

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

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Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

2nd Sunday of Advent - Sunday 4th December 2016

Next week's readings: Sunday 11th December 2016

3rd Sunday in Advent (A)

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Ps 145(146):6-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

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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 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 **8th December 2016**. For any enquiries please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

Mass Times;

Tuesday 12:05pm Cathedral

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Thursday **9.30am Mass Redan**

12:05pm Cathedral

Friday **9.30am Mass Sebastopol**

12.05pm Cathedral

Sacrament of Penance

Cathedral Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30 am

Weekend Masses

Cathedral	St Aloysius	St James'
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6.30 pm Vigil	6.00 pm Vigil	
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8.00 am	9.00 am	10.30 am
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10.30 am

5.00 pm

Rokewood 3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Recent Deaths:

Eileen McDonald,

Anniversaries:

Maurice Hayes, Rita Hughes, Bernard Linahan,
Margaret McDonald, Deonisius van Gaans,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Allen Baltazar, Maria Bessems, Norah Best, John Bond,
Irina Davis, Julie Delahenty, Fletcher Densley,
Mary Patricia Guinan, Cody Joy, Jim Maher,
Michala Murphy, Frank Nolan, John O'Keeffe,
Rosellie Ozimek, Sally Patterson, Mary Skelton,
Leonie Street, Jenny Tan, Connie Vincent,
Lynn Whiteley

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 4th December, 5.30pm, at St James'

Third Week of Advent - Sunday 11th December, 5.30pm at St Aloysius

Fourth Week of Advent – Sunday 18th December, 5.30pm at St. James'

Christmas Liturgies for 2016

Advent Reconciliation Service – Tuesday 20th December St. James' Sebastopol—7pm

Christmas Eve Masses - Saturday 24th December St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium)

St. James' Sebastopol—7.30pm (Carols @ 7pm), St. Aloysius Redan—9pm

Christmas Day Masses- Sunday 25th December St. Aloysius Redan—9am, St. James' Sebastopol—9am

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.

Dates to Remember

Sunday 4th December	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group
Monday 5th December	1pm	Parish Craft Group
Saturday 10th December	4pm	Filipino Choir Practice
Monday 12th December	7pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
Wednesday 14th December	6pm	Anointing Mass & Afternoon Tea
Friday 16th December	6.30pm	Survivors Family Group Christmas Break-up
Saturday 17th December	9am	Men's Breakfast

Filipino Community

Rosary 2nd Wednesday of month at 7pm
Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.30pm

Sacrament of Baptism

This weekend, we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism, Shilo Rachelle Mernik and Kalyssa Jean Templeton and their families. May they grow in faith in their loving families and the Catholic community.

Filipino Christmas Mass & Carols

Will be held on Saturday 17th December at 4pm. All welcome. Supper to follow in the foyer.

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

Caring Group- Anointing Mass & Afternoon Tea

Will be held on Wednesday 14th December at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea in the foyer. Anyone requiring transport please contact the Parish Office.

St. James' Parish School Masses

Friday 16th December at 9.30am – End of Year School Mass

Christmas 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

At the beginning of Advent we launched the annual Christmas Appeal. We thank you for your generosity in the past. This year gifts of non-perishable food are required for the Christmas hampers. These donations of food can be placed in the baskets beside the Jesses Tree in the foyer. Envelopes for donations are now available on pews and can be placed on the collection plate. All donations will be appreciated. Thank you. We also require new members to assist with the day to day activities of the Society. We thank the members who have recently retired due to ill-health and/or aging. If you are interested please contact Sr. Marie or Anne Dark after Mass.



James' Friends Family Group – Christmas Celebration

Come along on Friday, December 9th from 6:30pm
At 16 Jonathan Crt Brown Hill. Bring along your Christmas spirit and best carols voice.
Philip's lights will be sparkling and will help to set the scene.
Bring along finger food to share and a recycled Kris Kringle.
RSVP to Anne & Philip by Wednesday.

Proclaim 2016

The Legion of Mary cordially invite all Parishioners to share the experience of the 3rd Proclaim Conference 2016, on 'Evangelisation in the Parish' on Tuesday, 6 December 2016, Cathedral small hall Room at 12.30 pm for a light lunch, followed by the Presentation. The Legion extends a special warm invitation to all young adults and families. Judith O'Sullivan, Pastoral Leader, Ballarat North, Sponsored by St Columba's Parish, and Sarah Kuek, President, Our Lady of Nazareth Prasadium, Ballarat are the Key Speakers at this Presentation.

St. Aloysius Parish Redan

Invitation to pray the Rosary - Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9.00am

Adoration and Exposition – 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - A while ago we presented to you Jenny Gilbert, Daniele James, Helen, De Weerd, Rowena Graig and Matthew James as perspective candidates for RCIA. These people have now decided to proceed with their RCIA candidacy and so will be anointed as catechumens on Saturday 3rd December or Sunday 11th December. We wish them well in their endeavours and ask you to remember them in your prayers

Welcome – This weekend at the 9am Mass we welcome all the new Foundation (Prep) children and their families who will be starting at St. Aloysius School in 2017. There will be morning tea in Ryan Hall after Mass. All Welcome

Caring Circle – 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 Tuesday December 13th. This Mass will be at 11am Everyone Welcome. Thanks to the generosity of some parishioners we now have more prizes in our Christmas raffle. This group's final meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 7th December in the parish centre at 1pm

GodStart Team – The final meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday 6th December at Formosa Gardens at 10am. Special thanks for another 12months of support and dedication by my amazing team.

Liturgy Team – This group will meet in the parish centre after 9.30am Mass on Thursday 8th December

St Vincent de Paul – Calendars and Christmas cards are for sale in the Church foyer after Mass

Roster 10th/11th December

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	M Van Ravenstein	M Flood	N McGuigan	K Andrews B Van Ravenstein	A Braybrook	M Poliness	B Weissenfeld	B & B McCarty S De Natris
9am	B Martin	C Vanderkley	E Collier	A Dulfer C Orchard	L Coobes	M Brown	H Brasier	M Dignan J Grano

Children's Liturgy: Michelle Flood

BUPA Age Care

Prayer services for BUPA Age Care on **Thursday 8th December at 10.30am**. They will occur every second Thursday.

Christmas Lunch – You are invited to join the community of Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree for Christmas lunch, 12 noon- 2pm (lunch to be served at 12.30), 482 Gillies St. Wendouree. To book in please call 0419975914

Making a Scene at Christmas

A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat from Thursday December 15th – Sunday, December 18th. On display there will be more than 300 nativities from over 40 countries. Opening hours are Thursday 12.00pm- 5.00pm and Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm; Saturday 10.00am – 8.00pm and Sunday 9.00am – 7.00pm.

From Bach to Bing

David Hobson and Georgia Wilkinson will be performing all your Christmas favourites in Hamilton (December 9), St Kilda (December 10) and St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat (December 14). See Flyer in Church Foyer

Mercy Connect Ballarat – Supporting refugee and asylum seeker students in local schools. Volunteer mentors

needed. Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker 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 February 2017. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form. Applications close on February 2, 2017.

St Vincent de Paul Society

Redan & Sebastopol Conferences are combining to be the St James/St Aloysius Conference. The combined Society will continue to support the Redan & Sebas Parishes and Communities. New members welcome. Contacts: Anne Dark 3553 7314 & Sr Marie 5335 6121