

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

3rd Sunday of Advent - Sunday 11th December 2016

Next week's readings: Sunday 18th December 2016

4th Sunday in Advent (A)

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ps 23(24):1-6

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

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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 **12th January 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

Anniversaries:

Brian Everard, Inez Sullivan, Mary Wilkie,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Maria Bessems, Norah Best, John Bond, Irina Davis, Julie Delahenty, Fletcher Densley, Mary Patricia Guinan, Cody Joy, Margaretha Kuzmich, 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:

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

St. Patrick's Rokewood – 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

Monday 12th December	7pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
Wednesday 14th December	1.30pm	Anointing Mass & Afternoon Tea
Friday 16th December	6.30pm	Survivors Family Group Christmas Break-up
Saturday 17th December	9am	Men's Breakfast
Saturday 17th December	4pm	Filipino Christmas Mass & Carols
Sunday 18th December	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group
Tuesday 20th December	7pm	Parish Reconciliation (Sebas)

Filipino Community

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

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.

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.

Mercy Works & St. Vincent de Paul Society Combined Raffle

Christmas hamper - \$1 ticket after Mass in the 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.

Advance Notice – dates for 2017:

Rite of Election: Saturday, March 4 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

Mass of the Oils: Monday, April 10 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat



The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS) are encouraging parishes to spread the word of *Laudato Si*. There will be information sent regularly to parishes to include on parish bulletins and other information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

"Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack." (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* 222). From the Global Catholic Climate Movement Advent message "How to LaudatoSi-fy your Advent" by taking small actions that reflect on consumerism.

St. Aloysius Parish Redan

Invitation to pray the Rosary - Thursday morning 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, Danielle 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. Last Saturday evening we anointed Jenny, Danielle and Rowena, this Sunday we welcome and anoint Matthew and Helen. We wish them well in their endeavours and ask you to remember them in your prayers

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. If there are parishioners who you know would like to come to the Anointing Mass can you please contact them in regards to transport.

Christmas Masses – There is a list in the foyer of the church asking for volunteers for the Christmas Masses

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

Roster 17th/18th December

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	P Kendrick	T Phillips	N Conroy	J Moylan M Poliness	N McGuigan	M Coughlan	T Kennedy M Coughlan	R Keogh S De Natris
9am	T Haintz	M Flood	B Van Ravenstein & family	M Czurlowski R Porter	C Densley	A Dulfer	J Moylan	M Dignan J Grano

Children's Liturgy: School Holidays

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BUPA Age Care

Prayer services for BUPA Age Care on **Thursday 22nd December at 10.30am**. Fr. Kevin will anoint the residents for Christmas.

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 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

