St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

3 rd Sunday of Advent – Sunday 17 th December 2017					
Next week's read	ings: Sunday 24 th December 2017	4 th Sunday of Advent (B)			
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16	Psalm 88(89):2-5, 27, 29	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38		
Sebastopol Parish Coordinator:	Pauline O'Brien, Ph: 5336 1353				
	Email: <u>sebastopol@ballarat.c</u>	<u>atholic.org.au</u>			
	Office hours: Tuesday 9.30am	1 – 4.30pm, Friday 9.30am –	3.00pm		
Redan Parish Coordinator:	Bernadette Lynch, Ph: 5335 9460				
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	Office hours: Tue & Wed 9.000	am-12.00pm, Thursday 9.00c	am-3.00pm		
Parish Secretary:	Jacinta Westbrook, Ph: 5331 2933	2933			
	Email: <u>ballarat@ballarat.cath</u>	<u>olic.org.au</u>			
	Office hours: Monday – Friday	y 10.00am – 5.00pm			
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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 1st February 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 Tuesday Wednesday	12.05pm Cathedral 12.05pm Cathedral 12.05pm Cathedral	Recent Deaths: Eileen Buckeridge, Mary Clohesy, Joan Hayes, Anthony Skobla, Vera Tempany			
Thursday Friday Saturday	 9.30am Redan 12.05pm Cathedral 9.30am Sebastopol 12.05pm Cathedral 10.00am Cathedral 	Anniversaries: William Downing, Michael Duffin, Maisie Lamb, Mary Matherson, Sammy Mercieca, Stephen Mills, Joe Symonds,			
Weekend M Cathedral 6.30 pm Vigil 8.00 am 10.30 am 5.00 pm	Friday 11.00am, Saturday 11.30 am	Please remember in your Prayers the following: Norah Best, 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:

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' Church.

Advance Notice – dates for 2018:

Rite of Election: Saturday, February 17, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 12.30pm. Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm.

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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: Sunday 17 th December Sunday 17 th December Wednesday 20 th December Saturday 23 rd December	2.30pm 5pm 7pm 4pm	Good Shepherd Community Prayer Group Advent Prayer Service Advent Reconciliation Service Filipino Christmas Mass
Rosary		2 nd Wednesday of month at 7pm
Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group		1 st & 3 rd Sunday of the month at 2.30pm

Mary Frawley Farewell – This week we farewell Mary Frawley from our parish school after a very long association with the school as teacher, vice principal and acting principal. Mary is moving into retirement and we wish her well.

Mercy Works Christmas Hamper - tickets will be available this weekend after Masses. Tickets are \$1 each. Raffle will be drawn after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 24th December.

Filipino Christmas Mass - will be held on Saturday 23rd December at 4pm. Fr. Renato Manubag will be the celebrant. All welcome.

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

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

Christmas Rosters - Volunteers are required to fill the Christmas ministry roster on the noticeboard in foyer.

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

BUPA Aged Care - 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 <u>www.ballarat.catholic.org.au</u> /Youth and Young Adult pages, or email <u>youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au</u>

Xt3 Advent Calendar App - The 2017 Xt3 Advent Calendar App and Website FREE and available. The first door of the Calendar will open on December 3, 2017, the first Sunday of Advent. Go to: http://www.xt3.com/advent/ to download.

Making a Scene at Christmas - We will have a special showing at the Robert Clark Centre in the Ballarat Gardens from Friday, December 15 - Monday December 18.

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

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

"New Evangelisation - Planting Seeds through Family and Parish" Presentation by Professor Thomas Groome Professor Thomas Groome will present this workshop in the diocese on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at OLHC Wendouree Parish Centre. All welcome to attend. Registration is via the diocesan website https://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 – Thank you to all who attending the Anointing Mass last Thursday, we had a lovely celebration. The lunch was a great success with the following people winning the raffle prizes. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated the prizes and to the Caring Circle who catered a beautiful lunch. Thank you to all who supported our raffle by buying tickets raised \$400, your support continue to help the good work that the Caring Circle do.

Pub Crawlers Family Group – This group will meet next Wednesday 20th December, 10.30am at Formosa Nursery for a coffee and a chat.

Giving Tree - This tree has been set up in the foyer of the church, if you are able, we are collecting items to pass onto St. Vincent de Paul for their annual Christmas Hampers. Please take a tag and place the bought items in the boxes. Thank you

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Henley Chase & Macklin Renald Bugejasons of Lyndell & OrrieMay they grow in faith in their loving family and our Catholic Community



VOLUNTEERS - Over the January, we will be asking for volunteers for ministries for each of the weekend masses.

	Roster 23 rd / 24 th December								
Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners	
6pm	Maria Van Ravenstein	Jacinta Burge	Norma McGuigan	Andy Naus Nancy Conroy	Norma McGuigan	Marg Coughlan	Team 1 Brendan Weissenfeld Howard	Team 2 Val Dulfer Leonie	
9am	Jim Burns	Tony Haintz	Elaine Collier	Moira Czurlowski Nellie De Jong	John George	Mary Brown	Brasier	Spencer Bernadette Martin Carmel Densley	

Children's Liturgy – Val Dulfer

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 New Year's Day Mass - Monday 1st January St. James' Sebastopol – 10am

St. Vincent de Paul St. James' & St. Aloysius Members

Wish to acknowledge and thank Parishioners for your generous support helping us to help others in need in the local community.

Please bring donated gifts of non-perishables each week and other goods and items we can place in our Christmas Hampers. Last year, we prepared 65 hampers for the Redan, Rokewood and Sebastopol community.

Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards for sale at Redan. See Judith.

Looking forward to welcoming new members in the New Year 2018 to volunteer 3-4 hours a week.

Meetings will be held on 2nd and 4th Mondays at 4pm in the St. James' Foyer. Contact Anne on 0409 547 953. Conference President.