

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

4th Sunday of Advent – Sunday 24th December 2017

Next week's readings: Sunday 31st December 2017

Holy Family (B)

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Psalms 104 (105):1-6, 8-9

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2:22-40

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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	Christmas Day
Tuesday	10.00am 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 Death: Robyn Naus.

Anniversaries:

William Hayes, Marie Kermond, Naeidra Layton, Ted Mulcahy, Liam Pedelty, Joe Mizzi, Margaret Pedelty, Helen Spencer, Matheus van Gaans,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Norah Best, John Bond, 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.*

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. 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:

Sunday 7th January 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 open on Friday 29 Dec and then on Tuesdays during the school holidays. Wishing you all a safe and blessed Christmas and 2018 bring you every blessing. Pauline ☺

My Christmas wish for you

My Christmas wish for you, my friend, is not a simple one. For I wish you hope and joy and peace, days filled with warmth and sun.

I wish you love and friendship too throughout the coming year. Lots of laughter and happiness to fill your world with cheer.

May you count your blessings, one by one and when totalled by the lot. May you find all you've been given to be more than what you sought.

May your journeys be short, your burdens light. May your spirit never grow old. May all your clouds have silvery linings and your rainbows pots of gold.

I wish this all and so much more. May all your dreams come true. May you have a Merry Christmas friend and a happy New year, too. (Australian Salesian Bulletin)

Sacrament of Baptism

This Sunday, we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism, Kyle Daniel B. Olasiman, son of Rodell and Klih. May he grow in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community

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' St. Vincent de Paul Piety Stall

Christmas cards and Columban calendars are now available.

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

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

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>.

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

Will be closed from now until the end of January. Office reopens on the 31st January. Please note: That the office and Parish Centre have moved to Ryan Hall. Entry to the office and Parish centre is via Ripon Street South. People with keys to the old Parish Centre are to give them to Bernadette when she returns at the end of January. The old Parish Centre is now being let as a private residence.

VOLUNTEERS

Over January, we will be asking for volunteers for ministries for each of the weekend Masses. Please see Fr. Kevin before Mass commences.

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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.

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.

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 2018. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form.

Seeking a Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Project Worker

Ballarat Diocese will be employing a Project Worker in Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2018, the Year of Youth. This will initially be a 12 month position, fulltime preferred but not essential. A position description will be available on the diocesan website in January or you can contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au to have the position description emailed to you.

Diocesan e-News

Diocesan 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.

Christmas Message from Bishop Paul

Bishop Paul's Christmas Message is available to view on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.