

St. Aloysius Redan & St. James' Sebastopol

Sunday 22nd December 2019

4th Sunday of Advent Year A

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Next Week's Readings: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 127(128):1-5 Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

The parishes acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Mass Times

Redan

6.00pm Vigil 9.00am

Cathedral

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Sebastopol

10.30am

Rokewood

3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral Christmas Vigils 6.30pm, 9.00pm, 12.00 Midnight

Wednesday Christmas Day 8.00am, 10.30am Cathedral

Thursday 10.00am Cathedral

Friday 12.05pm Cathedral

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Penance Cathedral

Friday 11.00am

Saturday 11.30am

Recent Deaths: Denis Hishon

Anniversaries: Maisie Lamb

Please remember in your prayers the following: Margaret Cooper, Fletcher Densley, Lanie Dugay, Corazon Laduan, Alex McLaren, Alonso Ng, Jonathon Rice, Mary Skelton, Leonie Street, St. Patricia Vagg

Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium) celebrant Fr. Kevin Maloney

St. James' Sebastopol—7.30pm (Carols @ 7pm) celebrant Fr. Lovin Lolo

8.00pm, Linton, St Peter's Church. celebrant Fr. Kevin Maloney

Christmas Day Masses- Wednesday 25th December

St. Aloysius Redan—9am celebrant Bishop Peter Connors

St. James' Sebastopol—9am celebrant Fr. Lovin Lolo

9.00am, Skipton, St John's Church celebrant Fr. Kevin Maloney

New Year's Day Mass - Wednesday, 1st January Redan 10.00am

Thursday, 2nd January, Redan 9.30am

Friday, 3rd January, Sebastopol 9.30am

We are Child Safe Parishes

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch - OLHC Parish Wendouree are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00noon-2.00pm Transport available. For bookings or further information ph. 0419 975914 or email christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com.

St. Aloysius Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$829.00 Presbytery: \$695.00

Invitation to pray the Rosary - Thursday morning at 9am before the 9.30am Mass
Adoration and Exposition - 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 7.00pm-8.00pm

Cleaners and flowers Rosters - New rosters are available in the foyer of the church
January Ministries - During the month of January there will be no rosters for Mass ministries, please see Fr. Kevin before Mass if you would like to volunteer.

Office Closure - The Parish office will be closed from Friday December 20 - Monday January 27. The office will reopen on Tuesday 28 January.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$652.00 Presbytery: \$271.00

Opportunities for Prayer - Monday 10.30am Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Dates to Remember:

Monday 23rd December 4pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

St. James' Parish Filipino Community

Rosary 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm

Good Shepherd Community Prayer Group 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2019 - We ask that you support our annual Christmas Appeal through the donation of non-perishable food items. Vinnies Christmas Appeal envelopes will be available in the pews for those wishing to make a cash donation to the appeal.

SIMBANG GABI is a Filipino Christmas tradition and it is also the spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a series of nine Masses on the days leading up to Christmas, which will be held at St. James' Parish Church on: Sunday 22nd December 7pm Mass, Monday 23rd December 7pm Mass and Tuesday 24th December 2pm Filipino Christmas Eve Mass & Carols. Our celebrant will be Fr Jorge De Chavez OSJ. All welcome. For further information please contact: Sherley - 5338 1266 (shop), 0417 331 756, Urbing- 0419 558 965 and Dion- 0427 876 533.

Filipino Christmas Mass will be held on Christmas Day at 5pm. Our celebrant will be Fr Jorge De Chavez OSJ. All welcome to attend.

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

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

Feast of Santo Nino - will be held on Saturday 18th January at St. James Church with 3pm Mass.

Mercy Works Christmas Hamper - Tickets available in the foyer after Mass, see Sr. Marie.

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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

A Special Thank You to the Parishioners from Fr. John Hodgson CSsR, Provincial, Redemptorists of Oceania

As Provincial of the Redemptorist Congregation, I extend a heartfelt thanks to the parish for all your kindness in welcoming Fr Lovin Lolo CSsR among you as an Assistant Priest. He will share with you many things for which he is grateful because in welcoming Lolo as a newly ordained priest you have played an important part in his introduction to priesthood, and it is often said that the first appointment after ordination is remembered so fondly.

May God bless each one of you as together we await the Birth of our Redeemer. May the New Year be a blessed one for our world and your parish.

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Event

Baptism Parent/Information Sessions - These sessions are offered to parents wishing to have their children under 7 years of age Baptised. Meetings are held in the Mary Glowrey room in the St. Patrick's Cathedral precinct, 3 Lyons street Sth, Ballarat at either 10.00am or 7.00pm. The next meetings will be held on Thursday February 6th

Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat - Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. Copies of Bishop Paul's letter are available through parishes, through the diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and are also attached. Nominations need to reach Bishop Paul by Friday, February 7, 2020.

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – December: - How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Prayerful and Eucharistic?** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants - A low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries; employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Study over 5 weeks per subject. Next study cycle begins January 12. Registrations open now until December 23. More info at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 0407 523 424