

Parish Directory

Associate Priests

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The Reverend Father Dan Octigan

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Churchwardens

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Mr Francisco Alfonso

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St Kilda Steiner Kindergarten

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The Little Company of the Good Shepherd

Enquiries to the Father Guardian: 9527 1017

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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 4th 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

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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The Interim Vicar Writes

Dear People

At this time of the year in 2013, after attending a Tertiary Chaplains conference in Dunedin, I managed to seize a couple of hours in Christchurch and what I saw there was a very appropriate Advent reminder for me:

I saw the still obvious devastation of the city; empty spaces where buildings stood; holes in the ground where all that is left is foundations or the remains of basements and underground car parks; a chaotic road system which will not be sorted out until unsafe buildings are removed, replaced and made right again. I have since been careful in my use of the word “*devastation*” because its use in our common discourse undervalues what the people who have experienced events like the Christchurch earthquake have suffered.

I also saw the signs of hope and confidence; the evidence of the spirit of a people determined that their city will once again be the confident bustling human place it was before the earthquake.

One of the great symbols of this spirit is the “Cardboard Cathedral” – not just an “adequate temporary home” for the church while they decide on the form of the new cathedral and while they get it built. It is a stunningly beautiful statement of hope and determination to worship God worthily for as long as it takes; temporary certainly, but not “make do” or makeshift. It is a place in which to get inspiration. The people of Christchurch have suffered and still suffer, but I saw the seeds of a determination to give their lives and their city’s life, a new beginning.

This Advent let us reflect on new beginnings. I believe reflecting on new beginnings gives a special depth to the Advent season and this is an appropriate time for us to do this.

Until next week, bless you all..

Fr Richard

An Apology has been received from Dr John Willis for his inability to be with us today for the Liturgy and the Annual General Meeting because of the Baptism of his second great-grandson, Matthew Powys, at Christ Church Berwick.

From Pope Francis’ Angelus Address at Advent

Speaking to crowds of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter’s Square for the Sunday Angelus, the Pope recalled the passage from the prophet Isaiah who speaks of a time when swords will be broken into ploughs and nations will live in peace.

And reminding those present that this Sunday marks the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year, the Pope pointed out that this is a season that renews “the horizon of hope”. He encouraged the faithful to rediscover the beauty of being on a journey towards the encounter with Jesus and called for the gift of peace.



Stewardship Commitment

At the conclusion of the Offertory Hymn and immediately before the Eucharistic Prayer the congregation is invited to gather around the Altar to commit their individual pledges to God and offer themselves as a living sacrifice and as the community of St James the Great.

Advent Sunday is an ideal day for new beginnings for each of us and indeed for this parish community of St James the Great.

Advent Quiet Day

The Little Company will host an Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, the 12th December commencing at 10.00 a.m. and ending at 4.00 p.m. All are welcome to participate. Please use the Narthex list to register your participation. Have word with Father Roger if you have any queries.

Advent Study

Gary Bartholomew has kindly offered his home for an Advent Study evening. Please use the Narthex list to register your interest or have a word with Gary.

Advent Mission Envelopes

Support the Anglican Board of Mission *Hope for Life* Appeal for young aboriginal parents greatly in need of support. Giving Envelopes for the Sundays of Advent are enclosed with today’s *Church Paper*

Christmas Flowers & Offerings

If you wish to make a special offering to assist with flowers or other costs associated with the Christmas Liturgies, please place your offering in an envelope marked Christmas Offering and place it in the collection bags at the Offertory at mass.

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

Nominations tabled for today's Annual General Meeting
the following nominations are in hand -
Wardens: Alfie Duran, Kate McDowell Murphy & Ron Williams
Parish Council: Georgia Bahula, Susan Payne, Michael Knopf, Gary Bartholomew.
Incumbency Committee: Gary Bartholomew & Michael Knopf.

Centenary Markers a History & an Art Work

1. Fr Roger's consultations, first with Dr Lesley Preston and then with Dr John Willis have resulted in the first draft of a history of St James the Great. It would be good to publish such a centenary history, together with appropriate photographs.
2. And Fr Roger also consulted with and invited our friend and artist, David Porter to create a centenary art work that would capture something of the ethos of our parish and that could be hung somewhere in our church buildings. If you would like to see the work-in-progress go to our St James' Facebook page.

Rogue Bees happily re-housed Fr Roger has been successful in evicting the rogue hive under the vicarage laundry with the colony re-housed in a new hive in a corner of the garden. The necessary repairs to the laundry will be carried out as soon as possible.

Offertory Income: November 15: 33rd Ordinary Sunday - \$840.50
November 22: Christ the King - \$2,005.90

Your Last Will & Testament our Business Manager draws attention to the following wording for your Will – "I GIVE \$XX to the Anglican Church of St James the Great in East St Kilda and I DECLARE the receipt of the Vicar of the day and the Treasurer or Business Manager for the time being of that organization shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my trustees."

Indian University Student seeks room for rent for 2 - 3 months.
See Fr Roger for details

ADVENT SUNDAY

29.11.15

The Liturgy Today

**10.30 a.m. The Litany, the Blessing of the Advent Wreath
A Parish Dedication & Solemn Mass (APBA)**

Hymns: Gradual 264;

Offertory 273; Post Communion 271 (omit verse 5).

Sidesman: A. Robertson ; Deacon: D. Stidston

Lectors: G. Bartholomew & G. Bahula

Refreshments & Lunch: G. Bartholomew

*There will be a quick Coffee break in the Narthex
followed by*

THE PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A Bring & Share Lunch for those who wish to remain

Kalendar & Events this Week

Tuesday ST ANDREW Apostle & Martyr

Wednesday 12.00 p.m. Steiner Kindergarten Advent Service

Thursday St Francis Xavier

5.00 p.m. Little Company Chapter



Friday December 4 Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon
Patron of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd

7.00 p.m. Solemn High Mass

Preacher: Bishop Lindsay Urwin OGS

Followed by a Supper Reception in St James' House

Next week:

ADVENT II

**10.30 a.m. The Lighting of the Advent Candles,
& Solemn Mass (APBA)**

On duty next week: Sidesman: V. de Crespigny ; Deacon: A. Duran
Lectors: M. Knopf & L. Hawkes
Refreshments: D. Stidston

