

The Church Paper

St James the Great, East St Kilda



Mother Esther CHN

Sundays in Ordinary Time

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

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From the Interim Vicar

Dear People

Remembering the significant leaders in the Anglican Church is important and, in the latest revision of the Anglican Church of Australia's Calendar, September 11 is set aside to remember Mother Esther CHN, founder of the Community of the Holy Name, who died in 1931.

Born Emma Silcock, in 1858 in Norfolk, England, and baptised in 1877, having come to Christian faith under the influence of the Anglo-catholic movement, Esther entered the Community of St Mary the Virgin, Wantage, spending a year in London's slums until she was sent to Melbourne to recuperate from a back back injury and found her life's work in the growing city's sordid 'streets and lanes'.

Much of Melbourne's city area was a slum. The Mission to Streets and Lanes, initiated by Anglicans of Anglo-catholic sympathies opened in 1885 and sought to work with a Christian community at its heart. The arrival of Sister Esther was the catalyst for MSL adopting its community ethos; she soon became Foundress of the Community of the Holy Name.

After only a year, Sister Esther was authorised to take care of "the friendless and uncared for" under the Neglected Children's Act. This called for a home and, by 1892, a children's home opened and later, a babies' home. A home for "wayward" girls was established in Cheltenham, supervised by Sisters. A chapel enabled worship to form the central focus.

Esther sought monastic vows from Wantage in 1894. In 1898 the sisters designated Esther as Mother. In March 1912 Bishop Lowther Clarke gave the sisters a charter for the Community of the Holy Name. The sisters' work won widespread support across the Diocese of Melbourne.

The sisters operated St George's Hospital in Kew and St Ives Private Hospital in East Melbourne, assisting middle-income earners, ineligible for the public hospitals treating the poor. The Fitzroy Mission Home was a centre of community life, with boys' and girls' clubs, a mothers meeting, dispensary for the poor, clothing sales, soup kitchens, milk, money ... and Sunday evening services. Volunteers, local priests, students and doctors gave help.

By 1929 there were 25 sisters, five novices and a postulant in the Community of the Holy Name. Auxiliaries provided considerable support - some 56 parishes giving help. Two homes opened in Newcastle diocese.

The Mission offered one of the churches' few effective responses during the Depression, and successive Anglican archbishops gave support and recognition. As well as general relief for those in need, work for desperate men was sought. This also meant that when they appeared in court, did probation work, visited Pentridge prison or the Women's Hospital, the Sisters were known by, and knew, the people involved.

Mother Esther emphasised that all work must be done for the love of Jesus. She taught that, "The future is in the hands of God who loves us." Mother Esther continued to be the inspiration for a vibrant ministry. When she died after a short illness on 11 September 1931, the Mission was able to carry on and expand.

(A longer version of this article can be found in *Australian Anglicans Remember*. published by Broughton Books).

Until next week, Blessings to all

Richard.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.9.16

The Liturgy Today

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass (APBA)

Memorial of Mother Esther, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Name

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Exaltation of the Cross

On duty: Sidesman: K. McDowell Murphy
Deacon: R. Williams ; Cantor: Justin Peters
Lectors: G. Bartholomew & V. Coffey
Refreshments: G. Bahula

Kalendar & Events this Week

Monday	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Tuesday	St John Chrysostom bishop & doctor
Wednesday	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday	Our Lady at the Cross 11.00 am Mass
Friday	St Cornelius & St Cyprian martyrs
Saturday	St Hildegard, abbess

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.30am Solemn Mass (BCP)

On duty next week: Sidesman: Sue Payne Deacon: A. Duran
Lectors: Dr J. Willis & L. Hawkes
Refreshments: M. Knopf

Holy Cross Day

This feast day is also called the Exaltation of the Cross, Elevation of the Cross, Holy Cross Day, Holy Rood Day, or Roodmas. The liturgy of the Cross is a triumphant liturgy. When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation through Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. Our Mother Church sings of the triumph of the Cross, the instrument of our redemption. To follow Christ we must take up His cross, follow Him and become obedient until death, even if it means death on the cross. We identify with Christ on the Cross and become co-redeemers, sharing in His cross.

We make the Sign of the Cross before prayer which helps to fix our minds and hearts to God. After prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to God. During trials and temptations our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross. At Baptism we are sealed with the Sign of the Cross, signifying the fullness of redemption and that we belong to Christ. Let us look to the cross frequently, and realize that when we make the Sign of the Cross we give our entire self to God — body, mind and spirit.

Prayers of the Faithful: Greg Mossop; Leslie Marmo; Noella; Virginia; Philda Ngidi; Jan Ellis; Douglas Coffey; Alvin Fetherston; John Ahern; John & family; Judy Reynolds; Brother Howard LBF; Sister Hilary CHN; Jan Ellis; Maria Pythagoras; Geraldine Coulthurst; Valerie; Marjorie; Sister Raphael OSB; Stephen & Jill; Michael Muschamp; Adrian Stephens, priest; Ken Mason OGS; Sally; Sonja Knopf; Linda Osmond, priest; Betty Boyle; Mark; Rory & Anna; Geoffrey & Margaret Clarke; Elizabeth Peters; Fay; Gladys Wheeler; Bill Smith; Sister Lyn & Sister Philippa. R.I.P. Umbiko Ngidi

A Daily Prayer for the Appointment of a Parish Priest for St James's

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor
who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments;
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable
us to fulfil our calling.
Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience,
and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Healing Service Sunday September 25 at 10.00 a.m.

Please pray for Alfie Duran on the occasion of his Birthday today!

Signs & Works On the Inkerman Street frontage of St James's you will see the sign announcing the opening of the *Little Patch* Child Care Centre before the end of this year. At present, much fencing work is underway and all the churchyard lights have at last been reactivated including the old St Kilda Road lamp at the front of the Vicarage and the re-illumination of the Vicarage garden Calvary.

Flyers advertising the Blessing of Animals are on the Narthex table. They are in piles of 20. Please take a pile to distribute in your street or at your work-place or among your friends. Thank you Gary Bartholomew for organizing the media release.

The Pilgrim Hopefully the Blessing of Animals edition of *The Pilgrim* will be issued towards the end of this week. See the Parish Administrator if you would like to contribute an article.

Church Papers & Calendar: As mentioned last week, the latest issues of *The Melbourne Anglican* as well as *Eternity & Anglican Aid Abroad* are available today. Note your name on the Narthex list to order copies of the *Australian Anglican Church Calendar*.

Help urgently needed for various parish office chores as well as clearing of church cupboards etc. this Tuesday morning or afternoon, or Wednesday afternoon or Friday morning or afternoon. See Michael Knopf.

Offertory: The 23rd Ordinary Sunday - September 4: \$742.85

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."

Gradual Hymn - Why does he eat with sinners?

“Why does he eat with sinners instead of with you and me?
Why does he favour others? Our virtue he must see.
For we are good and worthy, we never make much fuss.
How can our Jesus favour the ones who are not like us?”

“Oh you who ask these questions, my ways you don’t understand.
That’s not why I’m here among you; it is not what my Father planned.
If you lose a possession, that was purchased at great cost,
you will search ‘til you find your treasure, ‘til you find what you have lost.

This is why there’s great rejoicing when sinners who have strayed,
who have wandered from my temple where those who are true have stayed,
are brought back home repentant, renouncing sin’s dark stain,
with all my saints and angels forever to remain.”

This is God’s way of saving the world for what’s to be,
the message that he brought us, and which will set us free
from pride and vain assurance and, turning to Christ’s face,
to share in Christ’s salvation, and freely share Christ’s grace.

Be thankful then you servants, for God has strengthened you.
In patience and forgiveness, he’s to his promise true.
Our God has judged us faithful, and out of this world’s strife
we are called in love and mercy to share eternal life.

Words Richard G Murray - *Based on Luke 15:1-10 and 1 Timothy 1:12-16*
Tune: Salley Gardens (13 13. 13 13) [TIS 674]



The St James' Community

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Mr Ronald Williams, Phone 9527 2941

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Mr Michael Knopf, Phone 9527 1017

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Mr Mark Raczynski, B. Mus. (Mel.) L. Mus. A

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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 during late 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"

St James the Great - a holy place, a place of hope...