

# St. Aloysius Redan & St. James' Sebastopol

**Sunday 15th December 2019**

**2nd Sunday of Advent Year A**

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**Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14, Ps 23(24):1-6, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24**

*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 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

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

**Recent Deaths:** Tony Bazzano, Emiliano Mangulabnan, Jack Mulheron

**Anniversaries:** Michael Duffin, Brian Everard, Mary Matherson, Joe Symonds

**Please remember in your prayers the following:** 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: \$1093.00      Presbytery: \$632.00**

**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

**Caring Circle** - Thank you to our Caring Circle members for our Anointing Mass and lunch and to all who helped. Thankyou to those who donated raffle prizes and to the St. Aloysius school choir singing and making it a very special preparation for Christmas. The raffle winners were: Hampers: N. De Jong, M. Vanderkley & T. Van Ravenstein. Rugs: J.Harris, D. O’Sullivan, R. Brodie, M. Hayes.

Cushions: B. McCarty, N. McGuigan. Candle: M. Bond. Painting: J. Gregory. Christmas Pudding: P. Reynolds. Christmas Cake: G. Breen. Bag: T. Kennedy. Money raised from the raffle was \$471.00

**Christmas Flowers** - we are looking for white flowers for Christmas, flowers that hold well are possibly white native flowering shrubs or white gyp. They can be left in the Sacristy after Mass on Sunday 22nd December or bring them in on Tuesday (Christmas Eve) at 9am

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

**Working Bee** - We have organised a small working bee to do some work in the gardens around the church, Monday 16th December at 9am. Please bring your own gardening tools. All Welcome

## Roster December 21st / 22nd

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	J Hopkins	M Van Ravenstein	B Van Ravenstein	K Andrews A Braybrook	M Flood	M Poliness	<b>Team 1</b> T Kennedy P McGowan N McGuigan	<b>Team 3</b> B & B McCarty M Brown A Yal
9am	T Haintz	C Vanderkley	N McGuigan	P & A Kennedy	J George	A Dulfer	C Vanderkley	

**Children’s Liturgy** - School Holidays

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# St. James’ Parish Sebastopol

**Collections for previous weekend**

**Parish: \$652.00      Presbytery: \$271.00**

**Dates to Remember:**

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| <b>Monday 16th December</b>    | <b>1.00pm</b> | Parish Craft Group                  |
| <b>Wednesday 18th December</b> | <b>7.00pm</b> | Advent Reconciliation               |
| <b>Saturday 21st December</b>  | <b>9.00am</b> | Men’s Breakfast                     |
| <b>Monday 23rd December</b>    | <b>4.00pm</b> | St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting |

**Opportunities for Prayer** - Monday 10.30am Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A welcome to spend one hour with Lord.

**St. James’ Parish Filipino Community**

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| 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 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.

**Caring Group** - Thank you to all involved in our Anointing Mass last Friday. The raffle winners were: \$50 Coles/Myer Voucher - Marion (BUPA), Christmas pudding and hand creams: Sr. Marie Vagg and Chocolates: Frank Thyne. Many thanks to the generous donors of our prizes.

**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: 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 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.

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

#### **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**

**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**

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

**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.

**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.

**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.