

# St. Aloysius Redan & St. James' Sebastopol

**Sunday 8th December 2019**

**2nd Sunday of Advent Year A**

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**Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10, Ps 145(146):6-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11**

*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 10.00am Sebastopol Funeral Mass

Tuesday 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

### Sebastopol

10.30am

### Rokewood

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 10.30am

12.05pm Cathedral

**Sacrament of Penance Cathedral Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30am**

**Recent Deaths:** Dorothy Vaughan

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Bond, Mary Clohesy, Margaret McDonald, Inez Sullivan, Mary Wilkie,

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

**Advent Reconciliation Service - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm at St. James' Sebastopol**

## Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

**Please note there will be no weekday Masses on Thurs. 26th December or Frid. 27th December**

We are Child Safe Parishes

# St. Aloysius Parish Redan

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$754.00      Presbytery: \$584.00

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

Giving Tree - If you are able you are invited to take a tag and make a donation for St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you - thank you to all who were involved in the Masses last weekend to welcome Bishop Paul

## Roster December 14th / 15th

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	M Bond	T Phillips	N McGuigan	J Hopkins J McCartin	M Van Ravenstein	M Poliness	<b>Team 2</b> F Kennedy H Brasier C Liston	<b>Team 2</b> V Dulfer L Spencer B Martin C Densley
9am	A Dulfer	V Dulfer	P & A Kennedy	C Densley M O'Meara	N Chapman	B Lynch (R Brodie)		

Children's Liturgy - Colleen Orchard

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# St. James' Parish Sebastopol

Collections for previous weekend

Parish: \$703.00      Presbytery: \$328.00

Dates to Remember:

Monday 9th December      4.00pm      St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

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

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

Thank you

To our wonderful Caring Group for providing afternoon tea following the Anointing Mass. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Also many thanks to all involved in the preparing, cooking and serving of the sausages and onions for our sausage sizzle. And finally to our school community thank you for your involvement in the ministries at Mass last Sunday for Bishop Paul Bird's visit.

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

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.

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.

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 16<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Mass, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Mass, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 8pm Mass (following Advent Reconciliation Service), Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Mass, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7pm Mass, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 7pm Mass, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 7pm Mass, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 7pm Mass and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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*

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## **Ballarat Diocesan Information, News and Events**

**BUPA Aged Care - Prayer Service and Anointing**, December 19th, at 10.30am. All Welcome

**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 February 6th.

**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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival** - The fourth Australian Catholic Youth Festival kicks off in Perth (December 8-10). Around five thousand young people are expected to attend this year's celebrations, with the "Melbourne Collective" - combining pilgrims from the four Dioceses of Victoria - contributing one thousand of that total! In addition to those Ballarat parishioners travelling within the Collective, Fr James Kerr will also be leading a small contingent from St Joseph's College, Mildura. Bishop Paul Bird will be heading across with fellow Redemptorist priests Fr Son Nguyen (Ararat), Fr Lovin Lolo (Redan) and Fr Vincent Pham (Cathedral) to participate in the festivities. We wish them and all the young people (including Felicity and Rochelle Liston) a safe and blessed trip as they make their way across the country and experience the young heart of the Catholic Church in Australia.