

St. James' Parish Sebastopol

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:

Monday 14th August	7pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
Saturday 19th August	9am	Men's Breakfast
Sunday 20th August	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Community Prayer Group
Monday 21st August	1pm	Parish Craft Group

Filipino Community

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

This weekend, we welcome the children and their parents preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Over the next three Sundays, they will be participating in a dismissal during Mass and then the families will be working together at home on the Diocesan Sacramental Program "Let the Children Come".

- Sunday dismissals, *Sunday August 13th, 20th & 27th at 10.30am*, St. James' Church
- Rehearsal date, St. James' Church, *Friday September 8th at 10.15am*
- **Celebrated on Sunday 10th September, at 10.30am Mass, St. James' Church**

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Shared Table - Just a reminder to those who contribute to this project your annual contribution is due (\$52). Anyone wishing to know more about this worthwhile program in Lima please contact Sr. Marie.

Footy Competition Break-up Morning Tea - Will be held on Friday 1st September following 9.30am Mass. Wear your footy colours. From Round 18, we will not publish the progress totals so the results and winners will be announced on the day. Good luck!

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

Youth Synod Questionnaire:

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017. For more info contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. A wide range of subject areas are offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, many more. Registration for the September study cycle closes on 28 August - or you can start later in October. There are 6 study cycles each year, you can start at any one. Study one subject or do more – it's flexible! Details on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link is on home page), or contact Amanda, ph: 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Catholic Women League - Cathedral Branch - Social Afternoon.

This will be held on Wednesday September 6th in the Mary Glowrey Room in the O'Collins Hall. Speaker, Diane Colbert will present "Our children and the Media". Stall and competition. Afternoon tea provided. All welcome. Free entry. Inquiries - Carmel 0401175045

Father Robert McCulloch at Nazareth House.

Monday, August 28th. 6pm Mass and 7pm Presentation "Can Christianity survive in Pakistan"
All welcome. Inquiries 0401175045