

The Church Paper

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



The Holy Apostle Bartholomew

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

The Interim Vicar writes:

Dear People,

It was a great joy to celebrate with you last week the great feast of the Assumption. As I mentioned last week I have spent significant parts of my ministry at St Mary's North Melbourne and so have grown to treasure the feasts of Mary during the year.

At the Parish Council last Sunday, we discussed a variety of issues of parish life and administration. Your Wardens and Council member will keep you abreast of everything that is happening in relation to development on the site, the search for a new vicar and the up-dating/extension of the church building.

In the context of the search for our new vicar, I have decided that it is appropriate that at each Sunday's mass we pray the prayer, "At the time of choosing an incumbent":

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.

As I am sure others have, I have had some feedback on the questions I posed a fortnight ago in my Church Paper message. Please look at the questions and keep your responses coming in.

On Thursday I had a conversation with those who attended the 11 am mass in which I said that I appreciate feedback on what I say in my homilies and what I write in the Church Paper; I have had several people giving such feedback and I urge you to feel free to have your say too!

Until next week, Blessings to all,

Richard

Fr Richard Murray,

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We serve Christ in one another—and we serve as Christ to one another, animated by the Christ who abides in us. Either way it is the person of Jesus Christ that is primary: the person of Jesus Christ within us, within others and at the same time so beyond us.

Br. Mark Brown Society of St John the Evangelist



Ikon of Our Lady
Queen of Heaven

The Liturgy Today

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass

Hymns: Please see Hymn Board

On Duty: Sidesman: S. Payne

Deacon: A. Duran

Lectors: Dr. J Willis & L. Hawkes

Refreshments: M. Knopf



Kalendar & Events this Week

Monday Our Lady, Queen

Tuesday St Rose of Lima

Wednesday ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

Thursday 11am Mass

St Joseph of Calasanz

Saturday St Monica

11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Steiner Kindergarten Winter Bazaar

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10.00 a.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness

10.30am Solemn Mass (BCP)

On duty

Sidesman: D. Stidston; Deacon: R. Williams

next week:

Lectors: M. Knopf & G. Bahula

Refreshments: D. Stidston

Pictures on The Web & Facebook Check the St James's Web and Facebook pages for photographs taken at the recent Patronal Festival Mass.



Saint Monica (Feast day next Saturday) is also known as Monica of Hippo. She was an early Christian saint and the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo.

Monica is the **patron saint** of married women, abuse victims, alcoholics, alcoholism, difficult marriages, disappointing children, homemakers, housewives, married women, mothers, victims of adultery, victims of unfaithfulness, victims of verbal abuse, widows, and wives.

When we listen to the issues of our time on news broadcasts today we might well conclude that Monica is very much a saint for our times. - and that as patron of the above challenging issues must be very busy responding to the petitions of a huge number of people!

Prayers of the Faithful: Leslie Marmo; Noella; Virginia; Philda Ngidi; Jan Ellis; Douglas Coffey; Alvin Fetherston; John Ahern; John & family; Brother Howard LBF; Judy Reynolds; 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; Vilma Byrne; Sister Lyn & Sister Philippa.

The Service of Healing and Wholeness The Healing Service is scheduled for next Sunday, August 28 at 10.00 a.m. Of course the Ministry of Anointing and Laying on of Hands is always available on request either during or after the Liturgy and in hospital or at home.

Leslie Marmo give thanks to God for the recovery of our St Mary's friend, Les Marmo who remains at the Alfred after a major heart attack with serious complications. Please keep him in your prayers.

Vicarage Inspection As reported in the *Church Paper* last Sunday - at 10am on Thursday 11 August Archdeacon Ray McInnes began his inspection of the Vicarage and the Vicarage grounds accompanied by Wardens Kate and Ron. The Archdeacon offered his advice (to be included in a written report for the eventual consideration of the Wardens) about what works he thought were required before the Vicarage and its grounds met Diocesan standards for a future incumbent.

St James' House As mentioned last week, the external roofing of the extension on the west side of St James' House has been completed and the internal works continue including the various electrical and plumbing fittings. The churchyard area opposite the east side of the Vicarage has been completely cleared and made flat and covered with the initial layer of gravel. The churchyard lights are being re-positioned so that they shine on the laneway rather than the roof of St James' House. The historic (St Kilda Road) Vicarage lamp has also been re-positioned.

Winter Bazaar The annual Steiner Kindergarten Winter Bazaar will be held here next Saturday August 27 from 11.00 a.m. till 3.00 p.m. Check the billboard at the front of the church.

Offertory The Assumption of Our Lady - August 14: \$327. 60

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 McDowell 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"



**"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."
St Rose of Lima**

Saint Rose of Lima

Patroness of

***The Americas, South America, Latin America, Peru,
the Philippines and Florists***

This South American Saint's real name was Isabel, but she was such a beautiful baby that she was called Rose, and that name remained. As she grew older, she became more and more beautiful, and one day, her mother put a wreath of flowers on her head to show off her loveliness to friends. But Rose had no desire to be admired, for her heart had been given to Jesus. So she put a long pin into that wreath and it pierced her so deeply, that she had a hard time getting the wreath off afterward.

St. Rose worked hard to support her poor parents and she humbly obeyed them, except when they tried to get her to marry. That she would not do. Her love of Jesus was so great that when she talked about Him, her face glowed and her eyes sparkled. Rose had many temptations from the devil, and there were also many times when she had to suffer a feeling of terrible loneliness and sadness, for God seemed far away. Yet she cheerfully offered all these troubles to Him. In fact, in her last long, painful sickness, this heroic young woman used to pray: "Lord, increase my sufferings, and with them increase Your love in my heart."

Rose was the first canonized saint of the New World. She has one characteristic of all saints—the suffering of opposition—and another characteristic which is more for admiration than for imitation—excessive practice of mortification. They refused to let her enter a convent, and out of obedience she continued her life of penance and solitude at home as a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic. So deep was her desire to live the life of Christ that she spent most of her time at home in solitude. During the last few years of her life, Rose set up a room in the house where she cared for homeless children, the elderly and the sick. This was a beginning of social services in Peru. Though secluded in life and activity, she was brought to the attention of Inquisition interrogators, who could only say that she was influenced by grace.

When she died at 31 (1586-1617), the city turned out for her funeral. Prominent men took turns carrying her coffin. Many miracles followed her death. She was beatified by Clement IX, in 1667, and canonized on 2 April 1671 by Clement X, the first American to be so honored. She is represented wearing a crown of roses.

In today's world, where beauty and possessions seem to mean so much, the story of St. Rose is just as relevant as it was when she was canonized in 1671 - particularly to young people who are bombarded with message about what to buy and how to look. While it is difficult to avoid distractions, most of us don't have to move to a hermitage or isolate ourselves to bring Rose's message of humility and comfort in the Lord into our homes.