# St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

1st Sunday in Advent, Sunday 29th November 2015

**Next week's readings:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent (C)

Baruch 5:1-9 Ps 125(126) Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

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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 \$1,046.30 Redan \$2,77.50 (includes credit cards)

Presbytery Sebastopol \$259.00 Redan \$610.30

**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 29<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30pm, at St. James' Second Week of Advent – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30pm, at St Aloysius Third Week of Advent - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30pm at St James' Fourth Week of Advent – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.00pm in the Redan Parish Centre, 506 Leith Street Redan. The next meeting will be on Thursday **10<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Sunday 29th November** 1.30pm Mary McKillop Group

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 11am Anointing Mass & Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** 11.15am Legion of Mary Prayers (St. Patrick's Cathedral)

Monday 7th December1pmParish Craft Christmas CelebrationMonday 14th December7pmSt. Vincent de Paul Society MeetingMonday 14th December7pmSinging Practise for Christmas Masses

#### Filipino Community

Rosary 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month at 7pm

Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group Will recommence on Sunday 14th February 2016

#### St. James' Parish School Masses

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

#### St. James' Parish Office

Will be closed from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November until Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Fr. Kevin can be contacted at the Redan Presbytery on phone number 5331 4981.

### Sacrament of Baptism

This weekend, we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism, Julianne Holasca, daughter of Jerome and Jean Holasca. May Julianne grow in faith in her loving family and the Catholic community.

## Parish Pastoral Team Chairperson's Report

On Sunday, Dolly Seery, our Parish Pastoral Team Chairperson, will present the annual report.

## Caring Group invite you to the Anointing Mass & Christmas Lunch

Will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, with Mass at 11am followed by Christmas lunch over in the School Hall. Would you please add your name to the list in the foyer for catering purposes. Everyone welcome. There is no charge for this lunch. **Please note: There will be no 9.30am Mass.** 

### **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 & Jospehite 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 &  $3^{rd}$  Friday of the month, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

**St. Aloysius 2016 Debutante Ball** – There will be an information and registration meeting on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm at the St. Aloysius school Auditorium. For more information go to <a href="https://www.ballaratdebs.com.au">www.ballaratdebs.com.au</a>

**Anointing Mass** – The anointing Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11am followed by light and Christmas fun. Everyone welcome. Christmas Raffle, 1<sup>st</sup> prize Christmas Hamper, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize handmade rug and pen, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize handmade cushion. Tickets will be available after both masses. Raffle will be drawn at the lunch. Proceeds help the Caring Circle in their work.

**GodStart** The next meeting for the GodStart Team will be held on Tuesday the 1st of Dec at 10 am in the Formosa Gardens Tea rooms. All welcome

A Big Thank You - The GodStart Team wish to thank Bernadette and Robert Young for their generous support in our work in financing the materials we use in our program. Their kindness is most appreciated.

**Foundation Students of 2016** - At our 9am mass this weekend we welcome families of children who are beginning their first year of school at St. Aloysius in 2016.

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

## We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Payton Alexandria Massey daughter of Christopher and Abbie May she grow in faith in her loving family and in our Catholic Community.



#### Roster 5th/6th December

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters
6pm	J Burge	T Phillips	N McGuigan	A Braybrook	N McGuigan	M Poliness	M Hayes
9am	M Van Ravenstein	A Dulfer	B Van Ravenstein & Family	C Orchard R Porter	N Chapman	T Haintz	
	Cleaners	D Mollov	B Martin				

Children's Liturgy: Val Dulfer

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## Mass Times:

Monday
Tuesday
12.05 pm Cathedral
9.30am Redan
12:05 pm Cathedral

Wednesday ANOINTING MASS Sebastopol 11am

12:05pm Cathedral

Thursday ANOINTING MASS Redan 11am

12.05pm Cathedral NO MASS Sebastopol 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

Friday

Rokewood 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 10.30am

#### **Anniversaries:**

Kerryn Aquilina, Max Cooper, Rita Hughes, Bernard Linahan, Margo McKinley, Alice Rich, Deonisius van Gaans

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Maria Bessems, Norah Best, Margaret Cooper, Julie Delahenty, Joseph Graafmans, Mary Patricia Guinan, Paddy Kavanagh, Jim Maher, John O'Keeffe, Mary Skelton, Loopia Stroot, St. Ticia Vaga, Graco van Gaar

Leonie Street, Sr. Tricia Vagg, Grace van Gaans,

Connie Vincent, Lynn Whiteley

Sacrament of Reconciliation- Cathedral

Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am

**Centacare Annual Toy Drive -** Centacare Ballarat's 2015 Annual Toy Drive -November 8 - December 15, 2015. Centacare are seeking donations of toys for all families engaged with Centacare programs. The appeal allows children who may not otherwise receive a gift the opportunity to experience the wonder that Christmas brings. Toys can be donated at Toyworld Ballarat, Curves Sebastopol or Curves Wendouree.