

The Church Paper

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



Corpus Christi Sunday

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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_Dear_People

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As I opened the website of *Anglicans Online* on Monday of last week (this is the closest to “work” that I get on Mondays if I possibly can manage it), I was faced with this introduction to the front page article from last Sunday:

For the first time, the Archbishop of Canterbury hosted a live online Bible study through Facebook. Sitting in a dimly lit library, a ten minute discussion with the Rev'd Chris Russell on John 1:35-42 was followed by answering questions asked by online participants. There were over 2,000 participants from six continents.

The writer of the article said, *“We wonder ... whether something is not lost in the transition to an online format. The Archbishop and the Rev'd Russell had an animated discussion, and they clearly engaged with the text and their love for the Gospel ... Yet, there were times it felt like we were intruding on someone else's small Bible study group.”*

I find that there is a sense of “un-ease” when electronic devices are used in things like bible study and, particularly, worship; and especially when the Gospel is central to what is going on. As many of you are aware, I do not totally share this un-ease and I use a variety of works which I have loaded on my Kindle E-reader and, because the Kindle is, to me, simply a different way of storing books, I use it in the same way as I use a paper book and the text has for me the same virtues or drawbacks that a book has.

AND YET - There are some places I am not prepared to go. I would, for instance, draw the line at using an electronic version of the Gospel Book in a solemn mass! I realise that there is probably some sort of logical flaw in this, but that's how I feel. This raises the whole question of the use of technology, including Social Media etc. in our spiritual and religious lives (in our whole lives?), and perhaps particularly in worship.

I would be interested to hear your views, because I find myself questioning these sorts of issues more and more and would appreciate hearing the collective St James wisdom on them. Until next week as we officially enter winter,

Blessings to you all,

Richard



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Sunday

29.5.16



The Liturgy Today



10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass (BCP)

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

The Kyries: In place of the Kyrie the congregation respond with
“Lord Have Mercy Upon Us and Incline Our Hearts to Keep this Law”

Hymns: Gradual: 472, Psalm *TIS* 73, Offertory: 497,

Post Communion: 569

On Duty: Sidesman: D. Stidston; Deacon: R. Williams
Cantor: Andrew Alesi; Lectors: M. Knopf & G. Bahula;
Refreshments: D. Stidston

Kalendar & Events this Week

Monday	St Joan of Arc, martyr
Tuesday	Visitation of the BVM
Wednesday	St Justin, martyr
Thursday	Sts Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs 11.00 a.m. Mass 1.00 p.m. Funeral of June Little
Friday	Ugandan Martyrs
Saturday	St Petroc

Next week: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass (APBA)

12.00 p.m. Parish Council meets in the Narthex

On duty
next week:

Sidesman: G. Bahula; Deacon: A. Duran
Lectors: G. Bartholomew & L. Hawkes;
Refreshments: G. Bahula

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; 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. **R.I.P.** June Little

Ian and June Little Ian returned to his home last Monday after being in care at Cabrini Hospital. His beloved wife June passed from her earthly life last Thursday afternoon after receiving the Last Rites the day before. Pray for Ian and his family at this sad and significant time.

Parcels of Hope for Syrian Refugees there will be a retiring collection for Syrian Refugees for the next three Sundays. There is a poster about this appeal from the Australian Council of Churches on the Narthex table. This appeal is part of the Council's *Act for Peace* project.

Copies of UK Telegraph Religious Affairs article on the Church of England and the decline in religious practice is available on the Narthex table. While this is about the United Kingdom, there is much that obviously applies to our life as Anglican Christians here in Australia.

Gregorian Chant / Montserrat Pilgrim Songs / Haydn's Mass for St Ursula Presented by the Choir of St Michael's Grammar at Trinity Uniting Church, Brighton. Admission \$10. Presented by *Resonance*

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

St Kilda Steiner Kindergarten a further meeting with the Steiner Kindergarten Teachers and the Parish Administrator is planned for next Friday June 3.

Parish Council is now scheduled to meet next Sunday June 3 following Solemn Mass. If there are difficulties with this date please see the Parish Administrator.

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.

Offertory Income: May 22, - \$598.85

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"



Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for Body of Christ), also known as Corpus Domini, is a Latin Rite liturgical solemnity celebrating the tradition and belief in the body and blood of Jesus Christ and his Real Presence in the Eucharist. It emphasizes the joy of the institution of the Eucharist, which had previously been observed only on Maundy Thursday in the somber atmosphere of the nearness of Good Friday.

The feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or, "where the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is not a holy day of obligation, it is assigned to the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity as its proper day".

At the end of Holy Mass, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, generally displayed in a monstrance. The procession is followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A notable Eucharistic procession is that presided over by the Pope each year in Rome, where it begins at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran and makes its way to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, where it concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The celebration of the feast was suppressed in Protestant churches during the Reformation, and today most Protestant denominations do not recognize the feast. The Church of England abolished it in 1548 as the English Reformation progressed, but later reintroduced it. The feast is particularly celebrated by Anglo Catholic parishes even in provinces of the Anglican Communion that do not officially include the Feast of Corpus Christi in their calendars. In the Australian Anglican Calendar the Feast has been designated as *Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion*. The rubrics of the Church of England are more inclusive of Anglo Catholics and state that "...the Thursday after Trinity Sunday may be observed as a day of Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion (sometimes known as Corpus Christi) and may be kept as a Festival. As many of the English clergy follow the Roman Catholic transference of the Solemnity to the following Sunday Propers for a Sunday observance are also provided."

On the matter of Benediction, Processions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the English canons state that these practices are clearly lawful under Canon B.5.2 - "if the minister having the cure of souls considers these Devotions suitable and uses or 'permits another minister' to use them." ARCIC in 1979 and Lambeth in 1988 held that "differences of practice" in this area can co-exist with real consensus on the essentials.