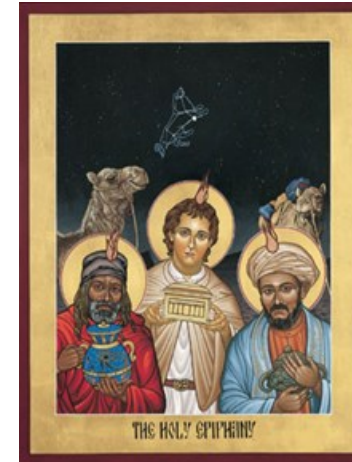


The Church Paper

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



EPIPHANY

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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,

Epiphany and the celebration next week of Jesus' Baptism, commemorate the first two occasions on which Jesus' divinity, according to Christian belief, was manifested (the word 'epiphany' has its root in a Greek word meaning 'show' or 'manifest').

The two events are: when the kings or wise men or scholars from the east visited the infant Jesus in Bethlehem (Epiphany), and when John the Baptist baptized him in the River Jordan.

Churches in the Catholic tradition, and many Protestant churches celebrate the Epiphany either on the sixth of January or on a Sunday close to it and the Baptism of Jesus on the second Sunday after Christmas. The Orthodox tradition is to celebrate Christmas on the Day we celebrate Epiphany.

I commend the reading of TS Eliot's *Journey of the Magi* and as an Epiphany meditation or contemplation.

The text of the poem can be found at:

<http://allpoetry.com/The-Journey-Of-The-Magi>.

Until next week, Bless you all

Fr Richard

Russian Christmas
at Holy Trinity St Nicholas, East St Kilda
Vespertal Liturgy of Christmas Eve
Wednesday January 6 at 7.00 p.m.
Followed by Supper

Greetings Fr Roger has received further Christmas & Epiphany greetings from many friends and people associated with the parish, including Fr Barry Moran of St Mary's East St Kilda, as well as our friend Les Marmo (who also sent his apology for yesterday's Garden Party from Chang Mai). Fr Brian Porter also sent greetings (on his way to Oxford for the marriage of his son, Patrick). David Southwick MP and David and Jacqui Wagner, our parish architects also sent greetings.

From a Sermon given at Sung Eucharist on the Epiphany of Our Lord on the 6th January, 2012

The Very Reverend Dr John Hall, *Dean of Westminster*

“ Here is part of The Queen’s message about the meaning of the Incarnation of God in Jesus Christ for a troubled world. She spoke of ‘finding hope in adversity’ as one of the themes of Christmas. And she recognised the world into which Jesus was born as being ‘full of fear.’

She went on, ‘The angels came to frightened shepherds with hope in their voices: “Fear not”, they urged, “we bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.”’

‘Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) – but a Saviour, with the power to forgive. Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God’s love.’

The Queen quoted a prayer and concluded, ‘It is my prayer that on this Christmas day we might all find room in our lives for the message of the angels and for the love of God through Christ our Lord.’

As today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, his manifestation to the Gentiles, and the worship of the magi, we might pray that all the authorities of this world – and we ourselves – might come to understand and obey their duty above all, not to any intermediate religious authorities, but to the ultimate authority of Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords.”



Prayers of the Faithful: Michael Casley; Trevor Bulled OGS; Noella; John Graham; Maria Pythagoras; Geraldine Coulthurst; Tammy; Virginia; Marjorie; Sister Raphael OSB; Stephen & Jill; Adrian Stephens, priest; Michael Muschamp; Andrew; Sharon; young Noah; June Little; Ken Mason OGS; Max; Brother Brian SSF; Sonja Knopf; Linda Osmond, priest; Marcus; 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.

Last Rites Michael Casley received Viaticum on December 30 and Last Rites on New Year's Day when Fr Roger was called to go to the Alfred in the late afternoon. He continues to move in and out of Consciousness. Pray for him.

Child Care Centre Preliminary Works

The culling of churchyard trees will commence on Tuesday January 5 in preparation for the commencement of works on the St James' House building. Meanwhile there are extensive works taking place in the Steiner Kindergarten children's toilets and washroom area.

Proposed Meetings in January & February

Sunday January 17 or 24 after Mass: Parish Council Conference

Sunday February 7 after Mass: Candlemas Meeting of the
Congregation

New Year's Day Garden Party Thank you Gary Bartholomew, Michael Knopf and all who assisted Fr Roger to organize our traditional New Year's Day Garden Party, this year attended by 15 of our people. While the sky was not blue, the weather was mild so that we were able to enjoy the garden and a pleasant lunch together.

Offertory Income: December 24/25: Christmas - \$706.10

Sunday December 27: The Holy Family - \$875.80

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.

The Holy Epiphany

3.1.16

The Liturgy Today

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass & Epiphany Ceremonies &

Devotions at the Crib

Hymns: Entrance: 310 (tune 454) Gradual: 314 Offertory: 301

Post Communion 309 (Refrain - *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*)

Sidesman: V. de Crespigny; Deacon: M. Knopf; Cantor: A. Alesi

Lectors: Dr J. Willis & L. Hawkes Refreshments: M. Knopf

Join us for Morning Coffee in the Narthex

Kalendar & Events this Week

Tuesday Site Works commence

around St James' House

12.00 p.m. Mass

Thursday St Raymond of Penyafort, priest

11.00 a.m. Mass

Friday 2.45 p.m. Interment of the Ashes of Hermann Knopf R.I.P.

at Springvale Crematorium,

Next week THE BAPTISM of the LORD

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass & Procession to the Font

On duty next week: Sidesman: A. Robertson ; Deacon: A. Duran

Lectors: G. Bartholomew & G. Bahula

Refreshments: G. Bartholomew

January Roster has been emailed and is also on the Narthex table.

Away during January: Warden Ron Williams continues his holiday in India visiting with family and friends, while Valerie Coffey left for New York last Thursday in anticipation of the birth of her grand daughter. Valerie will be in the U.S. until March . Meanwhile David Stidston is now at the 24th Australian Scout Jamboree attended by 12,000 Scouts at Cataract Lake near Sydney. And during January, Kate McDowell Murphy is holidaying with her family at Phillip Island.