

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

4th Sunday in Advent, Sunday 20th December 2015

Next week's readings: *Sunday 27th December 2015* Holy Family (C)

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Ps 83(84):2-3, 5-6, 9-10

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

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There are two collections. The first (Presbytery collection) is for the support of the parish priest and follows the sermon. The second is for the running of the parish (planned giving, envelopes) and occurs after the Intercessions.

Last Weekend's Collections:	Parish	Sebastopol \$1,187.15(includes direct debits	Redan \$665.00
	Presbytery	Sebastopol \$324.10	Redan \$505.60

Advent Evening Prayer – Both parish communities will be holding Evening Prayer during Advent. At these evenings we will focus on scripture, song and psalm, and spend some time in quiet reflection. The evenings will be held on the following nights:

Fourth Week of Advent – Sunday 20th December, 5.30pm at St. Aloysius

Baptism Parent Information Evenings for the Parishes of Redan and Sebastopol - Parents wishing to have their children Baptised in the parishes of Redan and Sebastopol need to attend a Baptism preparation evening. At this meeting the enrolment for the Sacrament and date of celebration will be confirmed. These meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.00pm in the Redan Parish Centre, 506 Leith Street Redan. The next meeting will be on Thursday **8th January 2016**. For any enquiries please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

Christmas Liturgies for 2015

Christmas Eve Masses - Thursday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium)

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

St. Aloysius Redan—9pm (Carols at 8.30pm)

Christmas Day Masses- Friday 25th December

St. Aloysius Redan—9am

St. James' Sebastopol—9am

New Year's Day – Friday 1st January 2016

St. James' Sebastopol – 9.30am

OHLC Christmas Lunch

You are invited to join us on Christmas Day for lunch (no cost). Midday till 2pm (Meal at 2pm) at OLHC Parish Hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree. Transport provided. Bookings by 24th December (add any diets). Phone: 0419 975 914.

Advance Notice – dates for 2016:

Rite of Election: Saturday, February 13 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 21 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Advent Song - Come Lord Jesus

REFRAIN: *Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, come and be born in our hearts.*

1. Come, O Prince of Peace; come O Prince of Peace, come O Prince of Peace come and be born in our hearts

REFRAIN: *Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, come and be born in our hearts.*

2. Our hearts are open, our hearts are open, our hearts are open, come and be born in our hearts.

REFRAIN: *Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, come and be born in our hearts.*

3. Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel, come and be born in our hearts

Monday 1.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament including *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*.
Your presence is most welcome.

Wednesday Rosary will be recited **at 9.00am** before 9.30am Mass.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 23rd December 10.15am Setup Nativity for Christmas

Monday 28th December 7pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

Filipino Community

Rosary 2nd Wednesday of month at 7pm

Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group Will recommence on Sunday 14th February 2016

Mercy Works Special Effort – Christmas Hampers \$1 a ticket in the foyer after Mass

Christmas Mass Roster - Volunteers are required to fill the Christmas ministry roster on the noticeboard in the foyer. Thank you.

Australian Centres of Ignatian Spirituality – 2016 Program

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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.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

An Advent Prayer

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.

St. Aloysius Parish Redan

Invitation to pray the Rosary - Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9.00am before the 9.30am Mass

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

Cleaners – Please note a new roster is available in the foyer of the church. Please collect these as there have been some changes. Thank you for your continued support in this important ministry.

Thank you – to all who contributed to our giving tree. Donations have now been picked up by the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Christmas Mass Roster - Volunteers are still required to fill some spots on our Christmas ministry roster on the table in the church foyer. Thank you.

Office Closure – the Parish office will close from Friday 19th December to Wednesday 27th January. The office will re-open on Thursday 28th January. For urgent matters please contact Fr Kevin directly, for any notices for the Sunday bulletin please contact Jacinta at St. Patricks Cathedral on 53312933. Thank you all for your support and friendship over the past year, Christmas blessings to you and your families. Bernadette

Roster 26th/27th December

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters
6pm	H Gibcus	P Kendrick	N McGuigan	A Braybrook N Conroy	J George	E Fernandez	T Kennedy M Coughlan
9am	C Vanderkley	N Chapman	A Hirth & Family	C Orchard R Porter	M Van Ravenstein	A Dulfer	J Moylan
	Cleaners	V Dulfer	L Spencer	C Densley			

Roster 2nd/3rd January

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters
6pm	J Burge	S Hugel	N Conroy	K Andrews B Van Ravenstein	V Tempany		D Molloy
9am	J Burns	C Orchard	M Flood & Family	N De Jong H Gibcus	N Chapman		
	Cleaners	B & B Mccarty	M Brown				

Children's Liturgy: School Holidays

Mass Times for the Christmas and the New Year Week for the Parishes of Sebastopol and Redan

Tuesday 22 nd Dec	9.30am Mass St Aloysius
Wednesday 23 rd Dec	9.30am Mass St. James
Christmas Eve	6pm Mass St Aloysius School Auditorium 7pm Carols followed by 7.30pm Mass St. James Church 8.30pm Carols followed by 9pm Mass St. Aloysius
Christmas Day	9am Mass St James 9am Mass St Aloysius
Saturday 26 th	6pm Mass St Aloysius
Sunday 27 th	9am St. Aloysius 10.30am St. James
New Year's Day	9.30am St. James
Saturday 2 nd Jan	6pm Mass St. Aloysius
Sunday 3 rd Jan	9am St. Aloysius 10.30am Mass S. James

Recent Deaths: Kevin Lang

Anniversaries:

William Downing, Marie Kermond, Sammy Mercieca, Stephen Mills, Liam & Margaret Pedelty, Matheus van Gaans,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Maria Bessems, Norah Best, Margaret Cooper, Julie Delahenty, Michael Dignan, Joseph Graafmans, Mary Patricia Guinan, Paddy Kavanagh, Jim Maher, John O'Keefe, Mary Skelton, Leonie Street, Sr. Tricia Vagg, Grace van Gaans, Connie Vincent, Carolyn Watson, Lynn Whiteley

Sacrament of Reconciliation- Cathedral

Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am