pm at the Holy Trinity Church 227 Albert Street Sebastopol. Plants, produce, cakes, devonshire tea, crafts, op shop, BBQ and more. All welcome.

Family Group Christmas Celebrations - St. James' Friends Family Group (Sunday 8th December) contact Anne Porter, MacKillop Family Group (Sunday 8th December) contact Ted & Ros Connellan and the Survivor Family Group (Friday 13th December).

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. James' Parish Church on: Monday 16th December 7pm Mass, Tuesday 17th December 7pm Mass, Wednesday 18th December 8pm Mass (following Advent Reconciliation Service), Thursday 19th December 7pm Mass, Friday 20th December 7pm Mass, Saturday 21st December 7pm Mass, Sunday 22nd December 7pm Mass, Monday 23rd December 7pm Mass and Tuesday 24th December 2pm Filipino Christmas Mass & Carols. Our celebrant will be Fr Jorge De Chavez OSJ. All welcome. For further information please contact: Sherley - 5338 1266 (shop), 0417 331 756, Urbing- 0419 558 965 and Dion- 0427 876 533.

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

Nazareth House - Christmas Carols Sunday 8th December at 6pm, Nazareth House Hall. All children are invited to play a part in the Nativity scene

Baptism Parent/Information Sessions -These sessions are offered to parents wishing to have their children under 7 years of age Baptised. Meetings are held in the Mary Glowrey room in the St. Patrick's Cathedral precinct, 3 Lyons street Sth, Ballarat at either 10.00am or 7.00pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday December 5th.

Farewell - Fr. Lovin will be leaving us on Boxing Day. We will farewell Fr. Lovin with supper after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 21st December at St. Aloysius Redan and with morning tea after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 22nd December at St. James' Sebastopol.

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch - OLHC Parish Wendouree are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00 noon – 2.00pm. Transport is available. For bookings or further information ph. 0419 975914 or email christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com.

Making a Scene at Christmas - All are welcome to visit the *Making a Scene at Christmas* displays at Ss Peter & Paul's Church Buninyong from December 12-15.

Clergy Appointments Bishop Paul has announced the following appointments to take effect in January: Fr Sajan Matthew will be Administrator of Bungaree Parish and Visiting Priest of Gordon Parish, Fr Michael O'Toole will be Supervising Priest of Cororooke Parish (in addition to PP of Colac), Fr Peter Jose CMI will be the priest for the Robinvale Parish and Fr Jim McKay will work with Fr Eugene McKinnon in the East Wimmera Parish ministering across their faith communities.

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – December How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Prayerful and Eucharistic?** The next discernment session will be held on Tuesday 10th December at St. Aloysius, please see the sign in sheet in the church foyer.

Advent Retreat Sunday December 15th 2.00pm – 5.00pm at St Alipius' Hall Victoria St Ballarat East. Rachel McLoughlin and Natalie Houlihan will lead a spacious advent time of Reflections, Readings, Music, Images, Silence and ending with Spiritual Conversation circles. All are welcome to join us.