

St. Aloysius Redan & St. James' Sebastopol

Sunday 1st December 2019

1st Sunday of Advent Year A

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Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10, Ps 71(72):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

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

Monday

12.05pm Cathedral

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Thursday

11.00am Redan (Anointing Mass)

12.05pm Cathedral

Friday

1.30pm Sebastopol (Anointing Mass)

12.05pm Cathedral

Saturday

10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Penance Cathedral Friday 11.00am

Saturday 11.30am

Sebastopol

10.30am

Rokewood

3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Max Cooper, Noreen Currie, Maurice Hayes, Marguerita Hughes, Giovanna Ledda, Bernard Linahan, Margo McKinley, Alice Rich, Deonisius van Gaans

Please remember in your prayers the following: Tony Bazzano, Margaret Cooper, Lanie Dugay, Corazon Laduan, Alex McLaren, Maureen Mulcahy, Alonso Ng, Jonathon Rice, Leonie Street

BUPA Aged Care - Prayer Service Thursday, December 5th, at 10.30am. All Welcome

Advent Reconciliation Service - Wednesday 18th December 7pm at St. James' Sebastopol

Christmas Liturgies 2019

Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium)

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

8.00pm, Linton, St Peter's Church.

Christmas Day Masses- Wednesday 25th December

St. Aloysius Redan—9am

St. James' Sebastopol—9am

9.00am, Skipton, St John's Church.

We welcome Bishop Paul Bird who will be celebrating Masses this weekend. At these Masses he will give a special to all children in our parishes who have celebrated Sacraments this past year. We welcome all children and their families.

We are Child Safe Parishes

St. James' Parish School - End of Year School Mass on Friday 13th December at 9.30am. All welcome.

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.

Market Day will be held on Saturday 7th December 9.30am - 1pm at the Holy Trinity Church 227 Albert Street Sebastopol. Plants, produce, cakes, devonshire tea, crafts, op shop, BBQ and more. All welcome.

Family Group Christmas Celebrations - St. James' Friends Family Group (Sunday 8th December) contact Anne Porter, MacKillop Family Group (Sunday 8th December) contact Ted & Ros Connellan and the Survivor Family Group (Friday 13th December).

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: Monday 16th December 7pm Mass, Tuesday 17th December 7pm Mass, Wednesday 18th December 8pm Mass (following Advent Reconciliation Service), Thursday 19th December 7pm Mass, Friday 20th December 7pm Mass, Saturday 21st December 7pm Mass, Sunday 22nd December 7pm Mass, Monday 23rd December 7pm Mass and Tuesday 24th December 2pm Filipino Christmas 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.

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

Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events

Nazareth House - Christmas Carols Sunday 8th December at 6pm, Nazareth House Hall. All children are invited to play a part in the Nativity scene

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 meeting will be held on Thursday December 5th.

Farewell - Fr. Lovin will be leaving us on Boxing Day. We will farewell Fr. Lovin with supper after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 21st December at St. Aloysius Redan and with morning tea after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 22nd December at St. James' Sebastopol.

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

Making a Scene at Christmas - All are welcome to visit the *Making a Scene at Christmas* displays at Ss Peter & Paul's Church Buninyong from December 12-15.

Clergy Appointments Bishop Paul has announced the following appointments to take effect in January: Fr Sajan Matthew will be Administrator of Bungaree Parish and Visiting Priest of Gordon Parish, Fr Michael O'Toole will be Supervising Priest of Cororooke Parish (in addition to PP of Colac), Fr Peter Jose CMI will be the priest for the Robinvale Parish and Fr Jim McKay will work with Fr Eugene McKinnon in the East Wimmera Parish ministering across their faith communities.

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – December How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Prayerful and Eucharistic?** The next discernment session will be held on Tuesday 10th December at St. Aloysius, please see the sign in sheet in the church foyer.

Advent Retreat Sunday December 15th 2.00pm – 5.00pm at St Alipius' Hall Victoria St Ballarat East. Rachel McLoughlin and Natalie Houlihan will lead a spacious advent time of Reflections, Readings, Music, Images, Silence and ending with Spiritual Conversation circles. All are welcome to join us.