

# The Church Paper

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



## The Feast of Pentecost

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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*

## **An interesting perspective on Pentecost.**

Dear People - I offer this for your contemplation:

Some years ago, Professor David Crystal, well known as an expert in linguistics, proposed a rationale for the events of that momentous Day of Pentecost (“Why did the crowd think that St Peter was drunk? An exercise in applied sociolinguistics”, *New Blackfriars*, 79 (1998)).

Drawing on the phenomenon of *diglossia* — the existence side by side of a “high” and “low” version of a language (e.g. High and Low German), or of a formal literary language alongside a vernacular (e.g. Latin and English) — he considered the apostles and the crowds in Jerusalem.

The main languages spoken by the pilgrims would have been Greek and Aramaic. The language of the Temple and its worship would have been Hebrew, but this was not the ordinary medium of conversation: the apostles are likely to have been bilingual in Aramaic and Greek. Certainly, the fact that they were understood by their audience as speaking so that everyone heard the message in his or her “own native language” (Acts 2.8) indicates that this was not an instance of *glossolalia*, which would have required special interpretation, but intelligible human speech.

The shock for the crowd was hearing prophecy not in the “high” language of Hebrew, but in everyday “low” languages in which they normally communicated. Quite excusably, they concluded that Peter and his colleagues were drunk.

It was not Professor Crystal’s intention to deny the wonder of what happened, but to read it differently. He points out that the Greek New Testament uses a verb best translated “as the Holy Spirit was *giving utterance* to them” (Acts 2.4). This, he says, “refers to the uttering of inspired, authoritative speech”.

Suddenly, “ordinary people [were] speaking out powerfully. It is the impressive witnessing, not the language used, which was the true miracle.”

We celebrate this feast believing that the same miracle can happen again.

Until next week when we celebrate the mystery and blessing of the Holy Trinity.

*Richard*



**The Liturgy Today**

**10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass (APBA)**

**Hymns: Entrance: 398, Gradual: 396, Offertory: 397,  
Post Communion: *O Breathe On Me Breath of God* (see Page 5)  
On duty: Sidesman: K. McDowell Murphy; Deacon: M. Knopf  
Lectors: Dr . Willis & L. Hawkes;  
Cantor: Justin Peters; Refreshments: K. McDowell**

**12 noon The Angelus and Prayers for Unity  
Followed by a buffet lunch in the  
Harriet Croxford Room**

**Kalendar & Events this Week**

**Wednesday St John, Priest and Martyr**

**Thursday St Dunstan**

**11.00am Mass**

**Saturday 12 noon Oratory Chapter Gathering**

**Next week: Trinity Sunday**

**10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass (APBA)**

**On duty Sidesman: V. Coffey ; Deacon: D. Stidston**

**next week: Lectors: D. Stidston & V. Coffey; Refreshments: M. Knopf**

**Help Fr Jabulani OGS** raise \$2,792.18 to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in December this year. He has longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus but this prayerful wish will not be possible without the help and support of his friends.

Father Jabulani will be visiting us during July when the Oratory will bring the South African Brothers to attend the General Worldwide Chapter at St John's College, Brisbane later this year when Fr Roger OGS will make his life profession in the Order.

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**One of the earliest visual images of the Pentecost event is this illumination found in the Rabbula Gospels. This illustrated manuscript is thought to have been made in Syria in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. The Rabbula image of Pentecost shows the apostles gathered together in prayer with Mary the mother of Jesus at the centre of the group. The Holy Spirit is shown in the form of a dove.**            ✦



**Prayers of the Faithful:** Trevor Bulled OGS; Noella; Brother Howard LBF; Judy Reynolds; John Ahern; Sister Hilary CHN; Maria Pythagoras; Geraldine Coulthurst; Virginia; Marjorie; Sister Raphael OSB; Stephen & Jill; Michael Muschamp; Ray Frawley; Adrian Stephens, priest; young Noah; June Little; Ken Mason OGS; Sally; Sonja Knopf; Linda Osmond, priest; Betty Boyle; Mark; Rory & Anna; Geoffrey & Margaret Clarke; Elizabeth Peters; Fay; Gladys Wheeler; Bill Smith; Vilma Byrne; Sister Lyn & Sister Philippa.

**Little Company Study Group** thank you Gary Bartholomew for hosting last Tuesday's Study Group - for the delicious meal and the ambience that enabled open, frank discussion of important issues in our shared life.

**Visit of the Canterbury Singers** the choir will join us to sing the liturgy on Sunday 19 June at 10.30 a.m. Please note this date in your diary.

**Oratory Companions Chapter** at St James the Great **next** Saturday the 21st of May commencing at 12.00 p.m.

**Offertory Income: May 8, the Sunday after Ascension - \$820 .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**

## **Churchwardens**

**Vicar's Warden: Mr Alfonso Duran, Mob. 0400 707 508**

**People's Wardens: Ms Kate Mc Dowell Murphy, Mob. 0412 887 865**

**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 Assistants**

**Mr Francisco Alfonso & Mrs Valerie Coffey**

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**Verger & Hospitalier**

**Gary Bartholomew: 0408 542 512**

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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: 9527 5168**

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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 & Companions of the Good Shepherd**

**A parish-based Religious Community**

**Enquiries: 0438 450 011**

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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”**