

The Church Paper

St James the Great, East St Kilda



Jesus the Good Shepherd

EASTERTIDE

Intentional Interim Priest:

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Sunday

Solemn Mass at 10.30 a.m.

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

During last week the Archbishop of Canterbury commented on the most surprising revelation that the man he had always believed to have been his father was not indeed his father saying, "I know that I find who I am in Jesus Christ, not in genetics, and my identity in him never changes." The archbishop has been widely applauded for his statements on this matter (the Church Times article on the matter can be found at www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2016/8-april/news/uk/welby-speaks-of-redemption-after-revelations-about-his-true-father). I believe that the archbishop has shown outstanding leadership in what must have been a most stressful time for him. What I want emphasise though, is the archbishop's comment about identity: "I find who I am in Jesus Christ, not in genetics."

In today's Gospel Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." These words express profoundly the relationship which exists between Christ and those who are identified as "his sheep" and who are known to him. This identity in Christ is the important identity which we as Christians acknowledge and proclaim. So, when Archbishop Justin says that "I find who I am in Jesus Christ", he is putting his finger on just where we as Christians find who we are and, by taking this to its logical conclusion, we find our life in this relationship with Jesus. And this I believe is true both individually and corporately; as individual Christians and as members of the body of Christ, the church, we find who we are in Jesus Christ.

As Jesus' people here in this parish, we have embarked on the journey of discerning how we live as church and as a group of individuals in the next phase of our parish life. I believe that as we do that we need to keep our focus on defining ourselves individually, but most importantly corporately, by our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Until next Week, Bless you all!

Richard.

Estate Planning & Wills Information - Free Event

Wednesday May 4, 2016

Registration from 9.30 a.m. for a 10.00 a.m. start

Ground Floor, 401 Collins St., City

Enquiries: Call Jen Van Ewyk on 9412 6173

Email: eps@anglicarevic.org.au

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Easter IV

17.4.16

**Good Shepherd Sunday
The Liturgy Today**

10.30 a.m. Procession and Solemn Mass (BCP)

At the beginning of all Eastertide Liturgies, the priest greets the faithful saying

Christ is risen! Alleluia Alleluia!

And the people respond **He is risen indeed! Alleluia Alleluia**

Hymns: Please see Hymn Board

The Regina Coeli will be sung after the Notices and before the Dismissal.

The text is found on page 11 of the Solemn Mass booklet.

On Duty: Sidesman: K McDowell Murphy

Deacon: A Duran ; Lectors: D Stidston and G Bahula

Refreshments: K McDowell Murphy

Parish Council

Meets today in the Narthex following Morning Coffee

Kalendar & Events this Week

Tuesday St Alphege, bishop & martyr

Wednesday St Beuno, abbot

**Thursday St Anselm, bishop & doctor
11.00 am Mass**

Friday St George, Patron of England

Next week: Easter V

10.00 a.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass (APBA)

On duty next week: Sidesman: V. Coffey

Deacon: R. Williams ; Lectors: Dr J. Willis & L. Hawkes

Refreshments: G. Bartholomew

✠ A Prayer to the Good Shepherd ✠

Gather together your sheep, Lord ...
Those who are lost – search out;
Those who have strayed – bring back;
Those who are wounded – bind their wounds;
Those who are sick – cure;
Those bearing young – watch over them;
All of your sheep – keep them safe in your flock
(Lucien Deiss, 1976)

Prayers of the Faithful: Trevor Bulled OGS; Noella; Judy Reynolds; John Ahern; Sister Hilary CHN; Maria Pythagoras; Geraldine Coulthurst; Virginia; Marjorie; Sister Raphael OSB; Stephen & Jill; Michael Muschamp; Adrian Stephens, priest; young Noah; June Little; Ken Mason OGS; Sally; Sonja Knopf; Linda Osmond, priest; Betty Boyle; Mark; Rory & Anna; Geoffrey & Margaret Clarke; Elizabeth Peters; Fay; Gladys Wheeler; Bill Smith; Vilma Byrne; Sister Lyn & Sister Philippa; Jamie.

This Good Shepherd Sunday please pray for the Oratory and the Little Company in the Brothers' consecration to Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Study Group the next Little Company Study Group is scheduled for Thursday April 28 at Gary Bartholomew's home at 6.30 p.m. Please use the Narthex list to indicate your participation.

The Queenscliff Ferry Trip The week beginning Sunday April 24 is the earliest possibility for the trip which will be totally weather dependent & will probably be a weekday, departing 11.00 a.m. from Queenscliff & returning from Sorrento at 2.00 p.m.

Building and Site Works - Contractors *Bonanni Pty Ltd* continue to make good progress with building and landscaping works in and around St James' House. At present the contractors are three weeks ahead of schedule.

Offertory Income: April 10 Easter III - \$687.40

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."

From Father Richard - Election of Synod Representatives

Having been instructed by the Archbishop to arrange for the election of two parish representatives and one alternate representative on the 52nd Synod of the diocese which will first meet in October of this year, We have recently been represented by two very conscientious parish representatives and have had one of our parishioners representing Southern Region on Synod as well. As the last Synod abolished regions, there will be no regional representatives at the 52nd Synod, therefore we are only required to elect parish representatives. I am now calling for nominations for two representatives and one alternate representative.

Nomination forms are to be found on the table in the narthex and nominations will close at 10:30 am on Sunday, April 24. Nomination forms with the required details completed should be handed to me or to the parish administrator by the due time. If an election is required for any of these positions, it will be held after Mass on Sunday May 1.

PASTORAL VISIT

to St James the Great

Sunday May 8, 2016

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass

Preacher:

The Right Rev'd Genieve Blackwell

Marmingatha Episcopate

A Buffet Lunch follows in

The Harriett Croxford Room

Please use the Narthex list to book for the lunch



Bishop Genieve (pictured above) serves as Bishop of the *Marmingatha Episcopate* which largely covers the parishes which are within Melbourne's urban redevelopment zone. The Wurundjeri word "*Marmingatha*" means "divine, supreme being" and was chosen after consultation between the Archbishop and the elders of the Wurundjeri tribe. The other two episcopates are named "*Jumbunna*" meaning "Proclamation" and "*Oodthenong*" meaning "Gathering".



The St James' Community

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Churchwardens

Vicar's Warden: Mr Alfonso Duran, Mob. 0400 707 508

People's Wardens: Ms Kate Mc Dowell Murphy, Mob. 0412 887 865

Mr Ronald Williams, Phone 9527 2941

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Parish Administrator & Business Manager

Mr Michael Knopf, Phone 9527 1017

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Organist

Mr Mark Raczynski, B. Mus. (Melb.) L. Mus. A

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Parish Office Assistants

Mr Francisco Alfonso & Mrs Valerie Coffey

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Verger & Hospitalier

Gary Bartholomew: 0408 542 512

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Sunday School

Contact: Ms Treasure Vellis, Phone 0413 901 819

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St Kilda Steiner Kindergarten

Pre-School Sessions daily, Monday - Friday

Enquiries Phone: 9527 5168

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Little Patch Child Care Centre

Commencing operations here at St James's in 2016

Enquiries to Dean & Michelle Clarke - Phone: 0419 548 477

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The Little Company & Companions of the Good Shepherd

A parish-based Religious Community

Enquiries: 0438 450 011

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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"