

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

2nd Sunday of Advent – Sunday 10th December 2017

Next week's readings: Sunday 17th December 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent (B)

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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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 Sessions: - Parent information sessions for the Baptism of children will be held on the first Thursday of each month. The next meetings will be on **Thursday 1st February at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm**, in the hall at the back of the Cathedral Presbytery, 3 Lyons St. South, Ballarat. All families wishing to have their children (under 7) baptised are invited to attend one of these preparation sessions so that they can enrol their children for Baptism at these preparation sessions. For any enquiries, please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

Mass Times;

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

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Thursday **9.30am Redan**
12.05pm Cathedral

Friday **9.30am Sebastopol**
12.05pm Cathedral

Saturday 10.00am 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 Every 3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Recent Deaths: Margaret Clifford, Noreen Currie, Frank Dixon, Eva Henry, Maria Kerr

Anniversaries:

Brian Everard, Margaret McDonald, Inez Sullivan, Mary Wilkie,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Norah Best, Julie Delahenty, Jim Maher, Raymon Reed, Lance Vagg, Francis White,

**If you would like a person prayed for, ask for their permission. Names will be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which more time can be requested.*

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 17th December, 5.00pm at St. James'

Advent Reconciliation Service - will be held on Wednesday 20th December at 7.00pm at St. James' Church.

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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:

Monday 11th December	4pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Saturday 16th December	9am	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 17th December	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Community Prayer Group

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

St. James' Parish Office - Will be closed from Sunday 3rd December and will reopen on **Friday 15th December**. For notices on the newsletter please contact Jacinta at the Cathedral Office on 5331 2933.

Mercy Works Christmas Hamper - tickets will be available this weekend after Masses. Tickets are \$1 each. Raffle will be drawn after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 24th December.

St. James' Parish School

End of Year School Mass will be held on **Wednesday 13th December** at 9.30am. All welcome.

Thank yous

To our terrific Caring Group for providing lunch after the Anointing Mass. A wonderful time has had by all. Also many thanks to all involved in the preparing and cooking the sausages & onions for our sausage sizzle. And finally to our school community thank you for your involvement in the ministries at Mass last Sunday for Bishop Paul Bird's visit.

Filipino Christmas Mass - will be held on Saturday 23rd December at 4pm. Fr. Renato Manubag will be the celebrant. All welcome.

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

Quarterly Planned Giving Receipts - are now available in the foyer for collection after Mass. Would you please take yours home. Thank you.

Christmas Rosters – Volunteers are required to fill the Christmas ministry roster on the noticeboard in 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

BUPA Aged Care

Advent Anointing service will occur at the BUPA Aged Care on **Thursday 21st December at 10.30am**. All welcome.

Year of Youth 2018

2018 is the Year of Youth in Australia starting Advent (3 December 2017). The Year of Youth theme is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Year of Youth information is on Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au /Youth and Young Adult pages, or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Xt3 Advent Calendar App

The 2017 Xt3 Advent Calendar App and Website FREE and available. The first door of the Calendar will open on December 3, 2017, the first Sunday of Advent. Go to: <http://www.xt3.com/advent/> to download.

Making a Scene at Christmas - We will have a special showing at the Robert Clark Centre in the Ballarat Gardens from Friday, December 15 - Monday December 18.

Advent Resources Advent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

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.

Anointing Mass – Thank you to all who attending the Anointing Mass last Thursday, we had a lovely celebration. The lunch was a great success with the following people winning the raffle prizes; 1st – Hamper – M. Hayes, 2nd – Painting – J. Cushion, 3rd – Clock – L. Buttler, 4th – Rug – Carmel, 5th – Card Case – J. Harris, 6th – Fruit Cake – M. Brown, 7th – Rug – P. Murphy. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated the prizes and to the Caring Circle who catered a beautiful lunch.

Pub Crawlers Family Group – This group will meet next Wednesday 20th December, 10.30am at Formosa Nursery for a coffee and a chat.

Giving Tree - This tree has been set up in the foyer of the church, if you are able, we are collecting items to pass onto St. Vincent de Paul for their annual Christmas Hampers. Please take a tag and place the bought items in the boxes. Thank you

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Xavier James O'Hagan

son of Katelin & Brett

Isaiah Kobly

son of Reta & Fred

May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community



Roster 16th / 17th December

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	Kate Andrews	Pauline Kendrick	Nancy Conroy	Kate Andrews Jacinta Burge	John George	Mary Poliness	Team 4 Michael Hayes Tony De Natris	Team 1 Clare Quirk Moria Czurlowski Kath Buttler Nancy Chapman
9am	Val Dulfer	Nancy Chapman	Annette Hirth	Nellie de Jong Albert Dulfer	Nancy Chapman	Tony Haintz		

Children's Liturgy – Michelle Flood

Christmas Liturgies for 2017

Christmas Eve Masses - Sunday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium)

St. James' Sebastopol—7.30pm (Carols @ 7pm)

Christmas Day Masses- Monday 25th December

St. Aloysius Redan—9am

St. James' Sebastopol—9am

New Year's Day Mass - Monday 1st January

St. James' Sebastopol – 10am

St. Vincent de Paul St. James' & St. Aloysius Members

Wish to acknowledge and thank Parishioners for your generous support helping us to help others in need in the local community.

Please bring donated gifts of non-perishables each week and other goods and items we can place in our Christmas Hampers. Last year, we prepared 65 hampers for the Redan, Rokewood and Sebastopol community. Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards for sale at Redan. See Judith.

Looking forward to welcoming new members in the New Year 2018 to volunteer 3-4 hours a week.

Meetings will be held on 2nd and 4th Mondays at 4pm in the St. James' Foyer. Contact Anne on 0409 547 953. Conference President.

This Christmas, Give a Gift That Changes the World - If you would like to give a little extra to those who need it most at Christmas time, Caritas Australia offers Global Gift Cards. Donations go towards empowering the most marginalised members of our One Human Family to eradicate poverty in all its forms

<https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/globalgifts>

