

The Church Paper

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



LENT

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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

Thank you to those who have sent their congratulations to Elizabeth on her ordination last week and thank you also to all who prayed for on that occasion. She is settling in to her curacy at St Silas Albert Park and also, she and her sister, Christine, are feeling comfortable as residents of Albert Park.

Today we start our Sunday Lenten observances and there is a low-key, slightly understated look and feel to the church as we embark on this most sacred and prayerful season in preparation for celebrating the glories of Easter.

We made a good start to Lent on Wednesday evening and I thank those who contributed to our Ash Wednesday liturgy and also to those who have veiled the adornments of the church ready for today; it is a great comfort to know that such tasks will be performed as we move from week to week and to know that our beautiful church will always reflect the devotion and prayerful life of the parish.

I felt that last week's parish meeting was useful and I look forward to continuing the good work from that meeting as we travel the journey of this interim time at St James.

I pray that we will all observe a holy Lent and that our souls will be fed by our Lenten disciplines.

Until next week, Bless you all

Richard

Lenten Devotions:

The Stations of the Cross

Note your name on the Narthex list if you are willing to commit to attend Stations of the Cross before Mass at 10.00 a.m. on Lenten Sundays (apart from the Healing Service on the 4th Sunday).

The Little Company is offering a Lenten weeknight devotion and study centred around a meal. If interested please note your name on the Narthex list. For further information, please speak with Gary Bartholomew.



Why are the Sacred Images Veiled during Lent?

It is an ancient custom of the Church to veil images during Lent and at least from the Fifth Lenten Sunday.

Many Churches in the world continue this custom today. It is an act of fasting - not from food or meat, but an act of fasting for our eyes. Our eyes are not given the pleasure of the sacred images during our Lenten journey.

It calls all who enter the Shrine to enter inward to the heart, contemplating the great gift of the Lord's Death and Resurrection.

Without any other focus, we are called to remember the central mysteries of our redemption during this holy time. It creates an environment of penance and royal hope as we anticipate the reawakening of the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil.

It can also be a reminder that our lives are to be hidden in Christ, and find their only meaning in His Cross. At Easter, we again will feast our eyes on the beauty of the art that enhances the Shrine where we worship.



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

At the Ash Wednesday Liturgy the entire congregation symbolically enters the *order of penitents* by receiving ashes. For analogous motives, the images of crosses and of the saints are also covered from the start of Lent. Here at St James's we had a moving Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Thank you all involved, but especially Father Richard and the musicians.

Thank you those who participated in last Sunday's Candlemas Meeting of the Congregation. Useful and frank discussion took place attesting to the good will of our community and its on-going life as a congregation.

And Thank you to our Verger for assisting Fr Roger with the Lenten veiling of the signs of faith. And thank you Gordon Crow from whom we have once again obtained our Palm Crosses (our supplier for several years).

Clearing & Preparation in and around St James' House has continued through this week to enable the Child Care Centre building works. Thank you Alfie for organizing and Ron and the Alesi brothers for their help. Happily, Treasure and Patrick now have the St James' House piano for their sons' use.

Steiner Kindergarten the attractive refurbished children's toilets and wash-room area is now in use and much appreciated by the kinder community.

Offertory Income: February 7: Candlemas - \$1,010.00

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."

The St James' Community

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Churchwardens

Vicar's Warden: Mr Alfonso Duran, Mob. 040070750

People's Wardens: Ms Kate Mc Dowell Murphy, Mob. 0412 887865

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 Assistant

Mr Francisco Alfonso

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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: 95275168

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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 of Brothers of the Good Shepherd

A parish-based Religious Community

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"

St James the Great - a holy place, a place of hope...

The Church of the Blessing of Animals.

LENT I

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The Liturgy Today

10.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.30 a.m. The Litany & Solemn Mass

The Litany replaces the Prayers of the Faithful during the Liturgy.

Hymns: Gradual: 591; Offertory: 141; Post Communion: 463.

Memorial Acclamation in Lent:

Dying you destroyed our death;

Rising you restored our life;

Lord Jesus come in glory.

Retiring Collection today for a needy aboriginal family.

Sidesman: D. Stidston; Deacon: M. Knopf

Cantor: Loreta Hodson; Lectors: Dr J. Willis & L. Hawkes;

Refreshments: D. Stidston

Join us for Refreshments in the Narthex

Kalendar & Events this Week

Tuesday St Polycarp, bishop & martyr

Ember Days: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

Thursday 11.00 a.m. Mass

5.30 p.m. Exposition & Little Company Chapter

Ember Saturday The Saints & Martyrs of Africa

Next week: LENT II

10.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass

12.00 p.m. Oratory Companions Meeting at the Vicarage

On duty next week: Sidesman: S. Payne; Deacon: D. Stidston

Lectors: G. Bartholomew & M. Knopf; Refreshments: M. Knopf

Next Parish Council Meeting: Sunday March 6