

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

1st Sunday of Advent – Sunday 3rd December 2017

Next week's readings: Sunday 10th December 2017

2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Ps 84(85):9-14

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

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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 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 December 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

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Thursday **9.30am Redan**
12.05pm Cathedral

Friday **9.30am Sebastopol**
12.05pm Cathedral

Saturday 10.00am 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 Every 3rd Sunday at 10.30am

Recent Deaths: Corrie van Raaphorst,

Anniversaries:

Maurice Hayes, Marguerita Hughes,
Giovanna Ledda, Bernard Linahan, Margo McKinley,
Deonisius van Gaans,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

Norah Best, Kevin Curran, Julie Delahenty, Jim Maher,
Raymon Reed, Lance Vagg, Francis White,

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

Presentation to Bishop Paul Bird

This weekend, we welcome Bishop Paul Bird to both Parishes, as the children who received the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist this past year will be presented at Mass today.

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:

First week of Advent – Sunday 3rd December, 5.00pm, at St. Aloysius

Third Week of Advent - Sunday 17th December, 5.00pm at St. James'

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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:

Sunday 3rd December	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Community Prayer Group]
Friday 8th December	11am	Anointing Mass & Light Lunch
Monday 11th December	4pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society
Saturday 16th December	4pm	Men's Breakfast

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

St. James' Parish School, Sebastopol

End of Year School Mass will be held on **Wednesday 13th December** at 9.30am. All welcome.

Appointment of Co-Principals

Mary Frawley and Peter Fahey have been acting co-principals for the past three years.

Peter Fahey and Garth Kydd have been appointed co-principals from the commencement of 2018.

The Appointment Panel were: Gillian Schroeter, Renee Rock, Vin Dillon, Tony Perkins, and Brendan Maher.

Performing Arts Festival Invitation

An invitation is extended to all Parishioners to attend the Visual and Performing Arts Festival at St. James' Parish School on **Thursday December 7** at 5pm. Bring your own picnic tea. For more information please contact the School on 5335 8750. All welcome.

St. James' Parish Office - Will be closed from Sunday 3rd December and will reopen on **Friday 15th December**. For notices on the newsletter please contact Jacinta at the Cathedral Office on 5331 2933.

Parish Pastoral Team Sausage Sizzle – Sunday 3 December - This Sunday, the Parish Pastoral Team will hold a sausage sizzle after Mass as a thank you to all Parishioners for their contribution to our Parish through-out the year. All welcome.

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

Caring Group – Anointing Mass & Light Lunch - Will be held on Friday 8th December with 11am Mass & light lunch in the foyer to follow. There will be no 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

Quarterly Planned Giving Receipts - are now available in the foyer for collection after Mass. Would you please take yours home. Thank you.

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

Advent Reconciliation Service - will be held on Wednesday 20th December at 7.00pm at St. James' Church.

BUPA Aged Care

Prayer service at the BUPA Aged Care on **Thursday 7th December at 10.30am**.

Advent Anointing service will occur at the BUPA Aged Care on **Thursday 21st December at 10.30am**. All welcome.

Year of Youth 2018

2018 is the Year of Youth in Australia starting Advent (3 December 2017). The Year of Youth theme is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Year of Youth information is on Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au /Youth and Young Adult pages, or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Building a Healthier Church

These conversations which commenced followed the presentations at YTU Box Hill by Maria Kirkwood, Francis Sullivan and Bishop Vincent Long will continue in the Cathedral presbytery with the next gathering on Thursday December 7th at 4.00 pm. All are welcome to join this open dialogue.

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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.

GodStart Team - This group will meet on Tuesday 5th December at 10am at Formosa Garden Centre Cafe.

Caring Circle – this group will meet on Wednesday 6th December at 1pm in the Parish Centre, new members welcome.

Anointing Mass - Christmas Hamper raffle, tickets will be available this weekend after Masses. Tickets are \$1 each. Raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Lunch after the Anointing Mass on Thursday 7th December. This Mass will be at 11am Everyone Welcome

Giving Tree - This tree has been set up in the foyer of the church, if you are able, we are collecting items to pass onto St. Vincent de Paul for their annual Christmas Hampers. Please take a tag and place the bought items in the boxes. Thank you

Roster 9th / 10th December

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	Joan Hopkins	Tony Phillips	Norma McGuigan	Jacinta Burge Anthony Braybrook	Maria Van Ravenstein	Ethan Fernandez	Team 4 Michael Hayes Tony De Natris	Team 1 Clare Quirk Moria Czurlowski Kath Buttler Nancy Chapman
9am	Tony Haintz	Margot Burns	Annette Hirth	Bill Van Ravenstein Moira Czurlowski	Carmel Densley	Albert Dulfer		

Children's Liturgy – Val Dulfer

Christmas Liturgies for 2017

Christmas Eve Masses - Sunday 24th December

St. Aloysius Redan—6pm (School Auditorium)

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

Christmas Day Masses- Monday 25th December

St. Aloysius Redan—9am

St. James' Sebastopol—9am

St. Vincent de Paul St. James' & St. Aloysius Members

Wish to acknowledge and thank Parishioners for your generous support helping us to help others in need in the local community.

Please bring donated gifts of non-perishables each week and other goods and items we can place in our Christmas Hampers. Last year, we prepared 65 hampers for the Redan, Rokewood and Sebastopol community. Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards for sale at Redan. See Judith.

Looking forward to welcoming new members in the New Year 2018 to volunteer 3-4 hours a week.

Meetings will be held on 2nd and 4th Mondays at 4pm in the St. James' Foyer. Contact Anne on 0409 547 953. Conference President.

Making a Scene at Christmas - We will have a special showing at the Robert Clark Centre in the Ballarat Gardens from Friday, December 15 - Monday December 18.

Advent Resources Advent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

This Christmas, Give a Gift That Changes the World - If you would like to give a little extra to those who need it most at Christmas time, Caritas Australia offers Global Gift Cards. Donations go towards empowering the most marginalised members of our One Human Family to eradicate poverty in all its forms <https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/globalgifts>

Xt3 Advent Calendar App

The 2017 Xt3 Advent Calendar App and Website FREE and available. The first door of the Calendar will open on December 3, 2017, the first Sunday of Advent. Go to: <http://www.xt3.com/advent/> to download.

