

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

3rd Sunday of Advent - Sunday 16th December 2018

Next week's readings: Sunday 23rd December 2018

4th Advent of Sunday (C)

Micah 5:1-4

Ps 79(80):2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-44

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Office hours: Tues, Wed & Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm

There are two collections. The first (Presbytery collection) is for the support of the parish priest and follows the sermon. The second is for the running of the parish (planned giving, envelopes) and occurs after the Intercessions.

Baptism Parent Information Sessions: - Parent information sessions for the Baptism of children will be held on the first Thursday of each month. The next meetings will be on **Thursday 7th February at 10.00 am & 7.00 pm**, in the hall at the back of the Cathedral Presbytery, 3 Lyons St. South, Ballarat. All families wishing to have their children (under 7) baptised are invited to attend one of these preparation sessions so that they can enrol their children for Baptism at these preparation sessions. For any enquiries, please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

Mass Times;

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday **9.30am Redan (School Mass)**

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Friday **9.30am Sebastopol**

Saturday 10.00 am Cathedral

Sacrament of Penance

Cathedral Saturday 11.30 am

Weekend Masses

Cathedral **St Aloysius** **St James'**

6.30pm Vigil **6.00pm Vigil**

8.00am 9.00am **10.30am**

10.30am

5.00pm

Rokewood 3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Recent Deaths: Robert 'Bob' Hudson,

Anniversaries:

William Downing, Michael Duffin, Brian Everard, Greg Hayes, Joan Hayes, Mary Matherson, Sammy Mercieca, Stephen Mills, Joe Symonds,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

John Bond, Fletcher Densley, Andrew Flood, Margaret Harty, Alex McLaren, Raymon Reed, Neil Reyes, Basil Torpy, Jan Verberne

**If you would like a person to be prayed for, ask for their permission. Names will be included for the duration of ONE MONTH after which more time can be requested.*

Privacy: In 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information. We can only accept requests for names on the bulletin by immediate family members.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 19th December 7pm at St. James' Sebastopol

Advent Anointing Aged Care

Thursday 20th December at 10.30am – BUPA

Friday 21st December at 10.30am – QE

Christmas Liturgies for 2018

Christmas Eve Masses - Monday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium)

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

Christmas Day Masses- Tuesday 25th December

St. Aloysius Redan—9am

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New Year's Day Mass- Tuesday 1st January 10am at St. Aloysius Redan

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:

Wednesday 19th December

7pm

Advent Reconciliation

Saturday 22nd December

3pm

Filipino Christmas Mass

Filipino Community

Rosary

2nd Wednesday of month at 7pm

Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 2.30pm

Sr. Marie Vagg's Diamond (60 years) Jubilee

This Sunday we celebrate Sr. Marie's diamond jubilee at 10.30am Mass followed by morning tea in the foyer. All welcome. *Congratulations Sr. Marie and we wish God's blessing on you for the years to come.*

Parish 50 years celebration will be held on St. James' Feast Day (July 25) 2019.

St. James' St. Vincent de Paul Piety Stall - Christmas cards and Columban calendars are now available.

St. James' St. Vincent de Paul Branch Advent Christmas Appeal

We thank you all for your past generous donations. We again ask that you support our appeal through the donation of non-perishable food items which can be left at the Jessie Tree in the foyer. Vinnies Christmas Appeal envelopes are available in the pews for those wishing to make a donation and can be placed on the collection plate. If details are left receipts will be issued. Please help us to help others in need in this local community. Enquiries Anne 0409 547 953.

Filipino Christmas Mass - will commence at 2pm with Rosary followed by Mass at 3pm. The celebrant will be Fr. Alex Lim. All welcome.

Christmas Rosters - Volunteers are required to fill the Christmas ministry roster on the noticeboard in foyer.

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.

16 December, 5pm: National Prayer of Sorrow and Promise - Mercy Place Chapel, Ballarat East

The Catholic Religious of Australia encourage the people of the Diocese to join them in prayer for those who have been abused, their families, and communities. All welcome. Enquiries: 0407820622 or 0419575419

Xt3 Advent Calendar App

The 2018 Xt3 Advent Calendar App and Website FREE are available. The first door of the Calendar will open on December 2, 2018, the First Sunday of Advent. Go to: <http://www.xt3.com/apps/2018/advent.php> to download.

O.L.H.C Wendouree Parish, Christmas Day Lunch - You are invited to join us on Christmas Day for lunch. Time Noon - 2pm at OLHC Parish Hall. Bookings required on 0419 975 914.

Regina Caeli's "Carols in the Cathedral"

On Friday the 21st of December once again St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm will host Regina Caeli's "Carols in the Cathedral". The congregation are warmly invited to join in singing their favourite carols, hear beautiful traditional and contemporary music performed by local ensembles and enjoy the power and glory of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus sung by the combined chorus of over 60 voices, 15 brass and our heritage listed organ. As with last year, donations will be taken at the door to support the 3BA Christmas Appeal who donate to St Vincent de Paul, Anglicare, UnitingCare and the Salvation Army. It promises to be a wonderful evening and we look forward to you joining us with your family and friends.

Catholic Man Breakfast Series

Men of all ages are invited to a Catholic Man Breakfast to be held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 at Craig's Royal Hotel in Ballarat. The Breakfast will be hosted by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR and will feature former leading Radio Executive, Shane Healy, as guest speaker. Shane has walked a fascinating path to the top of the highly competitive radio industry in Australia and has connected with high profile performers such as Brian Taylor, Neil Mitchell and Rex Hunt. Further information from Chris Liston, ph. 0437 318 or email 251/chris.listo2@gmail.com or Vincent Sully, ph. 0407 310 115 or email vcjdh.sully@gmail.com.

Safeguarding Officers:

St. Aloysius: Bernadette Lynch

St. James': Pauline O'Brien

St. Aloysius Parish Redan

Invitation to pray the Rosary - Thursday morning at 9.00am before the 9.30am Mass

Adoration and Exposition – 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

Caring Circle – Thank you to all who were involved in the Mass of Anointing on Thursday, thank you to parishioners who donated generous gifts for our raffle. We raised \$435, we are grateful for your support.

White Flowers - we are looking for donations of white flowers for Christmas. Any donated flowers can be left in the sacristy on the last Sunday before Christmas,(fourth Sunday of Advent). Buckets of water will be available for flowers to be left there.

Reading Glasses – a pair of glasses were left in the church last weekend you can collect them from the sacristy

Pilgrimage Opportunity - If a pilgrimage to the Holy Places is your dream, contact Donrita Reefman on 0411 702 068 or donrita@harvestjourneys.com for more information. www.harvestjourneys.com/

Roster December 22nd / 23rd

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	Joan Hopkins	Maria Van Ravenstein	Nancy Conroy	B. Van Ravenstein C. Densley	Norma McGuigan	Mary Poliness	Team 3 Norma McGuigan T Kennedy	Team 4 R Keogh C Liston J Grano
9am	Colin Vanderkley	Tony Haintz	Annette Hirth & Family	M. Czurlowski M. O'Meara	Nancy Chapman	Albert Duffer		

Children's' Liturgy – school holidays

Plenary Council 2020 – HAVE YOUR SAY?

Phase 1: Listen and Dialogue To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Please submit your responses by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at www.plenarycouncil.org.au OR you may wish to take a response form home and return in the boxes provided in the Church foyers.

More than 21,000 voices have now contributed to this phase of the three-year process, and that number is growing quickly. Topics that are passionately and frequently raised include leadership and governance within the Church, the place and role of women, the importance of young people, the living tradition, liturgy and music, the priesthood and other vocations, inclusion and welcome, the sacramental life of the Church, ecology and creation, and social justice. The infographic below provides some insight into the current content and statistics of responses the Plenary Council team are receiving.



The stories and reflections that people are taking time to write down are truly inspirational. They reflect people's joys and challenges, their hopes and fears, the deep faith of some and the wavering faith of others.