

# The Church Paper

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



**St James our Patron**

## **Sundays in Ordinary time**

**Intentional Interim Priest:**

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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_)**

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## *The Interim Vicar writes:*

Dear People,

First of all this week, may I thank everyone who contributed to our Patronal Festival and service of thanksgiving last Sunday?

We were treated to a fine sermon from Bishop Peter and we also were assisted greatly in our worship by the music provided by our own musicians, the very accomplished instrumentalists and also the excellent Canterbury Singers; my thanks to all of these people. Thanks too to those who assisted in the sanctuary party, as readers, as welcomers and in the many preparatory roles which make such occasions run smoothly, successfully and worshipfully. Our thanks also to those responsible for the organisation of the reception at the *Dick Whittington Tavern* after the service.

Our next major parish event will be the Blessing of the Animals and organisation for this is underway; keep an eye out for information and details of ways in which you can help. Very soon you will be asked to take part in the 2016 Census. One issue which is often raised in discussion is that of the question related to Religion. I provide here the statistics from this question in the last census (2011):

### **2011 Top 20 responses**

1. Catholic – 25.3%	8. Islam 2.2%	15. Jeh. Witnesses – 0.4%
<b>2. No religion – 22.3%</b>	9. Christian, nfd 2.2%	= 16. Sikhism – 0.3%
<b>3. Anglican – 17.1%</b>	10. Baptist – 1.6%	= 16. 7th-day Adv— 0.3%
4. Uniting Church - 5.0%	11. Hinduism 1.3%	= 16. Other Protestant – 0.3%
5. Presbyt'n & Ref – 2.8%	12. Lutheran – 1.2%	= 16. Salvation Army – 0.3%
6. Eastern Orthodox – 2.6%	13. Pentecostal 1.1%	= 16. Latter-day Saints – 0.3%
7. Buddhism – 2.5%	14. Judaism – 0.5%	

I provide these statistics simply to give you the facts; particularly important when people want to make claims such as “more than a third of Australians have no religion” or “Fewer than half of the population is Christian (the total is just over 60%)” etc.. It is useful, I find, to have the facts at hand.

Until next week,  
Blessings to all,

*Richard*

Fr Richard Murray





## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Liturgy Today**  
**10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass**

**31.7.16**

**Hymns: Gradual 464, Offertory 45**  
**Post Communion 613**

**On Duty: Sidesman: D. Stidston; Deacon: R. Williams**  
**Cantor: Loreta Hodson**  
**Lectors: G. Bartholomew & G. Bahula**  
**Refreshments: D. Stidston**

### **Kalendar & Events this Week**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>St Alfonso Maria de' Liguori, bishop</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>St Eusebius, priest</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St John Mary Vianney, priest</b>
	<b>11am Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>St Oswald, king &amp; martyr</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD</b>

**Next week: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10.30am Solemn Mass (APBA)**

**Parish Council meets in the Narthex**  
**Following Solemn Mass**

**On duty**  
**next week:**

**Sidesman: G. Bahula; Deacon: A. Duran**  
**Lectors: M. Knopf & L. Hawkes**  
**Refreshments: G. Bahula**



### **SOLITUDE**

**In order for us to become the persons we were meant to be, we need the gifts that come to us in solitude. Solitude is not just a time and place where we can escape once in a while in order not to be bothered by others or to think our own thoughts.**

**It is not a private therapeutic place. Rather it is the place of conversion, the place where the old self dies and the new self is born and grows.**

**Brother David Vryhof of *The Society of St John the Evangelist***

**Prayers of the Faithful:** John & family; Noella; Virginia; Philda Ngidi; Jan Ellis; Douglas Coffey; Alvin Fetherston; John Ahern; 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; 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.

**Oratory General Chapter in Brisbane** Gary Bartholomew & Alfie Duran thank you for your prayers. They each much appreciated the experience of the Retreat and the privilege of meeting the brothers from all over the world.

**Father Jabulani OGS** sadly Jabulani was unable to visit with us here at St James's after the Oratory General Chapter. This was due to his elderly mother, Philda who is very ill at present and who is now on our prayer list. He asked that his love, appreciation and greetings be conveyed to his many friends here at St James the Great.



*The "Not my 70th  
Birthday Party"*

*is now on  
Saturday August 13  
at 12.30 p.m.*

**at Albert Park Yachting and Anglers' Club  
129B Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park  
\$30.00 per head plus drinks.**

**Queries to Alfie Duran 0400 707 508**

*Come & join Fr Roger for an enjoyable lunch  
beside the bay*

**Offertory 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10 \$723.70  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 17 \$622.80  
Patronal Festival July 24 \$1,607.80**

**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"

## A Thank you Note from Fr Roger:

My Dear Friends,

May I express my heartfelt appreciation, first to our Interim Vicar, Father Richard and secondly to Mark, our Organist, to Andrew our Cantor as well as to the *Canterbury Singers* and *Trio Con Brio* for enabling a beautiful Liturgy offered in thanksgiving to God for my shared ministry with and amongst you all. Happily, this thanksgiving occurred in the context of our 102nd Patronal Festival. I have always loved our St James's Feast Day. It was indeed a beautiful Liturgy and the Reception that followed *Upstairs* at the Dick Whittington Tavern completed a very joyful day. *Laus Deo!*

I was honoured by our various special guests and that our much-loved Bishop Peter Hollingworth both presided and blessed the Ikona which you have given me. It will always have a place of honour wherever I live and will be a sign of prayer with you and for you.

I was also thankful for your generous monetary gift which I assure you, will be put to good use.

By unintended coincidence on my 70th Birthday last year, I awoke in Glasgow (my birth-place) where I was visiting my cousin June. Later that day, I flew to Guernsey to celebrate with family and friends. So I do look forward to being able to celebrate my 71st year (***Not my 70th Birthday Party***) - this time with my Australian friends! The occasion will be a lunch at the Albert Park Yachting and Anglers Club. The details are elsewhere in today's ***Church Paper***. Please note - no presents please, just the pleasure of your company. And may I take the opportunity to say thank you for the many greetings I have received at this time - I am greatly thankful.

For your information, I include a picture of my new abode and its address.

My grateful thanks for the honour of being the parish priest of St James's and to have known the friendship of so many people, some of whom now rest in the love of God and in the joy of the Saints.

Yours in our Lord,

***Roger OGS***

Fr Roger's new address:

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