

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 15th January 2017

Next week's readings: Sunday 22nd January 2017

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Ps 26(27):1, 4, 13-14

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23

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

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Redan Parish Coordinator: Bernadette Lynch, Ph: 5335 9460

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Parish Secretary: Jacinta Westbrook, Ph: 5331 2933,

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Office hours: Monday – Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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 \$1,175.70	Redan \$673.00
	Presbytery	Sebastopol \$342.50	Redan \$511.45

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 **9th February 2017**. For any enquiries please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

Mass Times;

Monday	12:05pm Cathedral
Tuesday	12:05pm Cathedral
Wednesday	12:05pm Cathedral
Thursday	9.30am Redan 12:05pm Cathedral
Friday	9.30am Sebastopol 12.05pm Cathedral
Saturday	10.00 am 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:

Maureen Burke

Anniversaries:

Romeo Armeni, John Attard, Lorna Creati, Kevin Daly, Ella Edwards, Florence Everard, Gertrude Feldgrill, Mary Gallagher, John (Jack) Guinan, Clare Murphy, Tomas Nuttall, Gertie Watson, James Wilson,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Rodney Ball, Maria Bessems, Norah Best, John Bond, Irina Davis, Julie Delahenty, Fletcher Densley, Andrew Flood, Mary Patricia Guinan, Cody Joy, Margaretha Kuzmich, Jim Maher, Michala Murphy, Frank Nolan, John O'Keefe, Rosellie Ozimek, Sally Patterson, Mary Skelton, Leonie Street, Jenny Tan, Connie Vincent, Lynn Whiteley

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

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

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:

Friday 20th January	7pm	Novena commences for Santo Nino
Saturday 21st January	9am	Men's Breakfast
Friday 3rd February	10.15am	Liturgy Group Meeting

St. James; Parish Office

During the school holidays the Parish office will be open on Tuesdays only between 9.30am – 4.30pm. Fr. Kevin can be contacted at the Redan Presbytery on 53314 981.

Sacrament of Baptism

This weekend, we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism, Harrison Peter Long and Kayden Jacob Long, sons of Jacob and Megan. May they grow in faith in their loving family and the Catholic community.

National Church Life Survey (NCLS)

St. James' Parish Church has been selected by the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to undertake the National Church Life Survey (NCLS). This weekend we will participate in the National Church Life Survey. The purpose of the NCLS is to help churches to be more vital and effective. Through the survey our churchgoers will be able to give their thoughts, opinions and experiences of church life. The survey provides valuable feedback that enables leaders at local, regional and national levels to evaluate and plan for the future. Our church's contribution will form an important part of the national snapshot of the whole Australian Church. **Would you please take the time to complete the survey and return by next Sunday.**

Thankyou

to all who have setup the nativity scene, decorated the sanctuary, arranged flowers, mowed lawns, washed linen and cleaned for us. Also to all who contributed to our Christmas Masses making them wonderful and prayerful time. Many thanks to you all.

Feast of the Holy Infant Santo Nino ('Prague')

The Filipino / Australian Community invite you to 9 days Novena commencing on Friday 20th January at 7pm in the St. James' Church, Sebastopol. On 29th January Sunday at 12.30pm Fluvial parade at Lake Wendouree with the conclusion of the Holy Mass at 2.30pm in St. James' Church, Sebastopol. Fellowship dinner afterwards. All are welcome. For more information please contact Imelda Ross on 0418 956 493.

Sacramental Program 2017 - Leaflets are available in the foyer after Mass.

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. Aloysius Parish Redan

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.

St. Aloysius Parish Office – The Parish office will close from Friday 23rd December to Monday 30th January. The office will re-open on Tuesday 31st January. For urgent matters please contact Fr Kevin directly 53314981, for any notices for the Sunday Bulletin please contact Jacinta at St. Patricks Cathedral on 53312933. Thank you all for your support and friendship over the past year, Christmas blessings to you and your families. Bernadette

Ministry Volunteers – As there are no ministry rosters for the month of January, we are seeking volunteers for each weekend.

Children's Liturgy: School Holidays

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BUPA Age Care

Prayer services for BUPA Age Care will recommence on **Thursday 2nd February at 10.30am.**

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program - start in 2017!

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers. Details on the diocesan website (link to Program on lower front page) email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au or phone 5337 7125

Diocesan Communications

Diocesan Website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. The website contains current news and information on the diocese and parishes and also has a section for members to access resources relevant to diocesan ministries.

e-News: e-News is available to all members of the diocese and those associated with and with an interest in the life of the diocese. It is published every two weeks and distributed via email. You can subscribe to receive e-News on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or you are welcome to submit items for publication to enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au. News items submitted should have relevance to the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the diocese and include photos where possible.

Our Diocesan Community: ODC is published three times per year and delivered to parishes for distribution to those in the diocese. This magazine contains the good news stories of events and people in the diocese. You are welcome to submit items for publication to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au and again, news items submitted should have relevance to the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the diocese and include photos where possible.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2017 leads to Year of Youth 2018

The Catholic Bishops of Australia invite Catholics across the country to join in celebrating a Year of Youth from the beginning of Advent 2017 to the end of 2018. The theme is, '*Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy: Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment*'. The emphasis is on local discussion and dialogue in parishes, schools, youth groups and dioceses. The Year of Youth will be launched at the next Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney in December 2017. More information on diocesan website News and Youth and Young Adult pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.

Clergy Appointments

Fr Adrian McInerney will retire as Parish Priest of Ballarat East after Sunday January 22nd. Fr Peter Sherman will commence as Parish Priest of Ballarat East on January 25th.

Fr Marcello Colasante has been appointed Parish Priest of the Parishes of Ballarat North and Wendouree, commencing February 25th. An appointment to the Parish of Swan Hill will be made in the coming weeks.

Youth Ministry Formation - Called and Sent: Developing foundations in youth ministry

The Melbourne Archdiocesan Office for Youth (AOY) invites young leaders from Ballarat Diocese to a youth ministry formation camp. If you are new to youth ministry, come along to 'Called and Sent', their first ever camp for developing foundations in youth ministry. From February 10-12, beachside, taking you deeper into the gospel message at the heart of your call to ministry, equipping you with practical ideas and helping you set goals for 2017. Places are limited! When: February 10-12, 2017, Don Bosco Camp, Safety Beach (south of Melbourne). Cost per participant is \$80.00 Phone AOY, 9287 5565 or contact amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au