

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

4th Sunday of Advent - Sunday 23rd December 2018

Next week's readings: Sunday 30th December Holy Family (C)

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Ps 83(84):2-3, 5-6, 9-10

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52

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Office hours: Tues, Wed & Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm

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.

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 7th 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 Eve
Tuesday Christmas Day
Wednesday Boxing Day 10am Cathedral
Thursday No Mass
12.05pm Cathedral
Friday No Mass
Saturday 10.00 am Cathedral

Sacrament of Penance

Cathedral Saturday 11.30 am

Weekend Masses

Cathedral	St Aloysius	St James'
6.30pm Vigil	6.00pm Vigil	
8.00am	9.00am	10.30am
10.30am		
5.00pm		

Rokewood 3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Recent Deaths: Joseph Max Bond

Anniversaries:

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

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

John Bond, Fletcher Densley, Andrew Flood, Margaret Harty, Corazon Laduan, Alex McLaren, Jonathon Price, Raymon Reed, Neil Reyes, Basil Torpy, Jan Verberne

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

Privacy: In 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information. We can only accept requests for names on the bulletin by immediate family members.

Christmas Liturgies for 2018

Christmas Eve Masses - Monday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium)

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

Christmas Day Masses- Tuesday 25th December

St. Aloysius Redan—9am

St. James' Sebastopol—9am

New Year's Day Mass- Tuesday 1st January 10am at St. Aloysius Redan

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:

Saturday 19th January 9am Men's Breakfast

Filipino Community

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 December 21st and will reopen on Tuesday 29th January 2019.

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 silver 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)

Parish 50 years celebration will be held on St. James' Feast Day (July 25) 2019.

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

St. James' St. Vincent de Paul Branch Advent Christmas Appeal

We thank you all for your past generous donations. We again ask that you support our appeal through the donation of non-perishable food items which can be left at the Jessie Tree in the foyer. Vinnies Christmas Appeal envelopes are available in the pews for those wishing to make a donation and can be placed on the collection plate. If details are left receipts will be issued. Please help us to help others in need in this local community. Enquiries Anne 0409 547 953.

Christmas Rosters - Volunteers are required to fill the Christmas ministry roster on the noticeboard in foyer.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our "Used Stamps" collection in the foyer. Across Australia, approximately \$68,000 was raised and it is through your efforts that the legacy of St. Mary MacKillop continues in the work of the Josephite sisters in Peru today. Thanks again and 'keep the stamps coming'.

Feast of Holy Infant Santo Nino (Infant of Prague)

The Filipino Community invites you to attend their celebration on Saturday 19th January with Mass at 3pm. The celebrant will be Fr. Alex Lim. All welcome.

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.

Closing Mass for St Patrick's Church Springdallah

Following the sale of the Church at Springdallah, there will be a final Mass in the Church on Sunday January 27th 2019 at 10.30am. All former parishioners welcome.

O.L.H.C Wendouree Parish, Christmas Day Lunch - You are invited to join us on Christmas Day for lunch. Time Noon - 2pm at OLHC Parish Hall. Bookings required on 0419 975 914.

Catholic Man Breakfast Series

Men of all ages are invited to a Catholic Man Breakfast to be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at Craig's Royal Hotel in Ballarat. The Breakfast will be hosted by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR and will feature former leading Radio Executive, Shane Healy, as guest speaker. Shane has walked a fascinating path to the top of the highly competitive radio industry in Australia and has connected with high profile performers such as Brian Taylor, Neil Mitchell and Rex Hunt. Further information from Chris Liston, ph. 0437 318 or email chris.listo2@gmail.com or Vincent Sully, ph. 0407 310 115 or email vcjdh.sully@gmail.com.

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.

Reading Glasses – a pair of glasses were left in the church you can collect them from the sacristy.

St. Aloysius Parish Office - will be closed from December 21st and will reopen on Tuesday 29th January 2019 in the new Parish Centre and gathering space.

Parish Christmas Newsletter – please enjoy reading our Parish Christmas letter

Liturgy Rosters – There will be no rosters over January, we will be looking for volunteers before each Mass.

Pilgrimage Opportunity – If a pilgrimage to the Holy Places is your dream, contact Donrita Reefman on 0411 702 068 or donrita@harvestjourneys.com for more information. www.harvestjourneys.com/

Roster December 29th / 30th

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	Marg Coughlan	Julie Wright	Norma McGuigan	J. Burge M. Poliness	John George	Ethan Fernandez	Team 4 Michael Hayes Tony De Natris	Team 1 C Quick M Czurlowski K Butler N Chapman
9am	Tony Haintz	Nancy Chapman	Elaine Collier	C. Orchard B. Van Ravenstein	Carmel Densley	Mary Brown		

Children's' Liturgy – no children's liturgy

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

There will be an opportunity to contribute to the Bishops Christmas Appeal after Communion during the Christmas Masses, otherwise money for this appeal can be placed in an envelope clearly marked "Bishop's Appeal" and be placed on the collection plate. Thank you in advance.

Plenary Council 2020 – HAVE YOUR SAY?

Phase 1: Listen and Dialogue To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Please submit your responses by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at www.plenarycouncil.org.au OR you may wish to take a response form home and return in the boxes provided in the Church foyers.

"Christian Monastic Development in the Fourth Century"

John van de Laar (Ballarat Diocese) has written a book on monasticism in the early Church and the importance of women monastics in the fourth century. The intention of this book is to give the reader some inside knowledge of the Christian Church in the fourth-fifth centuries, which saw corruption and disagreements between many sections of the church. It was a period where women were extremely influential and tried in many areas to maintain the original Christian teaching of Jesus, and the Scriptures, alive. Bishop Paul has written the foreword. Copies are available to peruse from the Catholic Education Office or for purchase for \$25.00 from John, ph. 53002327.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Sacraments, scripture, youth ministry, liturgy, leadership - many subjects available – 5 weeks per subject. Next study cycle starts January 20, contact us by January 9 to register. More info at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 5337 7125.

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