

# Parish Directory

## Associate Priests

The Reverend Father Don Edgar OAM

The Reverend Father Dan Octigan

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## Churchwardens

Mr Ronald Williams, Phone 9527 2941

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Mr Alfonso Duran, Mob. 0400 707 508

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## Business Manager & Treasurer

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## Parish Administrative Assistant

Mr Francisco Alfonso

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## Organist

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## Sunday school Convener

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## Verger & Hospitalier

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## St Kilda Steiner Kindergarten

Enquiries Phone: 9527 5168

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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 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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## *The Interim Vicar Writes*

Dear People,

What a joy it was to share with members of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd the very significant rite of admission of Companions of the Oratory and to listen to the words of Bishop Lindsay Urwin during the Mass for Blessed Nicholas Ferrar, deacon.

It occurred to me as I drove home after sharing that those three members of our parish community could now share the acronym "COGS" (my mind often runs to quite pointless acronym-creation as I drive). I reflected on the fact that all three are *vital* cogs in their own way in the working of this parish.

This then moved me to reflect that at last Sunday's AGM we had assembled the cogs which comprise the administrative machinery of the parish. It includes these three new Companions of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd, but also the others elected and appointed to offices within the structure of the Parish Council, the Churchwardens and the Incumbency Committee, who will take us into and through the next twelve months as we work together to maintain the very special community which is St James the Great.

Keep them (and the others of them if you are one of these important cogs!) in your prayers. I also ask that you include me in those prayers as I continue to serve as the Intentional Interim Vicar.

My thanks to the people responsible for the various Advent decorations in the church which assist and uplift us as we prepare for the coming of our Lord both in our celebrations of the Nativity and in our contemplation of the promised coming at the end of the ages.

My passion for steam trains is pandered to with the train at the base of the tree – whoever is responsible, "Thank you so much!"

Finally, Thank you" to Fr Roger for his lovely prayers and blessing to mark the tenth anniversary of my priestly ordination (I was ordained priest on November 26, 2005). Until next week, bless you all.

*Fr Richard*

Pray for our Oratory Companions admitted last Friday evening here at St James's

✠ Gary Bartholomew, Alfonso Duran & Michael Knopf ✠

**Advent** comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday. It is important to remember, however, there are no particular rules for how the laity should observe Advent.

### **Advent Study**

Please use the Narthex list to register your interest & participation in a study. See Gary for further details.

### **Stewardship Commitment**

If you have not yet posted or handed in your Stewardship Commitment forms please endeavour to do so in the next 2 weeks. The Stewardship forms may still be accessed on Narthex table. The Stewardship Box is still on the left side of the Chancel step.

### **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 offer it with your normal collection at Sunday mass.

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Michael Casley; Trevor Bulled OGS; John Graham; Maria Pythagoras; Geraldine Coulthurst; Virginia; Tammy; 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; Linda Osmond, priest; Marcus; Sonja Knopf; Betty Boyle; Christina Melches; Geoffrey & Margaret Clarke; Rory & Anna; Elizabeth Peters; Gladys Wheeler; Bill Smith, Vilma Byrne. Sister Lyn & Sister Philippa CHN; Val Casley; Sally.  
R.I.P. The people killed in San Bernardino

**Annual General Meeting Elections & Appointments**

Wardens: Alfie Duran, Kate McDowell Murphy & Ron Williams  
Parish Council: Georgia Bahula, Gary Bartholomew. Michael Knopf, Susan Payne.  
Incumbency Committee: Gary Bartholomew, Michael Knopf & Kate McDowell Murphy  
Parish Administrator and Business Manager  
The Wardens & the Annual Meeting appointed Michael Knopf to this post.

**Thank you** to all who participated in our Annual Meeting and to Hospitalier Gary Bartholomew and those involved in presenting the pleasant lunch for the 16 folk who enjoyed each other's company and the conviviality of the meal.

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

**Sunday December 20 Advent IV**  
10.30 a.m. Children's Mass  
& Children's Christmas Lunch Treat at the Vicarage

**Offertory Income:** November 29: Advent Sunday - \$790.40

**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."

**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.

**ADVENT II** **6.12.15**

**The Liturgy Today**

**10.30 a.m. The Lighting of the Advent Candles & Solemn Mass (APBA)**  
Hymns: Gradual 272; Offertory 265; Post Communion 270  
Sidesman: V. de Crespigny ; Deacon: A. Duran  
Cantor: Loreta Hodson; Lectors: D. Stidston & L. Hawkes  
Refreshments: D. Stidston

*After Mass today join us for Coffee in the Narthex*

**Kalendar & Events this Week**

- Monday St Ambrose, bishop & doctor
- Tuesday The Conception of Our Lady  
5.00 p.m. Mass & Little Company Chapter
- Thursday The Patriarchs & the Prophets  
11.00 a.m. Mass

**Saturday Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Advent Quiet Day presented by the Little Company  
10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Next week: **ADVENT III**  
10.30 a.m. Advent Litany, the Lighting of the Advent Candles,  
& Solemn Mass (APBA)

On duty next week: Sidesman: V. Coffey ; Deacon: R. Williams  
Lectors: Dr J. Willis & G. Bahula  
Refreshments: M. Knopf

12.00 p.m. Interment of the Ashes of  
Our beloved in Christ, Johan de Jonge  
1.00 p.m. *Johan's Lunch* at *Kotaraya* Restaurant, Elsternwick

**Apology** from Dr Willis who is attending a family baptism at Christ Church, Berwick and from Fr Roger and Michael Knopf who are Attending the Consecration Ceremony of the late Harvey Streager (Chaim Reuven) at Geelong Eastern Cemetery.

