

The Church Paper

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



LENT

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Sunday

Stations of the Cross at 10.00 a.m.

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

As I indicated that I would do, I have started talking to people about the best way to reintroduce a regular BCP mass into our parish liturgical life. I hope that we can start in March having a BCP mass on one Sunday each month. There are some issues which will need to be resolved before we start on this. One very important area to be addressed is the question of music and I hope to address this with Mark in the very near future to explore the best way to handle this aspect of the BCP rite. Another aspect of the introduction involves how to approach 'lections and language' to ensure that we remain both authentic and consistent in the way we celebrate in this manner. Please feel free to talk to me about this or email any suggestions/concerns or comments to me.

We are now well launched into Lent and I pray that however you have decided to observe Lent, you are finding that God's gift of this season is really proving a blessing to you this year.

On Friday, I attended my first deanery meeting in this deanery and it was a stimulating and worthwhile gathering at Christ Church, St Kilda. This deanery is quite different from the Melbourne deanery of which I am a member in my other ministry at RMIT. This difference has reminded me that one of the really good things about our Church and our diocese is that positive and useful things can be done differently from setting to setting without any one being necessarily better than others and certainly no-one way of doing things being superior to others.

Until next week, bless you all as we continue to observe a holy Lent,

Richard

Lenten Devotions:

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

The Little Company is offering a Lenten devotion and study around a meal on Tuesday the 1st of March at 6.00 p.m. See Gary Bartholomew for details.

A Lenten Midday Devotion will be said in the church this week on Monday, Friday & Saturday following the ringing of the noon Angelus.

Join the Little Company for a Lenten Quiet Day on Saturday March 12. To participate, please check details and note your name on the Narthex list.

LENT II

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The Liturgy Today

10.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass

Hymns: Gradual: 193; Offertory: 116; Post Communion: 234.

Memorial Acclamation in Lent:

The priest intones - The Mystery of Faith & the people respond -

Dying you destroyed our death;

Rising you restored our life;

Lord Jesus come in glory.

Sidesman: S. Payne; Deacon: D. Stidston

Cantor: M. Raczynski; Lectors: G. Bartholomew & M. Knopf;

Refreshments: M. Knopf

Join us for Refreshments in the Narthex

12.00 p.m. Oratory Companions Meeting at the Vicarage

Kalendar & Events this Week

Tuesday St Polycarp, bishop & martyr

Wednesday ST MATTHIAS, apostle & martyr

12.15 p.m. Fr Roger says mass at the Cathedral

Thursday 11.00 a.m. Mass

5.30 p.m. Exposition & Little Company Chapter

Next week: LENT II

10.00 a.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass

On duty next week: Sidesman: K. McDowell Murphy;

Deacon: A. Duran; Lectors: Dr J. Willis & G. Bahula;

Refreshments: K. McDowell Murphy

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. Alexandra

Lenten Envelopes from the Anglican Board of Mission are included inside this edition of the *Church Paper*. Please use these envelopes as a part of your observance of Lent. Just think - if twenty members of our congregation each gave \$5.00 per week we would be able to make a donation of over \$700 at the end of Lent for the work of overseas Mission. Who would like to organize this as a Lenten work for God?

42 years a Priest Fr Roger celebrates his 42nd Anniversary of Ordination as a priest on Wednesday, the Feast of St Matthias. Laus Deo!

Welcome home Valerie after your visit to New York for the birth of your grandson, Selby. It's good to have you safely home again!

The Next Parish Council Meeting is on Sunday March 6.

Sunday School Lent Focus also on Sunday March 6 (Lent IV)

Administrative Help Speak with Fr Roger if you are able to assist with clerical and other practical chores in the parish office. This week Monday would be a practical day for this.

The Hamper for the Needy at present *urgently* needs long-life milk, instant coffee & tea bags; sweet biscuits; sugar; cereals; tins of soup & instant noodle snacks. Thank you for your support.

Offertory Income: February 14: Lent I - \$652.65

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.”

TEN THINGS YOU CAN TRY FOR THE LENTEN SEASON:

Upper Room Ministries

10. Try an electronic fast. Give up TV, Facebook, texting, tweeting, e-mail and all things electronic for at least one day every week. Use the time to read & pray.

9. Start a prayer rhythm. Each day of Lent, and pray for another person.

8. Go deeper into the Bible. Read one of the Lessons set each day for morning or Evening Prayer.

7. Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.) Study a book on forgiveness.

6. Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea or coffee. Let Lent inspire you to give up some food or drink as a way to grow closer to God. Give the money you save to help people in a different part of the world who are in crisis.

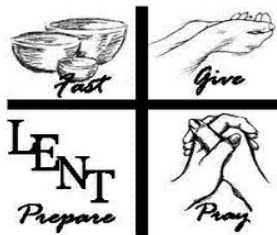
5. Create a daily quiet time. Spend 10 minutes a day in silence and prayer. Read a daily devotional for the Season of Lent. See how it can help you add spiritual practice to your daily life beyond Lent.

4. Cultivate a life of gratitude. Write someone a thank you letter each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way.

3. Participate in a Lent Photo-a-Day practice and pray each day with your camera in your hand.

2. Volunteer one hour or more each week with a local shelter, or a tutoring program, nursing home, or some practical work in your parish church.

1. Pray for others you see driving to and from work or as you walk to the shops or in your every-day activities.



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"