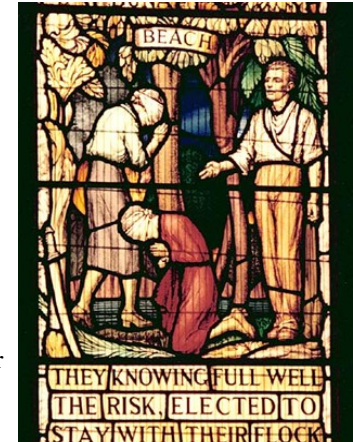


The Church Paper

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

The Holy Martyrs of New Guinea Friday September 2

Vivian Redlich, priest
John Barges, priest
John Duffill, priest
Harry Holland, priest
Lilla Lashman, teacher
Bernard Moore, priest
Mavis Parkinson, teacher
Lucian Tapiedi, evangelist
Margery Brenchley, teacher
May Hayman, nurse
Leslie Gariadi evangelist



✙ *All ye Holy Martyrs, pray for us*

Sundays in Ordinary Time

Intentional Interim Priest:

Father Richard Murray SCP

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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

Thursday last week saw a meeting of our Port Philip Deanery. One item of discussion was the exodus of clergy from our deanery with retirements approaching over the next year or so, there will be quite a “changing of the guard” in the deanery. We welcome among us the recently appointed Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers, Fr Onofre Punay who will bring a non-parochial (sometimes called sector) ministry perspective

On a more sombre note, I wonder whether you have been distressed, as have I, by the very disturbing reports of abuse and cover-up of abuse in the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle. What has emerged is that a number of individuals and the diocesan administration have allowed an appalling betrayal of trust to be perpetrated in Newcastle over several years. It is of some comfort that at least one perpetrator has been ‘unfrocked’ for his part in such activities and that others face serious consequences arising from their activities being brought to light in the hearings of the Commission into abuse in institutions. However this should never have been allowed to occur and certainly should not have been covered up in the way it was.

In a recent article in the Church Times, The Rev’d *Neil Patterson, Director of Vocations and Ordinands in the diocese of Hereford, says, about similar revelations in England: “The Church of England used to possess [a] response to deal with clergy who had been found guilty of serious offences (called ‘deposition from holy orders’), and now is the time to restore it.”*

The Anglican Church of Australia has, in Newcastle, used its sanction of ‘unfrocking’ and this seems to be appropriate. As Neil Patterson says: *“Those who have taken advantage of the sacred trust placed in them at ordination by committing serious crime — especially abuse of the young or vulnerable - need to know that all privilege and status of ordination has been taken from them.”*

Our readings in recent weeks have had much to say about judgement and perhaps this may lead us to contemplate this final statement from the Church Times article: *“When they come before their Judge, they will ... be known as betrayers of the trust placed in them by him.”*

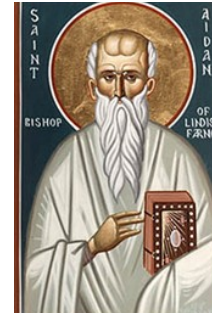
Perhaps we can hope that by taking appropriate action in such cases, our Church can regain some of its tarnished reputation and the trust of the community in which it lives.

Until next week, Blessings to all,

Richard

Fr Richard Murray,

Roster Please note - the September Roster has been emailed and copies are on the Narthex table



Ikon of St Aidan of Lindisfarne

The Liturgy Today

10.00 a.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness
10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass (BCP)

Hymns: Gradual: 497 Offertory: 344
Post Communion: 466 (omit verse 3)

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

Kalendar & Events this Week

Monday Passion of St John Baptist
Wednesday St Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop
Thursday 11.00 am Mass
Friday The Martyrs of New Guinea
Saturday St Gregory the Great

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.30am Solemn Mass (APBA)

On duty Sidesman: G. Bahula; Deacon: M. Knopf
next week: Lectors: M. Knopf & L.. Hawkes
Refreshments: G. Bahula



Friday's Feast Day - The Holy Martyrs of New Guinea

When World War II threatened Papua and New Guinea, it was obvious that missionaries of European origin were in danger. So there was talk of leaving. But Bishop Philip Strong wrote to his clergy: "We must endeavour to carry on our work. God expects this of us. The church at home, which sent us out, will surely expect it of us. The universal church expects it of us. The people whom we serve expect it of us. We could never hold up our faces again if, for our own safety, we all forsook Him and fled, when the shadows of the Passion began to gather around Him in His spiritual and mystical body, the Church in Papua." So they stayed.

Almost immediately there were arrests. Seven Anglican priests and evangelists along with teachers and nurses were executed "as an example" on September 2,

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.

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.**

The Churchyard Lane lamps have now been adjusted to directed light on to the new laneway which is gradually taking shape along with the car park.

The Inkerman Street plumbing works to enable the installation of a Fire Hose Reel (for any large unexpected fire emergency) seem to have been completed. It is likely that works alongside the Church path will commence soon. In particular, the fire hose will serve the Child Care Centre, the Kindergarten and the Vicarage - each being a reasonable distance from the adjoining streets.

Blessing of Animals Plans for this important annual event are well in hand. Invitations to community groups and our various guests have been posted. Please see Alfie Duran if you would like to assist.

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.

The Pilgrim The Blessing of Animals edition of *The Pilgrim* will be issued shortly. See the Parish Administrator if you would like to contribute an article.

Winter Bazaar The annual Steiner Kindergarten Winter Bazaar, held here yesterday, was a happy, well-attended and successful occasion. Some photographs of the day will shortly appear on the parish Facebook page.

Offertory: The 21st Ordinary Sunday - August 21: \$328.45

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"



St Gregory the Great, pope & doctor

**Feast Day, Saturday September 3
A Patron of England**

**The Canterbury
Cross**



Saint Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome.

Ordained a priest, he became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, and at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome.

He was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery including St Augustine of Canterbury. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed.

Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king.

An Anglican historian has written: "It is impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine (August 28), Ambrose (December 7) and Jerome (September 30) as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.

Comment:

Gregory was content to be a monk, but he willingly served the Church in other ways when asked. He sacrificed his own preferences in many ways, especially when he was called to be Bishop of Rome. Once he was called to public service, Gregory gave his considerable energies completely to this work.

A Quote:

"Perhaps it is not after all so difficult for a man to part with his possessions, but it is certainly most difficult for him to part with himself. To renounce what one has is a minor thing; but to renounce what one is, that is asking a lot" (St. Gregory, *Homilies on the Gospels*).