

St. Aloysius Redan & St. James' Sebastopol

Sunday January 12th 2020

The Baptism of the Lord Year A

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

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

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

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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 11.30am

Anniversaries: Romeo Armeni, John Attard, Lena Browning, Lorna Creati, Kevin Daly, Florence Everard, Gertrude Feldgrill, Jack Guinan, Tomas Nuttall, James Troy, Gertie Watson, James Wilson

Please remember in your prayers the following:

Margaret Cooper, Fr. Denis Dennehy, Fletcher Densley, Lanie Dugay, Corazon Laduan, Alex McLaren, Alonso Ng, Jonathon Rich, Mary Skelton, Leonie Street, Sr. Patricia Vagg

BUPA Aged Care - Prayer services will recommence in February, 2020.

We are Child Safe Parishes

The **St. Aloysius and St. James' Parish Offices** are closed for the January holidays and will reopen Tuesday, January 28th, 2020. Fr. Kevin can be contacted on 5331 4981. For all bulletin notices the Cathedral Office will be open 10am – 5.00pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Phone 5331 2933 or ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

St. Aloysius Parish Redan

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

Ministries for the month of January - Volunteers required, please see Fr. Kevin at the beginning of each weekend Mass.

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

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

Dates to Remember:

Saturday 18th January	9am	Men's Breakfast
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

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

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, 2020.

Parish Secretary Position – Gordon and Bungaree

The Parish of Gordon and the Parish of Bungaree are looking to jointly employ a suitably qualified person to fill the position of Parish Secretary to support the business and clerical requirements for both Parishes. The position is 12 hours per week for the Parish of Gordon and 5 hours per week for the Parish of Bungaree. More info at:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au - Choose Bungaree or Gordon Parish



Delegates for the Plenary Council

Bishop Paul invites nominations for the two delegates from amongst the People of God in the Diocese of Ballarat to attend and participate in the Plenary Council this year and next. In considering who to nominate Bishop Paul invites us to consider

1. The person's living the Gospel in prayer and in action
2. The person's commitment to service in the Church (shown for example, by their involvement in the life of the parish community, in education, healthcare or social services)
3. Their awareness of the "bigger picture" of the Church's role in the context of contemporary Australian society
4. Recent participation in listening and dialogue, or listening and discernment encounters, as part of the Plenary Council process.

Ultimately, the key characteristic to be considered is the person's ability to discern with an open heart, listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia.

Any person (16 years or over) nominated to be a delegate would need to be available for preparation days for delegates (in Melbourne Thursday June 18th – Saturday June 20th), the Plenary Council General Assembly 1 (October 4th – October 11th) and Plenary Council 2 (June 28th 2021 – July 3rd 2021).

Nominations can be made by individuals or by a group (such as a Parish Pastoral Council). Anyone putting forward a name should check first that the person would accept nomination.

Nominations can be sent to Bishop Paul, PO Box 121 Ballarat 3353 or bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au by February 7th 2020. From the nominations received, Bishop Paul will send the nominations to the National Commission for the Plenary Council who will finalise the list of delegates by March with a view to having a variety of voices represented at the Plenary Council with a mix of ages, for example, and a mix of people from city parishes and rural areas.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the website of the [Ballarat Diocese](https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/> or from the **Cathedral Parish Office**.