

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

2nd Sunday in Lent - Sunday 25th February 2018

Next week's readings: Sunday 4th February 2018 3rd Sunday of Lent (B)

Exodus 20:1-17

Ps 18(19):8-11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

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

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Redan Parish Coordinator: Bernadette Lynch, Ph: 5335 9460

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Office hours: Tues & 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.

Collections Last Week: **Sebastopol:** Parish: \$416.00 Presbytery: \$253.10

Redan: Parish: \$718.00 Presbytery: \$ 747.90

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 1st March 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 12:05pm Cathedral

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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'**

6.30pm Vigil **6.00pm Vigil**

8.00am 9.00am **10.30am**

10.30am

5.00pm

Rokewood 3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Recent Deaths: Nic Gowans, Mick Kershaw,
Kim (Lea) Paige (of Birchip), Mary Squire,

Anniversaries:

Eileen Dawson, Mia Geurts, Carmel Hockley,
Dennis Keighery, Glenis Ledda, Kevin McGuigan, Joel
Nankervis,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

John Bond, Andrew Flood, Connie Vincent,

**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.*

Lenten Prayer – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Loving God, there is so much darkness in my life and I hide from you. Take my hand and lead me out of the shadows of my fear. Help me to change my heart. Bring me to your truth and help me to respond to your generous love. Let me recognise the fullness of your love which will fill my life. Free me from the darkness in my heart. Amen

BUPA Aged Care

Prayer service at the BUPA Aged Care on **Thursday 1st March at 10.30am**. They will occur every second Thursday. All welcome.

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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 26th February	4pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
Sunday 4th March	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Community Prayer Group
Monday 12th March	4pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
Thursday 15th March	7pm	Parish Pastoral Team Meeting
Saturday 17th March	9am	Men's Breakfast

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 Penance / Reconciliation (Confession)

This Sunday, we welcome the children and their families, who will be preparing and working their way through the program over the next four weeks. This Sacrament will be celebrated on **Wednesday March 21st, at 7.00pm**. Please keep these children in our prayers.

Loving God, pour out your blessing upon our beloved children, that during this time of Sacramental preparation, they may grow closer to you and come to know your special love for them. May this time of preparation be a time of blessing for our families and our community and unite us in your great lover. Amen.

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.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 26, 2018. 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 2018 – 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.

Nazareth House Auxiliary - Irish Music Afternoon to be held at Nazareth House Hall on Friday 16th March, 1:30pm – 3:00pm Admission: \$5

Irish Heritage Exhibition – POSTPONED - PLEASE NOTE: This exhibition has been postponed. New date to be advised.

Nazareth House Ballarat Independent Living Apartments

Nazareth House Ballarat have one bedroom and two bedroom independent living apartments for sale. If anyone interested, please contact Sr Elisapeta Tevaga, ph. 0409842330.

Gentle Dove Prayer Circle

The Prayer circle offers prayer for anyone who requests prayer. The prayer circle assures both confidentiality and anonymity. Details, even names, are not needed as we believe that God knows the request. Please contact Val, ph. 0412 840 296.

Volunteer mentors needed to make a difference in the life of a young refugee or asylum seeker

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The project aims to provide mentoring for young people to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. Mercy Connect volunteers work with students during school hours and the volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but you will receive on-going training and support. Initial training for new volunteers will be held in early March 2018. A current "Working with Children" Check is required to volunteer with this project. Contact Donna Stewart, ph. 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com

Sacred Heart College Class of 1966 Reunion

Seeking former students, boarders and teachers from 1960 – 1966 for a reunion. Please bring pictures and other items of memorabilia on the day. Date and Time: Saturday April 14, 2018 11.30am – 4pm. Venue: Golden City Hotel Cost: (To be determined, based on number attending). RSVP: 30 March 2018, Barbara Ford (nee Meich) Barbara.ford1@bigpond.com or phone 04 2450 3244

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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.

Morning Tea after Thursday Mass – Now that we have a large space in Ryan Hall we would love to introduce a Morning tea after Thursday morning Mass. The first gathering will be on Thursday 8th March at 10am. All very welcome to attend.

Liturgy Meeting – This group will meet on Thursday 8th March at 10.30am in Ryan Hall. At present this group consists of Margo Burns, Andy Naus, Mary Poliness, Rita Keogh, Kate Andrews and Pauline Kendrick. New members are most welcome to join this group

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - On Saturday 17th February our 4 adults were presented to Bishop Paul at The Rite of Election. Please keep Jodie, Brendan, Donna and Stacy in your prayers. We also presented our children Who are going through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Children**



We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Agnes Grace Power daughter of Marcus & Anna
 Evie, Harlow & Dallas children of Daniel & Emma
 May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community



Roster 3rd /4th March

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	Kate Andrews	Pauline Kendrick	Nancy Conroy	Mary Poliness Julie Wright	Norma McGuigan	Ethan Fernandez	Team 5 Andy Naus P McGowan	Team 3 B&B McCarty M Brown A Yal
9am	Jim Burns	Bev Baxter	Kevin Brodie & family	Albert Dulfer Andy Naus	Nancy Chapman	Mary Brown		

Children's' Liturgy: Michelle Flood

 Loreto College is excited to be holding Past Student and Past Staff reunions
 Loreto College Class of 2013 - 5 Year Reunion - Saturday 24 March 2018 - 4pm, Class of 2008 - 10 Year Reunion - Saturday 28 April 2018 - 4pm, Class of 1998 - 20 Year Reunion - Saturday 21 April 2018 - 4.30pm, Class of 1988 – 30 Year Reunion - Saturday 21 April 2018 - 11am, Class of 1978 - 40 Year Reunion - Saturday 28 April 2018 - 11am
 Loreto/ Dawson Street, Form 4 1968 - 50 Year Reunion - Saturday 24 March 2018 - 2.30pm, Class of 1968 - 50 year Reunion - Saturday 21 April, 2018 at 2.30pm - email development@loreto.vic.edu.au to enquire about booking. Staff Reunion - 40 Years of Loreto College - Saturday 24 March 2018 - 10.30am

 **Caritas AUSTRALIA** Rattanak in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

