

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

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2nd Sunday in Lent - Sunday 17th March 2019

Next week's readings: Sunday 24th March 2019

3rd Sunday in Lent (C)

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Ps 102(103):1-4, 6-8, 11

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

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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.

Collections Last Week: Redan: Parish: \$ 879.00

Presbytery: \$500.00

Sebastopol: Parish: \$933.00

Presbytery: \$1069.00

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 4th April 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	10.00 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: Peter Calistro and Mary (Maime) O'Sullivan

Anniversaries:

Anthony Atkinson, Betty Campbell, Peggy Holloway, Antonio Lagao, Kathleen Mathews, Lorna Nihill, Carmel Porter, Mary Treganowan, John Watts, Bernie Wilkie

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Anthony Aragon, Tony Bazzano, Andrew Flood, Corazon Laduan, Jonathan Rice, Raymon Reed, Leonie Street,

**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.*

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Dates to Remember:

Anointing Mass (Redan) – Thursday 4th April at 11 am – light lunch to follow

Anointing Mass (Sebastopol) – Friday 5th April at 1.30pm – afternoon tea to follow

Lenten Penitential Service – Wednesday 10th April at 7pm – St. Aloysius Redan

Mass of Oils – Monday 15th April at 6.30pm – St. Patrick's Cathedral

Saturday evening Mass – Just a reminder that with the ending of daylight saving Mass on Saturday evening will revert to 5pm starting on April 13 and continuing to October 5

BUPA Aged Care – Prayer service at the BUPA Aged Cared on 28th March at 10.30am. All welcome.

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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 March	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Community Prayer Group
Monday 18th March	1pm	Parish Craft Group
Thursday 21st March	10am	Combined Finance Committee Meeting (Redan)
Monday 25th March	4pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

Filipino Community

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

Sacramental Program 2019 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

This Sunday we welcome the children and their parents who will be preparing and working their way through the program over the next two weeks. This sacrament will be celebrated on **Tuesday March 26th, at 7.00pm, St. James' Church.** *Please keep these children in our prayers.*

Sacrament of Baptism

This weekend, we welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism, Simon Ayars, son of Janice and Randal. May Simon grow in faith in his loving family and the Catholic community.

Lenten Pilgrimage - Stations of the Cross will be held at St James' Church Wednesday 27th March at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea in the foyer. Parishioners of both parishes are welcome.

Lent Program 2019 - 'All I have is yours' Forty Days to Freedom by Michael McGirr. \$5.00 a copy.

Fr. Lovin is facilitating a reflection group at **St. James' on Fridays after the 9.30am Mass, in the Church** during Lent, for parishioners of both St. James and St. Aloysius. If you cannot attend these sessions then you may like to purchase the book and complete your Lenten journey at home. *May Christ be with you this Lenten season.*

St. James' Footy Tipping Competition 2019 - \$5 entry. Please contact Bryan Goble or Pauline in the Parish office to register. Round 1 starts Thursday 21 March.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2019

Welcome to the final week of our Parish Stewardship Program. In recent weeks we have reflected on the role of faith in our lives and the importance of coming together to celebrate the Eucharist each weekend. We have also considered the notion of our parish as a *community* of faith and how we can make our own contribution to parish life by being involved in our Groups & Ministries. This week brings it all together. We look to the future – imagining what sort of parish we want to be. Ours is one filled with optimism – but one that needs the support and contribution of every individual if we are to achieve our dreams.

This week we ask you to finalise your commitments by:

- Signing up for a Parish Group or Ministry
- Making your meaningful pledge of financial support to the Stewardship Program

We welcome Lorella Di Paolo from the Parish Development team of the Archdiocese of Melbourne who will coordinate the distribution/completion/collection process with assistance from members of the Leadership Team.

WEBSITE UPDATE - The dedicated Stewardship Program section this week features a special video from Fr Kevin Maloney, the Vicar General for the Ballarat Diocese. This may be of interest to you!

THOUGHTS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM ON OUR FUTURE

- Our parish can only exist with our financial contributions to support outreach and growth
- Supporting our parish financially, ensures we continue to provide for now and into the future
- Every organisation has ongoing expenses. Our parish is no different and we need an ongoing commitment to ensure the financial viability of our community
- All organisations need finance to operate. God has given us the means to provide the funds to keep His work going

AS WE HEAR FROM ST PETER – *“The Church of God that will last into eternity is the Church of living stones, built upon the cornerstone of Christ that must constantly be built up.” (1 Peter 2:5)*

Finance Meeting – A meeting for Sebastopol and Redan Finance teams will be held on Thursday 21st March, 10am, St Aloysius Parish Centre.

Fr. Lovin is available to make Home Visits – As part of our care for those wishing a visit from a priest, a direct request is to be made by the person themselves or a member of the person's family. Please contact either Parish Office and leave your details. Fr. Lovin will then finalise visiting details.

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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.

Sacramental Program 2019 – Term 1 – Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation

We again welcome children for Reconciliation dismissals as they continue preparing and working their way through the program over the coming weeks. **Sacrament celebrated on Thursday March 28th, at 7.00pm, St. Aloysius Church**

4th Friday Family Group- This group will meet on Friday 22nd March at the *Inn of Kong* restaurant at 12 noon.

New members welcome. For transport please ring 0421 855 881

Stewardship Follow Up session - will now be held on Wednesday 27th March at 7pm at St. Aloysius Parish Centre

Envelopes – please collect your 2 weeks of envelopes before the new program begins on April 21.

Roster February 23rd / 24th March

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	Michael Kennedy	Maria Van Ravenstein	Bill Van Ravenstein	Julie Wright Kate Andrews	Caleb Power	Ethan Fernandez	Team 2 T Kennedy M Coughlan N McGuigan	Team 3 B&B McCarty, M. Brown
9am	Joan Hopkins	Colin Vanderkley	Tess Brodie and Family	Carmel Densley Andy Naus	Nancy Chapman	Donna Bryce		

Children's' Liturgy – Val Duffer

Plenary Council Update The Listening and Dialogue phase is over. What happens now? With the *Listening and Dialogue* phase now complete, the National Centre for Pastoral Research will continue the deep listening process, conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and, using best-practice research methods, will identify key themes that have emerged. Then, in May, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Council Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will work together with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment. Those themes will become the focus for the *Listening and Discernment* phase, which will begin from June 9, and will be the foundations for the Plenary Council agenda.

Holy Hour - Holy Hour for Vocations at Nazareth House Chapel, 218 Mill Street, Ballarat on Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 7.00pm -8.00pm. Concludes with Benediction. All welcome.

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 the next few months. Contact Donna Stewart - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form.

Caritas Australia Project Compassion – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tati lives in the remote forest of Indonesia. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty, and give them hope to protect our common home. Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Safeguarding Officers:

St. Aloysius: Bernadette Lynch

St. James': Pauline O'Brien

This is a Child Safe Parish

