

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

2nd Sunday in Advent, Sunday 6th December 2015

Next week's readings: *Sunday 13th December 2015* *3rd Sunday in Advent (C)*

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

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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 \$720.10	Redan \$1,207.00(includes direct debits)
	Presbytery	Sebastopol \$333.55	Redan \$648.00

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:

Second Week of Advent – Sunday 6th December, 5.30pm, at St Aloysius

Third Week of Advent - Sunday 13th December, 5.30pm at St James'

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 **10th December**. For any enquiries please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

Christmas Liturgies for 2015

Advent Reconciliation Service - Thursday 17th December

St. James Sebastopol—7pm

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

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.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

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

Monday 7th December	1pm	Parish Craft Christmas Celebration
Monday 14th December	7pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
Monday 14th December	7pm	Singing Practise for Christmas Masses
Thursday 17th December	11.15am	Legion of Mary Prayers (St. Patrick's Cathedral)
Saturday 19th December	9am	Men's Breakfast

Advent Song - Come Lord Jesus

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

Come, O Prince of Peace; come O Prince of Peace, come and be born in our hearts
Our hearts are open, our hearts are open, our hearts are open, come and be born in our hearts.
Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel, come and be born in our hearts

Filipino Community

Rosary 2nd Wednesday of month at 7pm
Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group will recommence on Sunday 14th February 2016

St. James' Parish School Masses

Friday 11th December at 9.30am - End of Year School Mass
Wednesday 16th December at 7pm - Grade 6 Graduation Mass

St. James' Parish Office - Will be closed from Sunday 29th November until Tuesday 15th December. Fr. Kevin can be contacted at the Redan Presbytery on phone number 5331 4981.

Thank you - To the Caring Group for organising the Anointing Mass & Christmas Lunch. A wonderful time was had by all.

Filipino Christmas Mass - The annual Filipino Christmas Mass will be held on 19th December at 4pm. Supper to follow in the foyer after Mass. All welcome to join us.

Parish Pastoral Team Nominations

Our Parish Pastoral Team has been active since its inception in 1993. We require two new members to join our group to support Fr. Kevin. Your commitment will be to attend 8 meetings during the year for no longer than 1.5 hours. What are we looking for? Parishioners that have the welfare of others at heart and the time and energy to help us. If you are interested, please contact Pauline in the Parish Office for more details.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

This Christmas season thousands of people will turn to St Vincent de Paul for help with issues resulting from unemployment, chronic illness, homelessness and domestic violence. The society calls for help from Parishioners at this time to donate money or material goods to assist those in need. You are invited to bring good quality clothing, bedding, and non perishable food to place in the baskets beside the Jesse Tree in the foyer. Envelopes are available and all donations will be appreciated. Thank you.

St. James' St. Vincent de Paul Piety Stall - Christmas cards, Columban & Josphite calendars and scripture available now in the foyer after weekend Mass.

Christmas Mass 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.

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.

Anointing Mass – Thank you to the Caring Circle for the beautiful Mass and luncheon last Thursday. The winners of the raffle were: 1st prize Christmas Hamper – Bernie Reed , 2nd prize handmade rug and pen - Joan Bowler & Julie Fay , 3rd prize handmade cushion – Andy Naus & Freda, 4th Prize wine – Colleen Rieniets

Choir Practice – Choir will meet on Monday 7th and 14th of December at 7 pm in the church to prepare for our Christmas Liturgies. All Welcome

Christmas Liturgies – There is a note in the foyer of the Church asking for volunteers for the Christmas Masses.

Christmas Giving Tree – We have placed our giving tree in the foyer of the Church and ask that you take a tag and return the food item over the next few weeks. All donations will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul society to aid with their Christmas hampers. Cash donations are also welcome; these can be left in an envelope in the basket

ET Boxes – Another \$109 has been collected from the ET Boxes, thank you for your continued contributions.

Roster 12th/13th December

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters
6pm	P Kendrick	S Hugel	N Conroy	K Andrews B Van Ravenstein	V Tempany		A Naus N McGuigan
9am		V Dulfer	M Flood & Family	N De Jong A Dulfer	C Densley	C Orchard	P McGowan
	Cleaners	D Molloy	B Martin				

Children's Liturgy: Carmel Densley

Mass Times:		
Monday	12.05 pm Cathedral	
Tuesday	NO MASS Redan 12:05pm Cathedral	
Wednesday	9.30am Sebastopol 12:05pm Cathedral	
Thursday	9.30am Redan 12.05pm Cathedral	
Friday	School Mass Sebastopol 9.30am 12.05pm Cathedral	
Weekend Masses:		
Cathedral	St Aloysius	St James'
6.30 pm Vigil	6.00 pm Vigil	
8.00 am	9.00 am	10.30 am
10.30 am		
5.00 pm		
Rokewood 3rd Sunday at 10.30am		

Recent Deaths: Margaret Whelan, Fr Justin Woodford.
Anniversaries: Maurice Hayes, Margaret McDonald, Alma Rowlands, Inez Sullivan, Mary Wilkie,
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'Keeffe, 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

Making a Scene at Christmas

Making a Scene at Christmas will be on show for public viewing on Wednesday, December 9 at Lumen Christi Primary School, Delacombe and St Thomas More Primary School, Alfredton from 4.00pm – 7.00pm and Thursday, December 10 at Our Lady Help of Christians, Wendouree and St Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballarat East from 4.00pm – 7.00pm. Part of the collection will be on display on Friday, December 11 at Nazareth House from 1.30pm – 4.00pm for residents and their families. Entry is free and our Nativity guides will be most happy to talk to you about the collections. Special this year are Nativities from Africa, South America, Indigenous Australia. You may be introduced to Kevin, the oldest sheep in Australia or see a coin minted the year Jesus was born.