

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

3rd Sunday of Advent – Sunday 17th December 2017

Next week's readings: Sunday 24th December 2017

4th Sunday of Advent (B)

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Psalms 88(89):2-5, 27, 29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

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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
Tuesday	12.05pm Cathedral
Wednesday	12.05pm Cathedral
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: Eileen Buckeridge,
Mary Clohesy, Joan Hayes, Anthony Skobla,
Vera Tempany

Anniversaries:

William Downing, Michael Duffin, Maisie Lamb,
Mary Matherson, Sammy Mercieca, Stephen Mills,
Joe Symonds,

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.

Advance Notice – dates for 2018:

Rite of Election: Saturday, February 17, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 12.30pm.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm.

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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:

Sunday 17th December	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Community Prayer Group
Sunday 17th December	5pm	Advent Prayer Service
Wednesday 20th December	7pm	Advent Reconciliation Service
Saturday 23rd December	4pm	Filipino Christmas Mass

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

Mary Frawley Farewell – This week we farewell Mary Frawley from our parish school after a very long association with the school as teacher, vice principal and acting principal. Mary is moving into retirement and we wish her well.

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.

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.

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>

"New Evangelisation - Planting Seeds through Family and Parish" Presentation by Professor Thomas Groome
Professor Thomas Groome will present this workshop in the diocese on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at OLHC Wendouree Parish Centre. All welcome to attend. Registration is via the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au>.

