

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

1st Sunday of Advent - Sunday 27th November 2016

Next week's readings: Sunday 4th December 2016

2nd Sunday in Advent (A)

Isaiah 11:1-10

Ps 71(72):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

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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.

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 December 2016**. For any enquiries please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

Mass Times;

Tuesday 12:05pm Cathedral

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Thursday **9.30am Mass Redan**

12:05pm Cathedral

Friday **9.30am Mass Sebastopol**

12.05pm Cathedral

Sacrament of Penance

Cathedral Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30 am

Weekend Masses

Cathedral	St Aloysius	St James'
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6.30 pm Vigil	6.00 pm Vigil	
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8.00 am	9.00 am	10.30 am
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10.30 am

5.00 pm

Rokewood 3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Recent Deaths: Rosa Casella, Ronald Rosser, Daisy Watson

Anniversaries:

Kerryn Aquilina, Max Cooper, Henry deBont, Philip (Pop) DeBono, Margo McKinley, Theresa Pritchard, Alice Rich,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Allen Baltazar, Maria Bessems, Norah Best, John Bond, Irina Davis, Julie Delahenty, Fletcher Densley, Mary Patricia Guinan, Cody Joy, Jim Maher, Michala Murphy, Frank Nolan, John O'Keeffe, Rosellie Ozimek, Mary Skelton, Leonie Street, Jenny Tan, Connie Vincent, Lynn Whiteley

Presentation to Bishop Paul Bird

This weekend, we welcome Bishop Peter Bird to both Parishes, as the children who received the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist this past year will be presented at Mass today. Please join us for a morning tea after Mass.

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:

First week of Advent – Sunday 27th November, 5.30pm, at St. Aloysius

Second Week of Advent – Sunday 4th December, 5.30pm, at St James'

Third Week of Advent - Sunday 11th December, 5.30pm at St Aloysius

Fourth Week of Advent – Sunday 18th December, 5.30pm at St. James'

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Opportunities for Prayer

Monday 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Your presence is welcome.

Wednesday Rosary will be recited **at 9.00am**

Dates to Remember

Monday 28th November	7pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
Saturday 3rd December	6pm	Filipino Choir Practice
Sunday 4th December	12pm	MacKillop Family Group Christmas Lunch
Sunday 4th December	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group
Monday 5th December	1pm	Parish Craft Group

Filipino Community

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

Parish Pastoral Team Sausage Sizzle – Thank you

A huge thank you to all who helped cook and serve sausages after Mass, last Sunday and thanks to all our Parishioners for your contribution and support to our Parish through-out this year.

Filipino Christmas Mass & Carols

Will be held on Saturday 17th December at 4pm. All welcome. Supper to follow in the foyer.

St. James' St. Vincent de Paul Piety Stall - Christmas cards and Columban calendars are now available.

Caring Group- Anointing Mass & Afternoon Tea

Will be held on Wednesday 14th December at 1.30pm – please keep this date free! Anyone requiring transport please contact the Parish Office.

St. James' Parish School Masses

Tuesday 14th December at 7pm - Grade 6 Graduation Mass
Friday 16th December at 9.30am – End of Year School Mass

Christmas Roster

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

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

This weekend, the St. Vincent de Paul Society launches its annual Christmas Appeal. We thank you for your generosity in the past. This year gifts of non-perishable food are required for the Christmas hampers. These donations of food can be placed in the baskets beside the Jesses Tree in the foyer. Envelopes for donations are now available on pews and can be placed on the collection plate. All donations will be appreciated. Thank you. We also require new members to assist with the day to day activities of the Society. We thank the members who have recently retired due to ill-health and/or aging. If you are interested please contact Sr. Marie or Anne Dark after Mass.

Christmas Liturgies for 2016

Advent Reconciliation Service – Tuesday 20th December St. James' Sebastopol—7pm

Christmas Eve Masses - Saturday 24th December St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium)

St. James' Sebastopol—7.30pm (Carols @ 7pm) St. Aloysius Redan—9pm

Christmas Day Masses- Sunday 25th December St. Aloysius Redan—9am St. James' Sebastopol—9am

Proclaim 2016

The Legion of Mary cordially invite all Parishioners to share the experience of the 3rd Proclaim Conference 2016, on 'Evangelisation in the Parish' on Tuesday, 6 December 2016, Cathedral small hall Room at 12.30 pm for a light lunch, followed by the Presentation. The Legion extends a special warm invitation to all young adults and families. Judith O'Sullivan, Pastoral Leader, Ballarat North, Sponsored by St Columba's Parish, and Sarah Kuek, President, Our Lady of Nazareth Prasadium, Ballarat are the Key Speakers at this Presentation.

St. Aloysius Parish Redan

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

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

Caring Circle – Christmas Hamper raffle, tickets will be available from this weekend after Masses. Tickets are \$1 each. Raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Lunch after the Anointing Mass on Tuesday December 13th. This Mass will be at 11am Everyone Welcome

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Lara and Evelyn daughters of Daniel and Casandra
May they grow in faith in their loving family and our Catholic Community



Roster 3rd/4th December

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	M Coughlan	S Hugeil	M Cushing & Family	A Braybrook N Conroy	V Tempany	E Fernandez	A Naus N McGuigan	B & B McCarty S De Natris
9am	A Dulfer	J Burns	M Flood & Family	N De Jong M O'Meara	N Chapman	C Orchard	P McGowan	M Dignan J Grano

Children's Liturgy: Colleen Orchard

BUPA Age Care

Prayer services for BUPA Age Care on **Thursday 8th December at 10.30am**. They will occur every second Thursday.

Fundraiser for Timor Leste - Movie "Queen of Katwe" based on a true story, followed by High Afternoon Tea will be held at the Regent Theatre, Ballarat on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 1.45 pm, \$25.00 per person. Funds raised will be forwarded to the Edmund Rice Community Timor Leste to purchase books for new libraries in village schools. RSVP to Liz Hanrahan, ph. 0417347262.

Making a Scene at Christmas

A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat from Thursday December 15th – Sunday, December 18th. On display there will be more than 300 nativities from over 40 countries. Opening hours are Thursday 12.00pm- 5.00pm and Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm; Saturday 10.00am – 8.00pm and Sunday 9.00am – 7.00pm. The organising committee (Vin Dillon, Fr Andrew Hayes, Anita Houlihan, Bernadette Lynch, Fiona Tonkin) would like to hear from anyone who is willing to loan a nativity scene for display, in particular cribs from other cultures, previous eras or which 'have a story' would be most welcome. Security guaranteed. If you are able to assist please leave your name at the Cathedral office, ph. 5331 2933.

From Bach to Bing

David Hobson and Georgia Wilkinson will be performing all your Christmas favourites in Hamilton (December 9), St Kilda (December 10) and St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat (December 14). See Flyer in Church Foyer

Mercy Connect Ballarat – Supporting refugee and asylum seeker students in local schools. Volunteer mentors needed. Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but you will receive ongoing training and support. Initial training for new volunteers will be held in February 2017. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form. Applications close on February 2, 2017.



The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS) are encouraging parishes to spread the word of Laudato Si. There will be information sent regularly to parishes to include on parish bulletins and other information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

A challenge from *Laudato Si: On care for our common home*. (Pope Francis, 2015): "Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently: we realise that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others" (LS 159). As a simple point of justice we should be meeting our current needs, not taking more than necessary, whilst acknowledging the capacity of future generations to meet their requirements for a full life. ACTION: Check your consumption, eg. food, electricity, water, gas. Use energy efficient appliances. Endeavour to move to renewable sources of energy when and where possible.

