

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

6th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 1st May 2016

Next week's readings: Sunday 8th May 2016

Ascension of the Lord (C)

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 46(47):2-3, 6-9

Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23/Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

Sebastopol Parish Coordinator: Pauline O'Brien, Ph: 5336 1353

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Office hours: Tuesday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm

Redan Parish Coordinator: Bernadette Lynch, Ph: 5335 9460

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Office hours: Tue & Wed 9.00am-12.00pm, Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm

Parish Secretary: Jacinta Westbrook, Ph: 5331 2933,

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Office hours: Monday – Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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 **12th May 2016**. For any enquiries please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

Mass Times;

Tuesday NO MASS Redan
12:05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 9.30am Sebastopol
12:05pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.30am Redan
12:05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol
12:05pm 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 3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Recent Deaths: Elma Brookes, Clarence Ferguson, Velma Thomson,

Anniversaries:

Kevin Glavarino, Margaret Keighery, Frank Stodolny, Fred Weightman

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Maria Bessems, Norah Best, Julie Delahenty, Joseph Graafmans, Mary Patricia Guinan, Jim Maher, Frank Nolan, John O'Keeffe, Mary Skelton, Leonie Street, Jenny Tan, Grace van Gaans, Connie Vincent, Lynn Whiteley

Memorial Mass

Bishop Paul Bird invites priests and people to join him at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Monday May 16 at 12:05 pm** to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.

Faith Circles | Free weekly small group resource

Faith Circles is a free weekly small group resource based on Pope Francis' Weekly Catechesis, with reflection questions and prayer points on a double-sided A4 sheet.. It will be available to download via email subscription or from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong website faithcircles.dow.org.au. *Faith Circles* is free, no strings attached - we just want Catholics to be nurtured by doing life and faith in groups, not on your own! You can print as many copies as you like.

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** before 9.30am Mass.

Dates to Remember

Sunday 1st May	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group
Monday 2nd May	1pm	Parish Craft Group
Thursday 5th May	7pm	Parish Pastoral Team Meeting
Monday 9th May	7pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
Friday 13th May	10.15am	Finance Committee 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 (commencing April)**

First Eucharist (Holy Communion)

This Sunday, we welcome the children and their families preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist. Over the next four Sundays, they will be participating in a dismissal during Mass and then the families will work together at home on the Diocesan Sacramental Program 'Let the Children Come'.

The Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated at St. James' on Sunday 29th May. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Sausage Sizzle - The Parish Pastoral Team will provide us with a sausage after Mass this morning.

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

Mass Count starts on weekend April 30/May 1, 2016

Each year in the Diocese of Ballarat, those who attend Masses (or Lay Led Assemblies) are counted. This year it is being conducted in conjunction with the Australian National Church Mass Count which is being conducted over the first four weekends of May. Within the Redan & Sebastopol Parish all who attend Mass at one of our three weekend Masses (6pm, 9am and 10.30 am) will be counted.

Mercy Connect Ballarat – Supporting refugee students in local schools - Volunteer mentors needed.

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee 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 June 2016. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form. Applications close on June 7, 2016.

Catholic Theological College East Melbourne Annual Knox Lecture

On Monday May 16th at 7.30 pm Archbishop Mark Coleridge will present the annual Knox lecture: "From Wandering to Journeying: Thoughts on a Synodal Church". Journey and pilgrimage are important themes in Scripture and throughout Christianity. They provide a background for considering Pope Francis' election in 2013, his decision to convene two Synods in 2014 and 2015, his proclamation of the Year of Mercy in 2016 and his recent publication of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia – seeing all these as part of a process which is far from over. This gives a context for the recent proposal of the Australian Bishops to move towards a Plenary Council for Australia in 2020, seeing the preparation for the Council, its celebration and implementation as part of the same process, which seeks to make the Church more genuinely synodal in the way foreseen by Vatican II and treated more explicitly by Pope Francis. Catholic Leadership Centre East Melbourne RSVP: Wednesday 11May jill.allen@ctc.edu.au 9412 3304.

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.

Parish Schools – Both school communities celebrate Whole School Prayer every Friday morning; St. Aloysius at 8.40am in the school auditorium and Lumen Christi at 8.50am in their school hall. All parishioners are invited to celebrate this special time with them. Please enter through either school front office

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Caring Circle – This group will meet Wednesday 4th May at 1pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome

Roster 7th/8th May

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	M Coughlan	B Martin	N McGuigan	N Conroy J Burge	J George	E Fernandez	A Naus N McGuigan	R Keogh S De Natris
9am	H Gibcus	N Chapman	A Hirth & Family	B Baxter & A Naus	L Coombes	A Dulfer	P McGowan	M Dignan J Grano

Children's Liturgy: Annette Hirth

Apostolic Exhortation (papal document)

Pope Francis has published an Apostolic Exhortation on marriage and family life, in which he presents and develops the outcomes of the two Synods on this subject. The title of the Apostolic Exhortation is *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family'. The Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation was published during a press conference at the Vatican on Friday 8th April 2016.

You can download the text of the Exhortation below or read the summary document and Q&A provided by the Vatican. <https://www.catholic.org.au/synod-2015/blog>

Council for Australian Catholic Women's Colloquium 2016

The CACW Colloquium will be held this year on September 17 & 18 at Mary Mackillop Place in North Sydney. The Colloquium theme, Women as Witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel will set the scene for theological and pastoral reflection on Pope Francis' call to "create still broader opportunities for a more incisive female presence in the Church" (*Evangelii Gaudium* 103). The keynote addresses and workshops will examine this theme and consider the issues facing women in the family, women in the Church and women in society. Expressions of Interest can be registered on the Colloquium web-site www.cacwcolloquium.org.au

menALIVE Men's Weekend - Hamilton

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. St Mary's Parish Hamilton is hosting a menALIVE weekend on July 30 & 31, 2016. Contact John Hockey 0439 319 823

manager@stmaryshamilton.org.au Pasquale Mammone (W/bool) 0438 247 765,

pasquale_mammone@yahoo.com.au The weekend commences Saturday at 8:30am and concludes at 1:30pm on Sunday. Billed accommodation will be available. More information can be found at www.stmaryshamilton.org.au Online Bookings www.trybooking.com.au/KNVH

Diocesan Website

News items recently added to the diocesan website:

- Media Release on Climate change
- *Amoris Laetitia*, 'The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family'
- Launch of Catholic Worship Book II
- Bread 4 Today - a prayer APP for life

