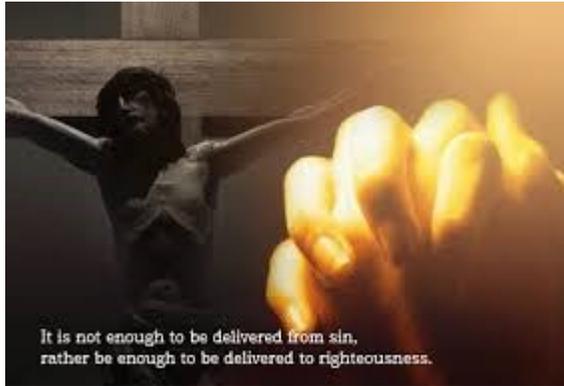


The Church Paper

*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

Today's celebration of Mothering Sunday is one of those examples of traditions in the Church which are inherited from our "Mother Church", the Church of England. It is not an ancient tradition and the practices and traditions surrounding it are an amalgamation of practices and traditions established over many years. It does however constitute a very Anglican celebration and one which both draws upon and highlights significant elements of our Anglican ecclesiology and character.

There is a very appropriate canticle for this occasion, containing as it does a reflection on the mothering characteristics of Jesus' compassion, grace and mercy and also on the Lenten themes of compassion grace and forgiveness:

*Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.
In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.*

Anselm (1109)

Until next week, bless you all

Richard

Lenten Devotions:

Stations of the Cross are said at 10.00 a.m. on Lenten Sundays

Quiet Day Saturday March 12; 10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. (BYO Lunch)

The Little Company is offering a Lenten devotion and study around a meal next on Tuesday the 15th of March at 6.30 p.m.

A Lenten Midday Devotion will be said in the church this week on Tuesday, Friday & Saturday.

**Thank you Kate for baking our Mothering Sunday Simnel Cake.
Happy Mothering Sunday to all.**

Roster: The March Roster has been emailed to all who assist.
Copies are also available on the Narthex table.

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Mothering Sunday

The Liturgy Today

10.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

**10.30 a.m. Litany of Penitence, Blessing of Simnel Cake
& Solemn Mass**

Hymns: Gradual: 448; Offertory: 137; Post Communion: 585.

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.

On Duty: Sidesman: V. de Crespigny; Deacon: R. Williams;

Cantor: Loreta Hodson; Lectors: M. Knopf & L. Hawkes

Refreshments: M. Knopf

Join us for Refreshments in the Narthex

12.00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting in the Kinder Classroom

Kalendar & Events this Week

Monday St Perpetua & St Felicity

Tuesday St John of God, Religious

Wednesday St Francis of Rome

Thursday St John Ogilvie

11.00 a.m. Mass

5.00 p.m. Exposition & Little Company Chapter

Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Lenten Quiet Day

Next week: LENT V

10.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass (BCP)

On duty next week: Sidesman: D. Stidston;

Deacon: M. Knopf; Lectors: G. Bartholomew & V. Coffey

Refreshments: D. Stidston

New Awnings were installed on the north west side of the Vicarage last Tuesday

Hooray!

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; Christina Melches; Geoffrey & Margaret Clarke; Elizabeth Peters; Gladys Wheeler; Bill Smith; Vilma Byrne; Sister Lyn & Sister Philippa; Jamie.

Lenten Envelopes A reminder - you have the opportunity to make a special Lenten Offering for overseas Mission. Giving envelopes are in the pews.

Holy Week participation URGENT - Please use the Narthex lists to register your presence and participation in the Holy Week ceremonies here at St James's. The Maundy Meal (including your contribution) and the Watch until Midnight need particular attention.

Sunday School Last Sunday the children gathered for their Lenten focus. Thank you for the special morning coffee treats that were a part of this. Copies of the Sunday School program until the end of July are on the Narthex table.

Lenten Study seven of our folk enjoyed the Cowley Fathers Lenten study on why we have a Rule of Life. Thank you Gary Bartholomew for your hospitality especially the delicious Lenten fish pie.

Administrative Help Speak with the Parish Administrator if you are able to assist with clerical and practical chores in the parish office. This week, Wednesday & Thursday would be a practical days for these chores.

The Hamper for the Needy URGENT reminder - Please remember that at present the Hamper needs long-life milk, instant coffee & tea bags; sweet biscuits; sugar; cereals; tins of soup & instant noodle snacks.

Offertory Income: February 28: Lent III - \$642.90.

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.”

Lenten notes from the Church of England



Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added. Now is the healing time decreed for sins of heart and word and deed, when we in humble fear record the wrong that we have done the Lord. (Latin, before 12th century)

As the candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be re-admitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The calculation of the forty days has varied considerably in Christian history. It is now usual in the West to count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (not including Sundays), so beginning Lent on the sixth Wednesday before Easter, Ash Wednesday. Liturgical dress is the simplest Possible.

Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. The Gloria in excelsis is not used, the Alleluia never uttered and the Collect for Ash Wednesday is said every day in Lent after the Collect if the Day. The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare or Refreshment Sunday) was allowed as a day of relief from the rigour of Lent, and the Feast of the Annunciation almost always falls in Lent; these breaks from austerity are the background to the modern observance of Mothering Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Lent when simnel cake is blessed and shared as a sign of the sweetness of the new resurrection life to come.

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative formerly on the Fifth Sunday but now on Palm Sunday has caused it to be renamed as Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.

There are many devotional exercises which may be used in Lent and Holy Week outside the set liturgy. The Stations of the Cross, made popular in the West by the Franciscans after they were granted custody of the Christian sites in the Holy Land, are the best known.

The St James' Community



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Mr Ronald Williams, Phone 9527 2941



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Mr Michael Knopf, Phone 9527 1017



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



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Mr Francisco Alfonso



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St Kilda Steiner Kindergarten

Pre-School Sessions daily, Monday - Friday

Enquiries Phone: 95275168



Little Patch Child Care Centre

Commencing operations here at St James's in 2016

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



The Little Company of Brothers of the Good Shepherd

A parish-based Religious Community

Enquiries to the Father Guardian: 9527 1017



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"