

# Parish Directory

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## The Little Company of the Good Shepherd

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## *This Parish Community*

shares the ideals of the Fellowship of St Athanasius, a society of Anglican Priests committed to live and uphold "... the Catholic Faith as received from the undivided church"

# The Church Paper

*St James the Great, East St Kilda  
Celebrating 100 years in East St Kilda*



## ADVENT

**Intentional Interim Priest:**

**Father Richard Murray SCP**

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## **Sunday 10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass**

**Low Mass: Thursdays 11.00 a.m.**

**Service of Healing & Wholeness**

10.00 a.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

(Always check weekly notices for Mass times)

Confession – Thursdays following the 11.00 a.m. Mass & by appointment

St James on the Web: [www.stjamesthegreat.org.au](http://www.stjamesthegreat.org.au)

St James's in Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_James_the_Great_St_Kilda_East)

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## *Welcome and reflect this Christmas*

Welcome to the celebration of Christ's Mass - be it at Midnight or on Christmas morning. We are delighted that you are celebrating the good news of Christ's birth with us here at St James's. May the Child of Bethlehem fill your life with the Good News that God so loved his creation that he entered into the very fibre of its reality as a vulnerable creature just like us. As a result of this action by God, each one of us has the capacity to personally experience the sublime mystery of the Love of the Creator.

To do that, we must first turn to him and accept the gift of that love and so make a new beginning.

It will not be easy, but if each day and each moment we turn to God, his love and goodness will be sufficient to see us through. Why not turn in trust this Christmas and make a new beginning with God's love at the very heart of your life?

Jesus asks us to let go of the bitterness of past hurts and wrongs. And he reminds us that when we take him into our lives, "...my burden is light".

Are you still clinging to the guilt of your past or the wrong that has been done to you? That is surely a heavy burden. Let go of that burden and take on Christ whose "... yoke is easy... and (whose) burden is light."

This unconditional offer of love is difficult to understand for those without faith and for those unwilling to see beyond human reasoning.

But you are here in this holy place at this holy time.

So reach out in faith and trust to accept the gift of the Incarnate One and so begin your walk with Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

### **Your Stewardship Commitment**

Please hand in your Stewardship Commitment forms as soon as possible.

**Leader Newspaper Article** There is a copy of Belinda Humphries article about our unique Christmas Day Mass with animals at the manger on the Narthex table. Thank you to Lorraine Hawkes for making this possible.

**Annette Allison** was familiar to many Melburnians, after her career of more than 28 years on TV and radio and especially as the Channel Ten news anchor and co-host of the long-running *Good Morning Melbourne*. Annette is now the Victorian public affairs manager for the *Royal Flying Doctor Service*, a post that has echoes back to her Brisbane childhood. "I went to two schools there, both Presbyterian, so Flynn was one of our great heroes and we were taught all about him," says Annette. A friend of St James's, Annette is a lover of the *Annual Blessing of Animals* and in that regard used a photograph taken with Fr Roger as part of her Christmas mailing. We are indeed honoured. There is a copy on the Narthex table.

**The Ashes** of Dorothy Williams close friend of Fr Roger's late mother, Janet, rest beneath the St Tarsicius' window in the Lady Chapel. (Aunt) Dorothy was a favourite of young Roger. It was Dorothy's brother in law, Sir John Bunting AC KBE who, as the Prime Minister's Secretary at Australia House in London, met Roger (as a young schoolboy) and his father in order to expedite their move to Australia from Scotland. Dorothy's Ashes will be interred early in the New Year. + May she rest in peace.

**Visitors and Apologies** today we *were* to welcome Marie & John Carter who, as young cousins in the 1930's, lived in their family home at 380 Inkerman Street with their extended family. Young Marie and John attended St James's at that time. Marie recalls that Fr Hal Potter was the Vicar.

Marie is now Dr Marie Methven, and has been a specialist in the vexed area of childhood learning difficulties. She is the wife of the Reverend Alexander Methven. They live at the *Martin Luther Homes* at The Basin in the Dandenongs. They were looking forward to being with us but on this occasion of extreme heat, send their apologies.

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Michael Casley; Trevor Bulled OGS; Noella; John Graham; Maria Pythagoras; Geraldine Coulthurst; Virginia; Tammy; Marjorie; Sister Raphael OSB; Stephen & Jill; Adrian Stephens, priest; Michael Muschamp; Mark; Andrew; Sharon; young Noah; June Little; Ken Mason OGS; Max; June Little; Brother Brian SSF; Sonja Knopf; Linda Osmond, priest; Marcus; Sonja Knopf; Betty Boyle; Rory & Anna; Christina Melches; Geoffrey & Margaret Clarke; Elizabeth Peters; Sally; Gladys Wheeler; Bill Smith; Vilma Byrne; Sister Lyn & Sister Philippa; Val Casley. R.I.P. Patricia Lloyd

**Tuesday's Advent Study Group** eight people participated in the Little Company Study Group at the home of Gary Bartholomew. Thank you to Gary for his hospitality and an excellent evening meal and for the participation of all as we discussed the scriptural imperative to "make a way for the Lord!"

**Music at Midnight** as *Trio Con Brio* is unavailable this year, our instrumental music at Midnight Mass will be provided by *Alto Strings* who performed at one of our Centenary Lunches in St James' House.

**Christmas Offerings** to help with flowers, musicians for the Christmas services, place your donation in an appropriately marked envelope in the collection bag at mass.

**Christmas Help** See Warden Alfie Duran or the Verger if you are able to help with any of the preparations for Christmas around the church.

**Johan's Lunch 22** attended Johan's Lunch last Sunday, helping to fulfil his wish that following his departure from this life, he would host a lunch for his friends and that they would drink a toast to him and enjoy the memory of their friendship with him.

2016 Offertory Envelopes  
are now available for collection near the Joscelyne Organ.

**New Year's Day Mass & Garden Party**  
Friday January 1  
12.00 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Naming & Circumcision of Our Lord  
Followed by our traditional Vicarage Garden Party  
To participate, please note your name on the Narthex list.  
or phone the Vicarage - 9527 1017.

**Offertory Income:** December 13: Advent III - \$1,011.90

## Advent IV

20.12.15

### The Liturgy Today

10.30 a.m. Children's Mass with  
the Lighting of the Advent Candles  
& Children's Christmas Lunch Treat  
at the Vicarage

Hymns: Gradual 302;  
Offertory 265; Post Communion 290

Sidesman: V. de Crespigny ; Deacon: A. Duran  
Lectors: The Sunday School; Refreshments: G. Bartholomew  
*After Mass today, join us for Coffee in the Narthex.*

### Kalendar & Events this Week

Monday ST THOMAS apostle & martyr  
Wednesday 12.15 p.m. Fr Roger says Mass at the Cathedral  
Thursday CHRISTMAS EVE  
11.00 p.m. Midnight Mass

On duty Sidesman: V. Coffey  
Lectors: Dr J. Willis & V. Coffey  
Refreshments: A. Robertson

Friday CHRISTMAS DAY  
10.00 a.m. Mass with Carols

*And companion animals gathered at the manger*

On duty Sidesman: L. Hawkes  
Lectors: M. Knopf & L. Hawkes  
Refreshments: A. Robertson

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## **Meetings in January & February**

**Sunday January 17 following Mass:**

**Parish Council Conference**

**Sunday February 7 following Mass:**

**Candlemass Meeting of the Congregation**

**The Christmas Bowl** As always the Christmas Bowl Appeal envelopes are available in the pews for you to make an offering for the poor and needy of the developing world.

**Christmas Offerings** to help with flowers and musicians for the Christmas services, place your donation in an appropriately marked envelope in the collection bag at mass or hand your donation to the clergy.

## **Thank you**

**Thank you to all who have assisted with our preparations for the great Feast of the Incarnation - the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Thank you all who are assisting at Midnight Mass and on Christmas morning. Thanks to our Acolytes and Servers as well as the musicians, and those who assisted with the gift of flowers and with our traditional hospitality following the masses.**