St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

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Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King – Sunday 26th November 2017

Next week's readings: Sunday 3rd December 2017 1st Sunday of Advent (B) Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8 Ps 79(80):2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

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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 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 7th December 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:

Monday12.05pm CathedralTuesday12.05pm CathedralWednesday12.05pm CathedralThursday9.30am Redan

12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol

12.05pm Cathedral

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Penance

Cathedral Friday 11.00am, Saturday 11.30 am

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 Every 3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Recent Deaths:

Sally Begbie, Margaret Little, John McDowell, Ted Murphy, Mattea Zelencich,

Anniversaries:

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

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Norah Best, Kevin Curran, Julie Delahenty, Jim Maher, Raymon Reed, Lance Vagg, Francis White,

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

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 3rd December, 5.00pm, at St. Aloysius Third Week of Advent - Sunday 17th December, 5.00pm at St. James'

Advent Reconciliation Service

Will be held on Wednesday 20th December at 7.00pm at St. James'

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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:

Monday 27th December4pmSt. Vincent de Paul SocietySaturday 2nd December4pmFilipino Rosary Group

Sunday 3rd December 2.30pm Good Shepherd Community Prayer Group

Rosary 2nd Wednesday of month at 7pm

Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.30pm

St. James' Parish School, Sebastopol

End of Year School Mass will be held on **Wednesday 13th December** at 9.30am. All welcome.

Appointment of Co-Principals

Mary Frawley and Peter Fahey have been acting co-principals for the past three years.

Peter Frawley and Garth Kydd have been appointed co-principals from the commencement of 2018. The Appointment Panel were: Gillian Schroeter, Renee Rock, Vin Dillon, Tony Perkins, and Brendan Maher.

Performing Arts Festival Invitation

An invitation is extended to all Parishioners to attend the Visual and Performing Arts Festival at St. James' Parish School on **Thursday December 7** at 5pm. Bring your own picnic tea. For more information please contact the School on 5335 8750. All welcome.

November Prayers for our Deceased Loved Ones

In November, we traditionally place a special emphasis on praying for those who have died. Our Book of Remembrance is available for all to include the name of our loved ones. Parishioners wishing to have a Mass celebrated can use the envelopes in the foyer.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Missing White Plastic Dinner Plates - From the Caring Group cupboard. Would you please return ASAP. Thank you.

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

Caring Group - Anointing Mass & Light Lunch - Will be held on Friday 8th December with 11am Mass & light lunch in the foyer to follow. There will be no 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

Quarterly Planned Giving Receipts - are now available in the foyer for collection after Mass. Would you please take yours home. Thank you.

Parish Pastoral Team Sausage Sizzle – Sunday 3 December

Next 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.

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

Presentation to Bishop Paul Bird - A special invitation has been extended to all children who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist this past year will be presented to Bishop Paul Bird

n: Saturday 2nd December at 6pm Mass at St. Aloysius Redan

Sunday 3rd December at 9am mass at St. Aloysius Redan

Sunday 3rd December at 10.30am Mass at St. James' Sebastopol

BUPA Aged Care

Prayer service at the BUPA Aged Care on **Thursday 7th December at 10.30am**.

Advent Anointing service will occur at the BUPA Aged Care on Thursday 21st December at 10.30am. All welcome.

Year of Youth 2018

2018 is the Year of Youth in Australia starting Advent (3 December 2017). The Year of Youth theme is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Year of Youth information is on Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au /Youth and Young Adult pages, or email www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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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.

Anointing Mass - Christmas Hamper raffle, tickets will be available this weekend after Masses. Tickets are \$1 each. Raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Lunch after the Anointing Mass on Thursday 7th December. This Mass will be at 11am Everyone Welcome

Parish Ministries- There are many groups within the parish that work tirelessly for our community. We have begun to meet with each group to show our appreciation and discuss the process and work of each group. The next gathering will be for the **Liturgy Team – This group will meet on Thursday 30th November, 2pm for afternoon tea at the Presbytery**. If anyone would like to join the Liturgy team, you are more than welcome to attend this gathering.

Roster 2nd / 3rd December

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
				Ministers				
6pm	Julie Wright	Bernadette	Nancy	Anthony	Norma	Marg	Team 3	Team 1
		Martin	Conroy	Braybrook	McGuigan	Coughlan	Norma	Clare
				Kate			McGuigan	Quirk
				Andrews				Moria
9am	Jim Burns	Bev Baxter	Elaine	Albert	Nancy	Mary		Czurlowski
			Collier	Dulfer	Chapman	Brown		Kath
				Andy				Buttler
				Naus				Nancy
								Chapman

Children's Liturgy – Annette Hirth

Christmas Liturgies for 2017 Christmas Eve Masses - Sunday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium)
St. James' Sebastopol—7.30pm (Carols @ 7pm)

Christmas Day Masses- Monday 25th December

St. Aloysius Redan—9am St. James' Sebastopol—9am

A Plenary Council - The Catholic Church in Australia has commenced preparations for a Plenary Council to be held in 2020. The Plenary Council is a journey, as well as an event, with the focus being on the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Such a journey has change associated with it, requiring us to have the courage to let some things go and imagine new ways, allowing ourselves to be led by a God who dislocates. "The journey of the Plenary Council will be under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it must be an act of faith" says Archbishop Mark Coleridge, the chairperson of the organising committee.

Two catalysts for this Plenary Council of the Church in Australia (the first since 1937) are the pontificate of Pope Francis and the Royal Commission into Institutional responses to child sexual abuse. The emphasis by Pope Francis on the cooperative nature that should mark the whole Church and the Royal Commission's recognition that the Church has not been the Church that it is supposed to be can both be accepted as grace. In the latter part of 2018 and into 2019, there will be gatherings at the local and regional levels of the Diocese that will give opportunities for dialogue.

Making a Scene at Christmas - All are welcome to visit the Making a Scene at Christmas displays at St Pius X School in Warrnambool (Thursday, November 23), St Alipius School Ballarat East (Tuesday, November 28) and St Brigid's Ballan (Friday, December 1). We will have a special showing at the Robert Clark Centre in the Ballarat Gardens from Friday, December 15 - Monday December 18. We are travelling to Shepparton (Tuesday, December 5) then Canberra where we will be displaying in the new Cathedral Hall (weekend December 7-11).

Advent Resources Advent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

This Christmas, Give a Gift That Changes the World - If you would like to give a little extra to those who need it most at Christmas time, Caritas Australia offers Global Gift Cards. Donations go towards empowering the most marginalised members of our One Human Family to eradicate poverty in all its forms https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/globalgifts