

*Pastoral Visit of The Right Reverend Genieve Blackwell  
Bishop for the Marmingatha Episcopate*

**The Sunday after Ascension, May 8, 2016**

**The Liturgy  
10.30 a.m. Procession & Solemn Mass**

**The Ministers at Solemn Mass**

**Presiding from the Chair: The Right Rev'd Genieve Blackwell**

**Celebrant: Father Richard Murray**

**Deacons of Honour: Warden Alfonso Duran  
Warden Ron Williams**

**Verger & Bishop's Chaplain: Gary Bartholomew**

**Warden attending the Bishop: Mrs Kate Murphy**

**Director of Music: Mark Raczynski  
Cantors: Andrew & Simon Alesi**

**LITURGICAL WELCOME:**

**Fr Richard Murray**

*The Interim Vicar's Procession moves to the entrance of the Nave for the Liturgical Welcome of the Bishop who is in turn invited to bless priest and people after which the Procession of ministers begins the Solemn Mass.*

**THE PROCESSION** *The ministers enter the church and the priest intones -*

**Priest**

Let us proceed in peace

**People**

**In the Name of Christ. Amen**

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of Kings and Lord of lords  
and heaven's eternal light.
3. The joy of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love  
and grants his name to know.
4. To them the cross with all its shame,  
with all its grace, is given  
their name an everlasting name,  
their joy, the joy of heaven

5. They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love

6. The cross he bore is life and health  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth  
their everlasting theme.

*Thomas Kelly 1769 - 1855*

Bishop: The Lord be with you  
People: **And also with you**  
Bishop: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia  
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Let us pray  
**Almighty God**  
**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name,**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **THE PENITENTIAL RITE**

*The priest invites the people to confess their sins.*

*After a brief silence, the Kyrie eleison is sung by the Cantor*

Saint-Saens

Kyrie eleison      **Kyrie eleison**  
Christe eleison      **Christe eleison**  
Kyrie eleison      **Kyrie eleison**

Let us pray

**Merciful God,**  
**our maker and our judge,**  
**we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,**  
**and in what we have failed to do:**  
**we have not loved you with our whole heart:**  
**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves:**  
**we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.**  
**Father, forgive us.**  
**Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life:**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop says the prayer of Absolution.*

Almighty God who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you + and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life.  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*All remain standing to sing the **Gloria in Excelsis***

**GLORY to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son  
of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

Priest                      Let us pray.

*After a pause for silent prayer the priest says the Collect of the Day*

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we pray you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,  
and exalt us to the same place where our Saviour Christ has gone before;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The Old Testament Lesson  
Responsorial Psalm  
The Epistle**

**Michael Knopf  
The Cantor  
Valerie Coffey**

## **THE GRADUAL**

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the sound of this refrain:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah  
God appears on earth to reign.

2. Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers;  
with what rapture, with what rapture,  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!
3. Sing amen! Let all adore you,  
High on your eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
Claim the kingdom for your own;  
O come quickly, O come quickly,  
O come quickly;  
hallelujah! Come, Lord come.

Charles Wesley 1707 - 1788

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord:

To go and bear fruit that will last

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## **THE GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John; the  
seventeenth chapter, beginning at the twentieth verse

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*After the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**THE HOMILY** The Right Rev'd Genieve Blackwell of the Marmingatha Episcopate

*After a period of silence, all stand to say the **Creed***

**We believe in one God,  
the Father the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
of all that is seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;**

through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
 and became truly human.  
 For our sake  
 he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory  
 to judge the living and the dead  
 and his kingdom will have no end.  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son  
 he is worshipped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the Prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the + life of the world to come.  
**AMEN.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Father Richard**

**THE GREETING OF PEACE**

**Bishop Genieve**

We are the body of Christ  
**His Spirit is with us.**  
 The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share in the Greeting of Peace*

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN**

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| <p>1. Crown him with many crowns<br/>         the Lamb upon the throne;<br/>         hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns<br/>         all music but its own:<br/>         awake, my soul and sing<br/>         of him who died for me,<br/>         and hail him as your chosen king<br/>         through all eternity.</p> | <p>2. Crown him, the Son of God<br/>         before the worlds began:<br/>         and we who tread where he has trod<br/>         crown him the Son of Man<br/>         who every grief has known<br/>         that wrings the human breast,<br/>         and takes and bears them for his own,<br/>         that all in him may rest.</p> |
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3. Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified  
no angel there on high  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends a burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of life;  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save  
his glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high;  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death my die.

5. Crown him the Lord of peace  
whose power a sceptre sways,  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease  
absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercéed feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

6. Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
majestic and sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for you have died for me:  
your praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges 1800-94 & Godfrey Thring 1823-1903

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Let us pray that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.  
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The priest says the Ascension Eucharistic Prayer after which the people sing -*

## The Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Cantor then sings Benedictus qui venit*

Saint-Saens

*After the Lord's Words of Institution the priest intones - The Mystery of Faith*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer all shall say or sing*

**Amen.**

**As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray:**

**OUR FATHER who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

*The priest continues alone after which the people end the prayer with the acclamation:*

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Cantor sings the **Agnus Dei***

Saint-Saens

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us your peace.**

*The priest invites the people to Communion –*

This is the Lamb of God; who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Panis Angelicus*

*Sing we triumphant hymns of praise*

the Cantors

Cesar Franck

words by the Venerable Bede

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYERS**

*The priest says the Post Communion Prayers*

#### **THE POST COMMUNION HYMN**

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er  
shall our hearts forget his promise.  
'I am with you evermore'?

3. Alleluia! bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food and stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me.  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest.  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.

*Hyfrydol* W. Chatterton Dix

*The people sit to hear the notices of the day. At the conclusion, all shall stand to sing*

***The Regina Coeli***

Joy to thee O Queen of Heaven, Alleluia!  
He whom Thou wast meet to bear, Alleluia!  
As he promised, hath arisen, Alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!

Priest: Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!  
People: **For the Lord hath risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Let us pray:

O God, who through the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
Didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world:  
Grant, we beseech thee, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary,  
we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

The Bishop

*The priest intones*

Depart in Peace  
**Thanks be to God**

*Following the Liturgy please proceed to the Harriett Croxford Room for refreshments*

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**Pentecost Prayers for Unity with St Mary's Catholic Church**

Next Sunday, May 15 at 12 noon, St James' will host the Prayers followed by a buffet lunch in the Harriett Croxford Room. Use the Narthex list to register your participation.

**Study Group** the next Little Company Study Group is scheduled for this Tuesday, May 10 at Gary Bartholomew's home at 6.30 p.m.

**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.

**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.

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

**Offertory Income: May 1, St Philip & St James - \$1,037.65**

**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."

**On duty today Sidesman: K. McDowell Murphy; Lectors: M. Knopf & V. Coffey.**

**Kalendar & Events this Week**

**Tuesday St John of Avila  
6.30 p.m. Study Group at the home of  
Gary Bartholomew**

**Thursday St Nereus & St Achilleus  
& St Pancras martyrs  
11.00 a.m. Mass**

**Friday Our Lady of Fatima**

**Next week: Pentecost (Whitsunday)**

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

**12.00 p.m. Prayers for Unity  
with St Mary's Catholic Church,  
East St Kilda**

***Followed by a Buffet Lunch in the Harriett Croxford Room***

**On duty next Sunday Sidesman K. McDowell Murphy; Deacon M. Knopf**

**Lectors: Dr J. Willis & L. Hawkes; Refreshments: K. Mc Dowell Murphy**

**The Melbourne Anglican** Please collect your copy of the May issue of the Diocesan newspaper this morning after mass.

## *The Interim Vicar Writes*

Dear People

Welcome to all who are gathered here at St James' this morning. I extend a particular welcome to Bishop Genieve Blackwell, Bishop for the Marningatha Episcopate in our Diocese of Melbourne. This is Bishop Genieve's first visit to St James' and we are pleased that she is with us today. I am sure that she is looking forward to meeting as many St James people as possible to hear your stories and to share your aspirations for the future.

Bishop Genieve's visit reminds us that we are part of the greater entity, the Diocese of Melbourne and therefore also part of that even greater entity, the national and world-wide Anglican Church and that we draw on the traditions of this wider entity and contribute to its vitality and its variety.

We are in the midst of a process of discernment about the future of the parish including discernment of what it is that we both want and need in the person of the next vicar of St James. Your Parish Council and others within the parish and beyond will be participating in that process of discernment and Bishop Genieve has a role in this. It is therefore imperative that she be able to hear your voices both today and as the process of discernment continues.

Please make Bishop Genieve welcome today and, until next week, bless you all,

*Richard*

Fr Richard Murray SCP

### **A REFLECTION**

The Feast of the Ascension strikes many Christians as the poor relative of the two rather bigger celebrations which top and tail the long and joyful season of Eastertide: Easter itself, and Pentecost. But Damian Howard SJ ascribes to this feast the utmost significance. What are we to make of the story of Jesus being taken up into a cloud, an episode that not only sounds like mythology but also violates our modern sense of space?

In between our celebrations of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter and of the gift of the Spirit to His disciples, the 'birthday of the Church' at Pentecost, we observe another feast: the Feast of the Ascension. For all the memorable imagery that the story of Jesus's ascension into heaven evokes, it still strikes many Christians as a rather curious episode. To put it crudely, had Jesus simply ascended vertically into space we would by now expect him to be somewhere in the outer reaches of the solar system, a thought that is hardly an aid to Christian devotion. Yet the event of the Ascension, which appears in both the New Testament books authored by Luke (his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles) serves as the narrative lynchpin of the grand story told by scripture. It is, as one scholar argues, the culmination of every biblical event leading up to it and the condition of the drama that follows it. To understand why this is so will take a little explaining.

A good way to begin would be to ask yourself a question: what, in a nutshell, is the core of the New Testament message? There are doubtless as many answers to that question as there are Christians, but most of them would probably involve one or more of a bundle of ideas: resurrection—reconciliation—new life—triumph over sin and death, all very good, very "Eastery" answers – and all, incidentally, very much about us human creatures. The centrality of these notions to most Christians explains both why Easter and Pentecost are so important to us *and* why the Ascension is not. Easter and Pentecost can be quickly established to be all about us: the promise of forgiveness and new life *for us*, the gift of the Spirit *to us*. It is not quite so clear what the Ascension has to offer us? The best answer I have been able to come up with is that Christ's withdrawal brings about a new mode by which Christ can be present *to us*, intimate, yet universal and 'interceding *for us* at the right hand of the Father'.

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May 8, 2016  
10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass**



**Parish Church of St James the Great  
Anglican Diocese of Melbourne**

# **The St James' Community**

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**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**

**+**

## **Parish Office Assistants**

**Mr Francisco Alfonso & Mrs Valerie Coffey**

**+**

## **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"**