

Parish Directory

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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

Mobile: 0419 334 645

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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

I was showing two visiting priests around our church during the week and they both, quite independently of each other, commented on the peace that they felt on entering the building. I agreed with them, noting to myself that this was one of the first impressions I had of St James when I first visited here some three years ago and it is a feeling which comes to me whenever I arrive here to worship or to engage in any activity in the building. This feeling, this aura of peace, is no accident; it is I am sure the natural outcome of the prayerful and devoted worship and service of the many hundreds of people who have been part of this community of faith over the life of the parish and of this building. This is something in which to rejoice, for which to give thanks.

With this in mind, note that today we light the rose candle in our Advent wreath. This third Sunday of the Advent season has been known traditionally as *Gaudete Sunday* from the first word of the traditional Introit, "Gaudete", which translates as "Rejoice!". A translation of the whole of the Introit could be: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob.* —[*Philippians 4:4–6; Psalm 85 (84):1*]

I suggest that we would do well to bear these words in mind as we worship this morning and as we pray and meditate during this week; let us seek out the things about which we should rejoice and give thanks as we *pray with thanksgiving* to God even as the world around us seems to want make us do the very opposite of all of these things.

Until next week, bless you all.

Fr Richard

Michael Casley is in Intensive Care at the Alfred Hospital after an aneurism. Fr Roger anointed him last Thursday afternoon.
Please pray for Michael and his family.

Your Stewardship Commitment

If you have not yet posted or handed in your Stewardship Commitment forms please endeavour to do so before Christmas. The Stewardship forms may still be accessed on the Narthex table.

Press Interview & Photo Shoot Fr Roger and Assisi, the Vicarage cat were subjected to a 40 minute photo shoot for the *Leader* newspaper last Wednesday afternoon. And the cat was not well-pleased! Earlier that day Fr Roger was interviewed by journalist Belinda Humphries for an article about our unique Christmas Day Mass. The article will probably be in this week's *Leader* (if not, it will be Christmas week).

More about Advent

The Advent Wreath in Churches is often referred to as an Advent Crown. The crown is often made up of a wreath of greenery and has four candles round the outside *and one in the middle or in a separate place*. Sometimes a more traditional candelabra is used to display the five candles.

One candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent, two are lit on the second Sunday and so on. Each candle has a different meaning in Christianity.

The first Candle represents Isaiah and other prophets in the bible that predicted the coming of Jesus.

The second represents the bible.

The third represents Mary, the mother of Jesus.

The fourth represents John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who told the people in Israel to get ready for Jesus' teaching.

The middle or separate candle is lit on Christmas Day and represents Jesus, the light of the world.

In Germany this fifth candle is known as the 'Heiligabend' and is lit on Christmas Eve.

Advent was first recorded about 380AD in Spain. By the 6th century, there are records of monks in Tours (in France) holding a pre-Christmas fast. By end of the 6th century, the four Sundays before Christmas had commonly become known as Advent Sundays.

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; 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.

Yesterday's Advent Quiet Day five people participated in the Little Company Quiet Day here yesterday. It was a time of listening, prayer and reflection. Thank you to all involved.

Music at Midnight as *Trio Con Brio* is unavailable this year, our instrumental music at Midnight Mass will be provided by *Alto Strings* (courtesy of University of Melbourne booking service). These young musicians have in fact performed here at St James's on a previous occasion.

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 Mission Envelopes

Help the Anglican Board of Mission *Hope for Life* Appeal for young parents greatly in need of support. Giving Envelopes for the Sundays of Advent re enclosed with today's *Church Paper*

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.

**2016 Offertory Envelopes
are now available for collection in the Narthex**

Offertory Income: December 6: Advent II - \$682.05

Advent III

13.12.15

The Liturgy Today

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

Hymns: Entrance 59; Gradual 271 (i);
Offertory 269; Post Communion 368 (omit v2) tune 114

Sidesman: V. Coffey ; Deacon: R. Williams
Cantor: Roger Danne; Lectors: Dr J. Willis & G. Bahula
Refreshments: M. Knopf

After Mass today, join us for Coffee in the Narthex.

**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 , Elsternwick
*Welcome Johan's friends who join us today especially for the
Interment of his ashes.*

Kalendar & Events this Week

Monday St John of the Cross

Tuesday 6.30 p.m. Advent Study Group
at the home of Gary Bartholomew

Thursday 11.00 a.m. Mass
5.00 p.m. Little Company Chapter

Next week: **ADVENT IV**
10.30 a.m. Children's Mass with
the Lighting of the Advent Candles

& Children's Christmas Lunch Treat at the Vicarage

On duty next week: Sidesman: V. de Crespigny ; Deacon: A. Duran
Lectors: The Sunday School
Refreshments: G. Bartholomew

