

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

Holy Family - Sunday 30th December 2018

Next week's readings: Sunday 6th January 2019 Epiphany (C)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ps 71 (72):1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

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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	12.05pm Cathedral
Tuesday	10am Mass Redan
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 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:

Anniversaries:

John Bond, Lilian (May) Coad, Joan Dowdell, Terrence Page, Mary Sheen

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.

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

A Christmas Reflection

Mary could not have known what she was saying "yes' to. We pray for her trust.
Joseph could not have known where his trust was leading. We pray for his patience.
The travellers could not have known the end of their journey. We pray for their boldness.
The shepherds could not have known the meaning of their vision. We pray for their open minds.
The Christ child could not have known what was happening to him.
We join with him in his fragile humanity in bringing before the divinity our
Prayers, praise and wonder this Christmas Day.
("Prayer Times", Loreto Ireland)

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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:

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

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

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Jesse Tree Appeal through the donation of non-perishable food items and appeal envelopes. Vinnies Christmas Appeal envelopes are still available in the foyer 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.

Sacramental Program 2019 - Leaflets are available in the foyer after Mass.

Happy 80th Birthday

Wishing Sr. Noreen a very happy birthday for January 2nd. We will celebrate Sr. Noreen's birthday on Sunday 3rd February 2019 at 10.30am Mass followed by morning tea in the foyer.

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

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.

Pope Francis and World Day of Peace

Pope Francis' World Day of Peace is on January 1, 2019. The theme of Pope Francis' Message for the 52nd World Day of Peace is that politics must be at the service of peace. Join the world in praying for peace on January 1 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.

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 318 251 or email chris.listo2@gmail.com or Vincent Sully, ph. 0407 310 115 or email vcjldh.sully@gmail.com.

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.

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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 last weekend you can collect them from the sacristy.

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/

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Liturgy Rosters

There will be no rosters over January we will be looking for volunteers before each Mass.

Please see Fr. Kevin before Mass commences.

Plenary Council 2020 - Hearing your Voice

Welcome to everyone gathering to celebrate the joy of Christmas. The Catholic Church is currently asking people to share their thoughts about future directions. Everyone is invited to reflect on and respond to the questions

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?*

as part of preparing the agenda for the Plenary Council 2020. You can respond as individuals or in families, or groups. Information and details of how to submit your response are on bookmarks or flyers in churches and also on the Ballarat diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Every voice is welcome! **Please note:** The website address on the bookmark is incorrect – the correct address is www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au 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.

World Youth Day

The next WYD encounter is 22-27 January 2019 in Panama City. Key events will be live-streamed. A highlight of WYD will be the Vigil event with Pope Francis, celebration, reflection, witness. It will be livestreaming on Sunday 27th January starting at 10am Victorian time (approximate duration 2.5 hrs).

WYD Hangout!

Online hangout to celebrate WYD - participate from anywhere in the diocese & meet Pope Francis. 6pm-7pm on World Youth Day Sunday 27 January 2019. 18-30yo. Free. For more information contact Ballarat Diocese Youth & Young Adult Ministry (Amanda on 5337 7125 or Noeline and Patrick on 5337 7160) or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Catholic Theological College - 2019 Study Options Now Available

Undergraduate and Postgraduate Options: Choice of Philosophy, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, Religious Education or Christian Spirituality units. Audit options available. Enquiries: Mr John Bartholomeusz, Assistant Dean T: 9412 3309 E: ctc@ctc.edu.au

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