

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

We are child safe parishes

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Passion (Palm) Sunday - Sunday 14th April 2019

Next week's readings: Sunday 21st April 2019

Easter Sunday(C)

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Ps 117(118):1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Colossians 3:1-4/1 Corinthians 5:6-8 John 20:1-9

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Office hours: Tues, Wed & Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm

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 Sessions: - Parent information sessions for the Baptism of children will be held on the first Thursday of each month. The next meetings will be on **Thursday 2nd May at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm**, in the hall at the back of the Cathedral Presbytery, 3 Lyons St. South, Ballarat. All families wishing to have their children (under 7) baptised are invited to attend one of these preparation sessions so that they can enrol their children for Baptism at these preparation sessions. For any enquiries, please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

Mass Times;

Monday 6.30pm Cathedral
Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral
Wednesday 12.05pm Cathedral
Thursday 7.00pm Redan
Friday 3.00pm Sebastopol (Good Friday)

Sacrament of Penance

Cathedral Saturday 11.30 am

Weekend Masses

Cathedral	St Aloysius	St James'
6.30pm Vigil	7.00pm Vigil	
8.00am	9.00am	10.30am
10.30am		
5.00pm		
Rokewood 3rd Sunday at 10.30am		

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries:

Paul Pearson, Muriel Dunne, Daniel Hayes, Edward Hayes, Mary Guinan, Enrique Pomar, Patricia Snowdon, Bernard Vaughan,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Anthony Aragon, John Bond, Tony Bazzano, Andrew Flood, Corazon Laduan, Jonathan Rice, Raymon Reed, Leonie Street,

**If you would like a person to be prayed for, ask for their permission. Names will be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which more time can be requested.*

Privacy: In 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information. We can only accept requests for names on the bulletin by immediate family members.

Easter Ceremonies 2019

Mass of Oils - Monday 15th April at 6.30pm – St. Patrick's Cathedral

Holy Thursday April 18th

Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Aloysius - 7pm

Good Friday April 17th

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - St. James' - 3pm

Holy Saturday April 20th

Easter Vigil – St. Aloysius - 7pm

Easter Sunday April 21st

Mass St. Aloysius – 9am

Easter Sunday April 21st

Mass (blessing of Paschal candle & renewal of Baptismal promises) – St. James' – 10.30am

Thursday begins the holiest and most important time of the Church year – the Easter Triduum. It commemorates the heart of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Sacred Triduum begins with Holy Thursday, which marks the end of the forty day of Lent and the beginning of the celebration.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Opportunities for Prayer

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

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 14th April	4pm	McKillop Family Group Function
Monday 15th April	1pm	Parish Craft Group
Saturday 20th April	9am	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 21st April	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Community Prayer Group
Monday 22nd April	4pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

Filipino Community

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

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Sacrament of Eucharist / First Communion

- This sacrament is offered to Grade 4 students or older who have completed their Sacrament of Penance
- Parent meeting, *Tuesday 7th May*, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church Foyer
- Sunday dismissals, *Sunday May 12th, 19th & 26th & Jun 2nd at 10.30am*, St. James' Church

Option 1 – Parish Mass

- Rehearsal date, St. James' Church, *Friday June 7th at 10.15am*
- Celebrated on Sunday 9th June, at 10.30am Mass, St. James' Church

Option 2 – School-led Mass

- Rehearsal date, St. James' Church, *Friday June 14th at 10.15am*
- Celebrated on Sunday 16th June, at 10.30am Mass, St. James' Church

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.

ANZAC Day Mass - Mass will be held at 9.15am on ANZAC Day at St Patrick's Cathedral.

BUPA Aged Care – Prayer service and Anointing at BUPA Aged Care on 9th May at 10.30am. All welcome.

Mercy Connect has secured David Nyuol Vincent as a guest speaker. He will be coming to Ballarat on evening of the 27th June to speak about his experiences as one of the Lost Boys of Sudan. David was trained as a boy soldier in Ethiopia and lived as a Refugee in Kenya. After reaching Australia he has become an advocate for refugees and the Sudanese community. Just now we are looking at expressions of interest from people who would wish to hear him speak. Once we know the audience we can settle on a venue. Entrance: Gold coin donation. If you are interested please email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2019

THANK YOU to parishioners who have already returned their completed pledge commitments – either at Mass over the last couple of weeks, or on line through our parish website. Your support is very much appreciated! Pledge cards & Groups & Ministries Forms are available at the back of the Church, if you have been away or not yet completed one. Please note that new pledges will take effect on 20 / 21 April so please return your completed pledges **ASAP**. Letters of confirmation and where appropriate, new sets of envelopes, will be available at all Masses on this weekend. I thank you once again for your generous response.

Fr Kevin Maloney

Diocesan Pastoral Development Coordinator

Bishop Paul is inviting applications from appropriately qualified and experienced persons for the position of Diocesan Pastoral Development Coordinator, to support the development of parish life, assist with pastoral planning and promote formation in faith for people throughout the diocese. This is a full-time one year contract position, with ongoing contract after review. Information about the position and how to apply can be accessed on the diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or by contacting the bishop's office at bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au or by phoning (03) 5337 7121. Queries can be directed to the Vicar General, Fr Kevin Maloney, on 0419 305 848. The closing date for applications is Friday 26 April 2019 at 5.00pm.

St. Aloysius Parish Redan

Invitation to pray the Rosary - Thursday morning at 9.00am before the 9.30am Mass

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

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Wool – We are in need of 8 ply and 12 ply wool in dark colours. If you are able to donate some wool, you can leave it in the box in the foyer of the church, thank you, Caring Circle.

Good Friday Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Plenary Council Update - The Listening and Dialogue phase is over. What happens now? With the *Listening and Dialogue* phase now complete, the National Centre for Pastoral Research will continue the deep listening process, conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes that have emerged. Then, in May, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Council Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will work together with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment. Those themes will become the focus for the *Listening and Discernment* phase, which will begin from June 9, and will be the foundations for the Plenary Council agenda.

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 the next few months. Contact Donna Stewart - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form.

Caritas Australia Project Compassion – Palm Sunday

Nguyet is a teenager living with a disability in a small town in Vietnam. Living with a disability was challenging, her early years were subdued and solitary. Since featuring in Project Compassion 2017 Nguyet has successfully built her own business, a dream that has become a reality with the support of Caritas Australia. Connected to the world in new ways, Nguyet has become independent, an important member of her community and has great hope for her future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for an education and inclusion in their community. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist - If you are interested in becoming a special minister to be able to distribute the bread and wine at masses please let Pauline or Bernadette at either Parish centre know. We will facilitate a formation session soon.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2019

Our Stewardship Program has been finalized and once again we wish to warmly thank everyone for their involvement and generous response. A special thank you goes to our Program Leadership Team and to all the volunteers who offered their assistance.

Collect Today - your letter of thanks confirming your new commitment and where applicable a new set of envelopes. The letters are available in surname order and members of the Program Leadership Team will be on hand at all Masses to assist with this process. The new commitments take effect from next week and to avoid any confusion please destroy any old envelopes that you may still have.

Not yet completed your pledge? Don't worry – pledge cards are available on the table at the rear of the church. Completed cards can be placed in the collection plate.

A reminder that all Groups & Ministries responses are currently being processed and all those who responded will be contacted in the very near future. Your support in this key area of parish life is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN!