

# St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

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Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Next week's readings: Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Birth of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 62:11-12

Ps 96(97):1, 6, 11-12

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:15-20

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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 Evenings for the Parishes of Redan and Sebastopol** - Parents wishing to have their children Baptised in the parishes of Redan and Sebastopol need to attend a Baptism preparation evening. At this meeting the enrolment for the Sacrament and date of celebration will be confirmed. These meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.00pm in the Redan Parish Centre, 506 Leith Street Redan. The next meeting will be on Thursday **12<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. For any enquiries please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

### Mass Times;

**Monday** 12:05pm Cathedral  
**Tuesday** 12:05pm Cathedral  
**Wednesday** 12:05pm Cathedral  
**Thursday** **9.30am Mass Redan**  
12:05pm Cathedral  
**Friday** **9.30am Mass Sebastopol**  
12.05pm Cathedral

### Sacrament of Penance

Cathedral Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30 am

### Weekend Masses

Cathedral	St Aloysius	St James'
6.30 pm Vigil	6.00 pm Vigil	
8.00 am	9.00 am	10.30 am
10.30 am		
5.00 pm		

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

**Recent Deaths:** Thelma Bogers, Gwen Calf, Tony Debono, Teresa Kingston,

### Anniversaries:

William Downing, Michael Duffin, Mary Matherson, Sammy Mercieca, Stephen Mills, Liam Pedelty, Margaret Pedelty, Mary Sheen, Maude Smith, Joe Symonds,

### Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Maria Bessems, Norah Best, John Bond, Irina Davis, Julie Delahenty, Fletcher Densley, Andrew Flood, Mary Patricia Guinan, Cody Joy, Margaretha Kuzmich, Jim Maher, Michala Murphy, Frank Nolan, John O'Keefe, Rosellie Ozimek, Sally Patterson, Mary Skelton, Leonie Street, Jenny Tan, Connie Vincent, Lynn Whiteley

**Advent Evening Prayer** – Both parish communities will be holding Evening Prayer during Advent. At these evenings we will focus on scripture, song and psalm, and spend some time in quiet reflection. The evenings will be held on the following nights:

*Fourth Week of Advent – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30pm at St. James'*

### Christmas Liturgies for 2016

**Advent Reconciliation Service – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** St. James' Sebastopol—7pm

**Christmas Eve Masses - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December** St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium)

St. James' Sebastopol—7.30pm (Carols @ 7pm), St. Aloysius Redan—9pm

St. Patrick's Rokewood – 9pm

**Christmas Day Masses- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December** St. Aloysius Redan—9am, St. James' Sebastopol—9am

# St. James' Parish Sebastopol

## Opportunities for Prayer

**Monday 10.30am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Your presence is welcome.

## Dates to Remember

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm** Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7pm** Parish Reconciliation (Sebastopol)

## Filipino Community

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

**Adoration** - There will be no Adoration on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December. Adoration will instead occur on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am, for this week only.

**Thank you** - To our wonderful Caring Group for organising the Anointing Mass & Christmas afternoon tea. An enjoyable time was had by all.

**St. James' Parish Office** - Will be closed from Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December and will reopen on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016.

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

**Christmas Roster** - Volunteers are still required to fill the Christmas ministry roster on the noticeboard in the foyer. Thank you.

**Lost Property** - A watch was found in the carpark after Mass last Sunday. Would the owner please contact the Parish Office. We also have a container of lost property in the foyer including keys, glasses, brochures and jumpers. Would you please check and collect your items. Thank you.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal** - At the beginning of Advent we launched the annual Christmas Appeal. We thank you for your generosity in the past. This year gifts of non-perishable food are required for the Christmas hampers. These donations of food can be placed in the baskets beside the Jesses Tree in the foyer. Envelopes for donations are now available on pews and can be placed on the collection plate. All donations will be appreciated. Thank you.

We also require new members to assist with the day to day activities of the Society. We thank the members who have recently retired due to ill-health and/or aging. If you are interested please contact Sr. Marie or Anne Dark after Mass.

**Mercy Works & St. Vincent de Paul Society Combined Raffle** - Christmas hamper - \$1 ticket after Mass in the 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.*

## An Advent Prayer

*In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.*

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## Advance Notice – dates for 2017:

Rite of Election: Saturday, March 4 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat

Mass of the Oils: Monday, April 10 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat



**The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS)** are encouraging parishes to spread the word of *Laudato Si*. There will be information sent regularly to parishes to include on parish bulletins and other information is available from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

*"Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack." (Pope Francis, Laudato Si 222).* From the Global Catholic Climate Movement Advent message "How to LaudatoSi-fy your Advent" by taking small actions that reflect on consumerism.

# St. Aloysius Parish Redan

**Invitation to pray the Rosary** - Thursday morning at 9.00am

**Adoration and Exposition** – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm.

**Caring Circle** – We celebrated a beautiful Anointing Mass last Tuesday. The winners of our raffle were: Hamper – Marie Lavery, Painting – Kath Butler, Jewellery Box – Tamara Nelson, Rug – Harold Brazier, Cushion – Alice Rice, Cushion – Nancy Chapman. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated items for the raffle and to all those involved in planning the mass and preparing and serving a lovely lunch. We raised \$345.40. Thank you to all for your continued support of the Caring Circle. Christmas Blessings to all.

## **We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;**

Harry Milton Liston

son of Shaun and Jodie

May he grow in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community



**Ministry Volunteers** – As there are no ministry rosters for the month of January, we are seeking volunteers for each weekend.

**Cleaning Rosters** – New rosters are available in the foyer of the Church

**Christmas Masses** – There is a list in the foyer of the church asking for volunteers for the Christmas Masses

**St Vincent de Paul** – Calendars and Christmas cards are for sale in the Church foyer after Mass

**Office Closure** – the Parish office will close from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. The office will re-open on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. For urgent matters please contact Fr Kevin directly 53314981, for any notices for the Sunday Bulletin please contact Jacinta at St. Patricks Cathedral on 53312933. Thank you all for your support and friendship over the past year, Christmas blessings to you and your families. Bernadette

**Children's Liturgy:** School Holidays

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## **BUPA Age Care**

Prayer services for BUPA Age Care on **Thursday 22nd December at 10.30am**. Fr. Kevin will anoint the residents for Christmas.

**Christmas Lunch** – You are invited to join the community of Our Lady Help of Christians Wendouree for Christmas lunch, 12 noon- 2pm (lunch to be served at 12.30), 482 Gillies St. Wendouree. To book in please call 0419975914

**Mercy Connect Ballarat – Supporting refugee and asylum seeker students in local schools. Volunteer mentors needed.** Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but you will receive ongoing training and support. Initial training for new volunteers will be held in February 2017. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: [mercyconnectb@gmail.com](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com) for information and application form. Applications close on February 2, 2017.

## **St Vincent de Paul Society**

Redan & Sebastopol Conferences are combining to be the St James/St Aloysius Conference. The combined Society will continue to support the Redan & Sebas Parishes and Communities. New members welcome. Contacts: Anne Dark 3553 7314 & Sr Marie 5335 6121

## **BDSJC: Who is coming for Christmas Dinner?**

In September the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement was titled '**A Place at the Table**' *Social Justice in an Aging Society*. In responding to this statement the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is asking the families in our Ballarat Diocesan community to consider whether there might be an extra place at their Christmas dinner table for an elderly relative, friend or neighbour who may otherwise be spending Christmas Day alone.