

The Church Paper

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



The Presentation of the Lord

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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/
St_James_the_Great_St_Kilda_East](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_James_the_Great_St_Kilda_East)**

The Interim Vicar Writes

Dear People

After Mass today, as we meet to discuss future of the parish, I pray that we will start to flesh out exactly how we see the way forward, liturgically, spiritually, and organisationally. I have been approached by several members of the parish family with matters that they wish to be discussed or upon which they seek information or clarification. I intend to address the matters of information and clarification in my presentation to the meeting, and I will also raise those issues upon which people wish to engage as a congregation.

Today, Candlemass marks the end of our celebrations of our Lord's nativity and epiphany and we now move, on Wednesday, into the Church's great season of Lent; our contemplation of, reflection on, and immersion in, the meaning and force of Christ's Passion and the anticipation of its consummation in the Resurrection and Ascension as the fulfilment of God's promised work of salvation on the cross and in the empty tomb, and in his living presence with us as our resurrected Saviour. May we all observe a blessed and meaningful Lenten season.

It was a joy to join my daughter, Elizabeth and the others ordained deacon in St Paul's Cathedral yesterday and I urge you all to pray for them as they commence their ministry in their various places today.

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 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 and speak with Gary for further information.

The PRESENTATION of the LORD 7.2.16

(Commonly called Candlemas)

The Liturgy Today

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass, Procession & the Blessing of Candles

The congregation is invited to follow the Ministers' Procession into the Lady Chapel for the Proclamation of the Holy Gospel

Hymns: Gradual & Offertory: Candlemas Hymn leaflet

Post Communion: 324 (tune 485)

Communion Anthem: *Mache dich, mein Herze rein* J.S. Bach

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

Cantor: Andrew Alesi; Lectors: Dr J. Willis & G. Bahula

Refreshments: G. Bartholomew

Join us for Refreshments in St James' House after which the Candlemas Meeting of the Congregation will be convened.

Kalendar & Events this Week

Monday St Jerome Emiliani

**5.00 p.m. Exposition &
Little Company Chapter**

Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY

**7.00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes
& Solemn Mass**

Thursday Our Lady of Lourdes

11.00 a.m. Mass

Next week: LENT I

10.30 a.m. The Litany & Solemn Mass

On duty next week: Sidesman: D. Stidston; Deacon: M. Knopf

Lectors: Dr J. Willis & L. Hawkes; Refreshments: D. Stidston



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; Tammy.

Blessings & Prayers for the Reverend Elizabeth Murray, yesterday made a Deacon of the Church of God.

Father Roger has returned from Holy Trinity Fortitude Valley, Brisbane where he was visiting with Fr Trevor OGS. Last Sunday he was the preacher at each of the Masses. He also assisted at the Monday evening Mass at 7.30 p.m.

Thank you to Trevor Jones for his work around the grounds and also to Sharmaine Fisher for assisting Alfie Duran with the gradual clearing of St James' House. Thank you Alfie Duran for coordinating these works.

Offertory Income: January 31: 4th Ordinary Sunday - \$870.30

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

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 during 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"

The vicissitudes of life for a long-distance Vicar



Welcome Selby Sol Hibberd

Born on the Feast of the Presentation, 2nd February 2016

Congratulations to Rebecca and Spike and not forgetting,

Grandma Valerie Coffey.

St James' folk will be delighted to hear of the safe delivery of young Selby early last Tuesday. Valerie is elated and thanks us for our prayers. Fr Roger well recalls baptising Rebecca here at St James's on the 18th of March, 1984. This month in 2016, he finds himself house-sitting at Valerie's Sycamore Grove residence.

Congratulations Dr Peter French

Meanwhile last Friday evening Peter French was inducted as parish priest of St John's Toorak. Peter grew up in this parish and was the son of Michael and Christine (who was a member of St James's since childhood). His father, Michael was both warden and treasurer of St James the Great when Fr Roger arrived as vicar and Peter was eventually a little boy at Grimwade House. Soon after Fr Roger's induction, he baptised Peter's young sister, Elizabeth in the April of 1978.

Today as we pray for the new priest of St John's we give thanks for our part in his life and formation and indeed in the life of Valerie and the formation of her daughter Rebecca now a young mother to Selby.