

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 31st January 2016

Next week's readings: Sunday 7th February 2016

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Isaiah 6:1-8

Ps 137(138):1-5, 7-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Sebastopol Parish Coordinator: Pauline O'Brien, Ph: 5336 1353,

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Office hours: Tuesday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Friday 9.30am – 2.00pm

Redan Parish Coordinator: Bernadette Lynch, Ph: 5335 9460

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Office hours: Tue & Wed 9.00am-12.00pm, Thursday 9.00am-3.00pm

Parish Secretary: Jacinta Westbrook, Ph: 5331 2933,

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Office hours: Monday – Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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.

Last Weekend's Collections:	Parish	Sebastopol \$1,319.48	Redan \$2,805.00	(includes credit cards)
	Presbytery	Sebastopol \$335.60	Redan \$536.00	

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 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.00pm in the Redan Parish Centre, 506 Leith Street Redan. The next meeting will be on Thursday **11th February 2016**. For any enquiries please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

Mass Times;

Monday	12:05pm Cathedral
Tuesday	No Mass Redan 12:05pm Cathedral
Wednesday	9.30am Sebastopol 12:05pm Cathedral
Thursday	9.30am Redan 12:05pm Cathedral
Friday	9.30am Sebastopol 12.05pm Cathedral
Saturday	10.00 am 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 3rd Sunday at 10.30am		

Recent Deaths: Ella Edwards, Jim Rylance

Anniversaries:

Alannah (Hazlett) Bryan, David Bond, Pat Collier, John Cooper, Brendan Cranage, Ray Frawley, Lawrence Parrot, Carmel Riding, Henry (Dick) Towns, Margaret Walsh,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Maria Bessems, Norah Best, Margaret Cooper, Julie Delahenty, Michael Dignan, Joseph Graafmans, Mary Patricia Guinan, Paddy Kavanagh, Jim Maher, John O'Keefe, Mary Skelton, Leonie Street, Connie Vincent, Carolyn Watson, Lynn Whiteley,

Ash Wednesday Masses & Opening School Masses (Wednesday 10th February)

9am St. James' Sebastopol
10.30am St. Aloysius Redan
12pm Lumen Christi Primary School
6pm St. James' Sebastopol

Lenten Prayer & Discussion Group

Where: St James' Church Foyer. When: 2.00pm Thursday 18 February and after the Wednesday morning Mass on March 2, 9, 16, 25. Presenters: 18/02/16 Sr Veronica Lawson. Wednesdays in March Sr Liz Dowling. Theme: Pope Francis' Year of Mercy. For: Parishioners of Redan & Sebastopol parishes & anyone else interested.

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Opportunities for Prayer

Monday 1.30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Your presence is welcome.

Wednesday Rosary will be recited **at 9.00am** before 9.30am Mass.

Dates to Remember

Monday 1st February 1pm Parish Craft Group
Tuesday 2nd February 9.30am Caring Group Meeting
Tuesday 9th February 4pm Sacramental Group Meeting
Wednesday 10th February **Ash Wednesday**
Thursday 11th February 2pm Sr. Veronica Lawson – Presentation of her book
Friday 12th February 10.15am Finance Committee Meeting
Sunday 14th February 2pm Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group
 Singing practise is on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at 7pm.

Quarterly Plan Giving Receipts are now available in the foyer for collection. With rising costs of postage, could you please provide an email address (if you have one) for future receipts. Ring the Parish office on 5336 1353 or email sebastopol@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Thank you.

Sacramental Program 2016 – leaflets are available in the foyer after Mass.

Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation - A parent information session for children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Penance will be held on **Tuesday 16th February 2016** at 7pm in the foyer. This sacrament is celebrated before a child's First Communion.

Ash Wednesday Roster

Volunteers are required to fill the Ash Wednesday ministry roster on the notice board in the foyer. Thank you.

St. Aloysius Parish Redan

Invitation to pray the Rosary - Tuesday and Thursday mornings 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

Meeting Wednesday 3rd February at 1.00pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome.

Sacrament of Penance

Will be celebrated at St Aloysius Church on Wednesday March 16th at 7.00pm. Parent Information Meeting & enrolment will be on Thursday February 18th at 10.00am & 7.00pm in Ryan Hall

Roster 6th/7th February

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	J Burge	P Kendrick	N Conroy	K Andrews M Poliness	A Braybrook	M Coughlan	D Molloy	C Quirk M Czurlowski K Buttler
9am	C Vanderkley	B Baxter	E Collier	B Van Ravenstein R Porter	M Van Ravenstein	M Brown		N Chapman

Children's Liturgy: School Holidays

Youth Every Second Sunday (YESS)

The aim of YESS is to give young Catholics the opportunity to come together, make likeminded friends and grow closer to Christ. The group is open to secondary school aged youth typically meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday night after 5pm Mass for games, talks and discussions, supper and prayer, beginning 7th Feb. A short information session for parents will also be offered at 6:15pm to go over the plans for the year. New members very welcome. Any parent inquiries can be forwarded to ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Young Adults Group

The first Soul Food meeting for the year will be on Friday 5th of Feb for adoration in the Cathedral from 5:30pm followed by a BBQ dinner around 6:30pm. The group is a great way to find friends and contemporaries who share your faith and to be strengthened together through prayer and formation. Please feel free to join us, even if you can only make it for a few minutes of the adoration or only for dinner afterwards. Any inquiries can be forwarded to ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Rite of Election

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community and one which is greatly appreciated by all who participate. This applies to both adults and children of catechetical age. The Rite of Election for catechumens, candidates and children of catechetical age will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 12.30PM in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. The presider will be Bishop Paul Bird CSsR. At the conclusion of the ceremony all are invited to join the Bishop in St Patrick's Hall for a light lunch. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mercy Connect Ballarat

Supporting refugee students in local schools. Volunteer mentors needed. Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee 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 2016. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form. Applications close on February 5, 2016.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service: Volunteers Workers Wanted

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks - administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning, etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. For further details, and an application form, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Anneliese Rohr, ph. 08 9192 1060, email: volunteers@broomediocese.org, web: www.broomediocese.org or mail PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 21, 2016

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 21, 2016. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2016 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.