

St. James' Sebastopol & St. Aloysius Redan

Parish Priest: Fr Kevin Maloney, Ph: 5331 4981

Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 26th February 2017

Next week's readings: Sunday 5th March 2017

1st Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Ps 50(51):3-6, 12-14, 17

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

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

Email: sebastopol@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office hours: Tuesday 9.30am – 4.30pm, Friday 9.30am – 3.00pm

Redan Parish Coordinator: Bernadette Lynch, Ph: 5335 9460

Email: redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

Parish Secretary: Jacinta Westbrook, Ph: 5331 2933,

Email: ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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 \$589.45	Redan \$935.00
	Presbytery	Sebastopol \$299.60	Redan \$768.55

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 **9th March 2017**. For any enquiries please contact Bernadette or Pauline at either parish centre.

Mass Times;

Monday	10.00am Cathedral
Tuesday	12:05pm Cathedral
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY 9.30am Sebastopol School Mass 11.45 am Redan School Mass 12.05 pm Cathedral 6pm Sebastopol
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

Recent Deaths: Diana DeCarli, Susan Nielsen,
John (Jack) Nolan

Anniversaries:

Mia Geurts, Carmel Hockley, Dennis Keighery, Kevin McGuigan, Joel Nankervis,

Please remember in your Prayers the following:

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

Ash Wednesday Masses – 1st March 2017
9.30am – St. James' Sebastopol – School Mass
11.45am – St. Aloysius' Redan – School Mass
6pm – St. James' Sebastopol

BUPA Age Care

Prayer services for BUPA Age Care on **Thursday 2nd March at 10.30am**. They will occur every second Thursday.

World Day of Prayer - Friday March 3rd – Please see Flyer in the foyer of the church for times and venues

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:

Monday 27th February	7pm	St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting
Friday 3rd March		World Day of Prayer (see flyer on noticeboard in the foyer)
Sunday 5th March	2.30pm	Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group
Monday 6th March	1pm	Parish Craft Group
Tuesday 7th March	10am	Sr. Liz Dowling – session 1 on the Gospel of Matthew

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 22nd, 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.*

Lenten Program

We will be offering the Archdiocese of Brisbane 'Up from the Waters' - Reflecting, Sharing & Living the Gospel – Year A. Cost of book \$8. Two sessions will be available: Friday 10.15am (After 9.30am Mass) - Leader: Jan Schaper and Wednesday 7pm over the six weeks of Lent in the foyer. A signup sheet on the foyer noticeboard.

Sebastopol RSL Women's Auxiliary - are proud to present Kay's Classic Fashions to be held at the RSL Memorial Hall on the Corner of Beverin Street & Birdwood Avenue Sebastopol on Tuesday 21st March at 1.30pm. Entrance \$5. Special Effort, door prizes and afternoon tea. Enquiries on 5335 5594 or 5332 6331

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.

Child Safety Standards

The Parishes of St. Aloysius and St. James are committed to the well-being of its parishioners. As such we are embarking on a journey to develop and implement processes and protocols which aim to ensure all members of our parishes, but in particular children and vulnerable adults, participate in Parish life in a safe, caring and protective environment.

New state government legislation has come into effect with the New Year which sets standards for child safety. Safeguarding Officers have been appointed Bernadette Lynch (Redan Parish) and Pauline O'Brien (Sebastopol Parish) and both Parishes have a Child Safety Policy to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A Child Safety Code of Conduct has been adopted for all who work with children at both Parishes.

These policies are consistent with Diocesan guidelines and protocols and adhere to the appropriate legislation at a State and Federal level. It will involve training and Codes of Conduct for all parishioners involved in planning and guiding church activities.

Adult Education – This year the Gospel readings are from Matthew

During Lent Sr. Liz Dowling will offer 2 introductory sessions on Matthew's Gospel for the Parishioners at St. Aloysius and St. James'. These will be offered on Tuesday 7th & 14th March at 10am in the St. James' Foyer. All welcome to attend.

Nazareth House Auxiliary

Will be holding a St. Patrick's Day Coffee Party on Friday 17th March at 1.30pm in the Hall. Entertainment, entrance prize & raffle, produce and fancy goods stall. \$5 Entry. All welcome.

Passionist Family Groups Farewell function for Maree and Bernard Metcalfe

to mark their retirement as Directors, to be held on Saturday, April 1st 2017 with Mass at 11am in St Francis Xavier Parish Church, 86 Mayona Road, Montmorency, 3094 (Melway Map 21, E5) followed by a light lunch in the SFX Parish hall - BYO drinks RSVP by March 17, 2017 to: Judy & Rob Lewis 4 Alvina Street Ferntree Gully 3156 or email: pfgm.victas@gmail.com

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 - This group will meet Wednesday 1st March at 1pm in the Parish Centre, new members welcome

Finance Committee – This group will meet on Thursday 2nd March at 10am

Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation (Confession)

This weekend, 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 **Thursday March 23rd, 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.*

Roster 4th/5th March

Mass	Leader	Reader	Offertory	Sp Ministers	Welcomer	Projector	Counters	Cleaners
6pm	J Burge	T Phillips	M Flood & Family	A Naus & M Poliness	V Tempany	E Fernandez	A Naus P McGowan	Team 1 N Chapman
9am	J Burns	B martin	M Cushing & Family	B Van Ravenstein & B Baxter	M Van Ravenstein	A Dulfer		C Quirk M Czurlowski K Butler

Children's Liturgy – Annette Hirth



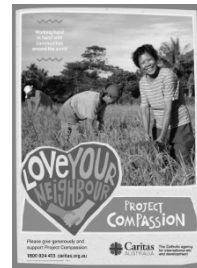
Project Compassion Sunday 26th February 2017



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Love your neighbour".

You will be helping to empower our world's most vulnerable neighbours to build a better future for our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Rite of Election

The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership into 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, MARCH 4, 2017 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. St. Aloysius Parish has 5 candidates: Jenny Gilbert, Danielle James, Matthew James, Rowena Craig and Helen De Weerd.

National Council of Priests of Australia

The blight of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church has caused inexpressible pain and suffering to the victims and their families. It has been a cause of shame and disgrace for the Catholic faithful. With humility we acknowledge the strength of character and courage of those individuals who came forward with evidence for the work of the Royal Commission.

We, the Executive of the National Council of Priests of Australia, support and endorse the initiatives of the Bishops of Australia in their endeavors to eradicate the scourge of sexual abuse in our Church.

We applaud the work of Francis Sullivan and the Truth, Justice and Healing Council.

