

The Church Paper

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



The Feast of the Holy Trinity

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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

The Trinity. A theological concept? A matter of doctrine? Or perhaps something designed to make things difficult when they should be simple? How do we explain something that sounds spatially impossible and is rendered more unlikely by Jesus's imminent departure?

Physical presence is only one kind of presence, however, and now Jesus' physical presence must withdraw to enable another kind of presence. The Spirit comes as the third participant in the divine conversation relating what is exchanged in communication with the Father and the Son.

The Spirit is not a predictor of the future, either. The Spirit draws "out, in the new situations that will arise, fresh meaning in the events of Jesus's life" (*Life Abounding*, Liturgical Press, 2014).

Rosalind Brown suggests in *The Church Times*, "the Spirit will help the disciples to look backwards as well as forwards, to put together what they are still struggling to comprehend. Indeed, none of them has even asked where Jesus is going" (John 16.5)." yet I believe that we as a parish can look to the Spirit to be our guide as we to look forwards as well as backwards to reverse the last sentence in the light of our being the church here in St Kilda East.

Until next week,

Bless you all

Richard





The Liturgy Today

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass (APBA)

Hymns: Gradual: 132, Offertory: 127, Post Communion: 453

**On Duty: Sidesman: V. Coffey ; Deacon: D. Stidston
Cantor: Roger Danne; Lectors: D. Stidston & V. Coffey;
Refreshments: M. Knopf**

Kalendar & Events this Week

**Monday St Petroc, abbot
Tuesday St Aldhelm, bishop
Wednesday St Bede the Venerable
Thursday St Philip Neri, priest
11.00am Mass
Friday St Augustine of Canterbury**

Next week: Corpus Christi Sunday

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass (BCP)

**On duty Sidesman: D. Stidston; Deacon: R. Williams
next week: Lectors: M. Knopf & G. Bahula; Refreshments: D. Stidston**

Corpus Christi

Whilst next Sunday is observed as Corpus Christi Sunday the Lections will be those of the Ninth Ordinary Sunday.

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.

Prayers of the Faithful: Trevor Bulled OGS; Noella; Virginia; Brother Howard LBF; Judy Reynolds; John Ahern; Sister Hilary CHN; Maria Pythagoras; Geraldine Coulthurst; 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; Geoffrey & Margaret Clarke; Elizabeth Peters; Fay; Gladys Wheeler; Bill Smith; Vilma Byrne; Sister Lyn & Sister Philippa.

Please Pray for Ian and June Little At present Ian is in Cabrini Hospital. Hopefully he will return to his home early in the coming week. June, who recently celebrated her 90th Birthday is deteriorating gradually.

Tammy Gilfoyle is visiting Melbourne from interstate for the 21st Birthday celebrations of her daughter Stephanie. Tammy was both baptized and confirmed at St James's during 2002 and Stephanie was baptized and made her First Communion here at St James's as well.

Visit of the Canterbury Singers a reminder that 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.

Thank you all involved in last Sunday's Prayers for Unity on the Feast of Pentecost. As is our custom, following the Prayers, lunch was served in the Harriett Croxford Room. Thank you to those involved with preparations for the Prayer service and to Gary Bartholomew and all involved in the preparations for lunch.

The Oratory Companions Chapter at St James the Great Yesterday was a happy occasion with five of the Companions of the Melbourne College of the Oratory participating. Lunch was served at the Vicarage with the College meeting immediately afterwards. Thank you to Companion Gary Bartholomew for catering the lunch.

St Kilda Steiner Kindergarten the Parish Administrator will meet with the Steiner Kindergarten Teachers on Tuesday afternoon to discuss various planning matters.

May-July Glen Eira Health & Wellbeing Calendar Copies of the Calendar are available on the Narthex table.

Offertory Income: May 15, Whitsunday - \$607 .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

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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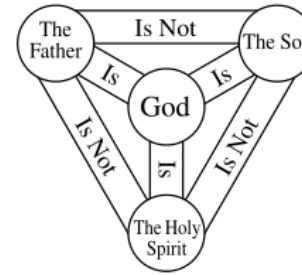
This Parish Community

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”

The Holy Trinity



The Christian doctrine of the Trinity (from Latin *trinitas* "triad", from *trinus* "threefold") defines God as three consubstantial persons or hypostases—the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit—as "one God in three Divine Persons". The three persons are distinct, yet are one "substance, essence or nature".

God is three persons. Each person is divine. There is only one God.

Many theologians admit that the term "person" is not a perfect word to describe the three individual aspects/foci found in God. When we normally use the word *person*, we understand it to mean physical individuals who exist as separate beings from other individuals. But in God there are not three entities nor three beings. God is a trinity of persons consisting of one substance and one essence. God is numerically one. Yet, within the single divine essence are three individual subsistences that we call persons.

Each of the three persons is completely divine in nature though each is not the totality of the Godhead.

Each of the three persons is not the other two persons.

Each of the three persons is related to the other two but are distinct from them.

The word "trinity" is not found in the Bible, but this does not mean that the concept is not taught there. The word "Bible" is not found in the Bible either, but we use it anyway. Likewise, the words "omniscience," which means "all-knowing," "omnipotence," which means "all-powerful," and "omnipresence," which means "present everywhere" are not found in the Bible either, but we use these words to describe the attributes of God.

So, to say that the Trinity isn't true because the word isn't in the Bible is an invalid argument

