

The Church Paper

St James the Great, East St Kilda



Our Lady with St Joachim & St Anna
September 8 The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady

ORDINARY SUNDAYS

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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_East

The Interim Vicar writes:

Dear People,

On Wednesday evening I attended, in my role as coordinator of Tertiary Chaplains for the Diocese, the commissioning of Samuel Dow and Lisa Saunders as Chaplains at Trinity College and also Mark Lindsay as Deputy Dean of the Theological School and Dr Robyn Whitaker as Lecturer in Scripture. It is encouraging to see the appointment of such excellent scholars and chaplains in this important college in our diocese and province.

The Blessing of the Animals is coming very soon. I have been reflecting on the importance of this event not only in the life of our parish, but also in the wider community as well. Many of us at St James are very devoted to our animal companions and also to the interests of those animals which so enhance our environment and also serve our communities in a wide variety of roles. What we do in our Blessing of the Animals service is to celebrate all of these aspects of our lives together and we bless the important relationship between people and their companions.

I had heard of this service long before I was lucky enough to be asked to minister to this parish including ministering by conducting this important annual liturgy, and I confess that I had not realised the extent to which the St James version was very different from those I have conducted in other parishes. In those other places, the majority of the animal brought for blessing were children's pets and there is great importance in recognising the sacred in the relationship between children and their pets. Here at St James' however, the majority of the animals brought for blessings are brought by adults and are important, even vital, beings in the lives of those adults, many of whom are single and many of whom live alone with their animals. Our service therefore is a celebration of, and a blessing upon, the roles that the animals play in the very lives of those who bring them along. So when we bless the animals, we bless that role they play in the lives of our community's human members, and we also give thanks for the relationships between these animals and their human companions and the importance of animals in the spiritual and mental health of our community.

So, please support Alfie and the team who are coordinating this important day in our calendar and let's make it the best possible service we possibly can.

Until next week, Blessings to all,

Richard.

Fr Richard Murray

***Church Paper* Printing deadline - A reminder:**

all information to be included in *The Church Paper* must be in the hands of the Parish Administrator no later than 10.00 a.m. on the Thursday of each week.

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Prayers of the Faithful: 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.

Pray for Lorraine and Warren, saddened by the death of their cat, Millie.

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 Fire Hose plumbing Have a peek over the Inkerman Street picket fence to see the large brass fire hose connection. Quite a thing to behold!

Blessing of Animals See Alfie Duran or Gary Bartholomew if you can 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. Thank you Gary Bartholomew for organizing the media release.

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.

Church Papers & Calendar: The latest issues of *The Melbourne Anglican* and *Eternity* & Anglican Aid Abroad are available today. Note your name on the Narthex list to order copies of the *Australian Anglican Church Calendar*.

Help needed for various parish office chores as well as clearing of church cupboards etc. Weekday mornings or afternoons by arrangement. See Michael Knopf.

Roster The September Roster has been emailed and copies are available on the Narthex table.

Offertory: The 22nd Ordinary Sunday - August 28: \$377.00

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 Liturgy Today

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass (APBA)

Hymns: Gradual: 143 (omit verse 4) Offertory: 133

Post Communion: 47

On Duty: Sidesman: K. McDowell Murphy
Deacon: M. Knopf ; Cantor: Loreta Hodson
Lectors: M. Knopf & L. Hawkes
Refreshments: K. McDowell Murphy

Kalendar & Events this Week



Mother Teresa MC

Monday Blessed Teresa of Calcutta
Thursday The Birth of Our Lady
11.00 am Mass
Friday St Peter Claver

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10.30am Solemn Mass (APBA)

On duty next week Sidesman: G. Bahula
Deacon: R. Williams
Lectors: G. Bartholomew & V. Coffey
Refreshments: G. Bahula

A modern day Saint

Mother Teresa (born **Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu** Albanian: 26 August 1910 – 5 September 1997) also known as **Blessed Teresa of Calcutta**, MC was an Albanian Roman Catholic nun and missionary. She was born in Skopje (modern Republic of Macedonia), then part of the Kosovo Vilayet in the Ottoman Empire. After having lived in Macedonia for eighteen years, she moved to Ireland and then to India, where she lived for most of her life.

Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic religious congregation, which in 2012 consisted of over 4,500 sisters and was active in 133 countries. They run hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis; soup kitchens; dispensaries and mobile clinics; children's and family counselling programmes; orphanages; and schools. Members must adhere to the vows of chastity poverty and obedience as well as a fourth vow, to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor".

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Nativité de la Vierge by Jean-Jacques Sorg

Next Thursday, 8 September, is another day set aside by the Church for the remembrance of Christ's mother, this time for remembering her birthday -- the only saint, except for St. John the Baptist, whose birthday is in the Church's Calendar. Scripture does not record Mary's birth although it is narrated in the Islamic scripture (the Qur'an). Her parents are said to have been St Anne and St Joachim. Mary is believed to have been born in Jerusalem. This feast day is listed in the Roman Catholic and Anglican calendars on 8 September, nine months after the solemnity of her immaculate conception which is celebrated by the Church on 8 December each year.

Prayer for the Nativity of the Virgin Mary:

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour into our hearts the abundance of thy heavenly grace; that, as the child bearing of the Virgin Mary was unto us thy servants the beginning of salvation, so the devout observance of her Nativity may avail for the increase of our peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Marian Theology and Practice

Mary has a new prominence in Anglicanism through the liturgical renewals of the 20th century. In most Anglican prayer books, Mary is again mentioned by name in the liturgical prayers. Further, August 15 has come to be widely celebrated as a principal feast in honour of *Saint Mary the Virgin* with Scripture readings, collect, and proper preface. Other ancient feasts associated with Mary have also been renewed, and liturgical resources offered for use on these festivals. Marian devotions such as the Rosary, the Angelus and *Regina Coeli* are most commonly associated with Anglo Catholic churches, religious orders and communities like St James the Great.

Hugh Montefiore, former Bishop of Birmingham, has said, "Christians rightly honour and venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary as one of the great saints of God. God had signally honoured her by choosing her to be the mother of Jesus."

The St James' Community



Churchwardens

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Mr Michael Knopf, Phone 9527 1017



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Mr Francisco Alfonso & Mrs Valerie Coffey



Sunday School

Contact: Ms Treasure Vellis

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St Kilda Steiner Kindergarten

Pre-School Sessions daily, Monday - Friday

Enquiries Phone: 9527 5168



Little Patch Child Care Centre

Commencing operations here at St James's in 2016

Enquiries to Dean & Michelle Clarke - Phone: 0419 548 477



The Little Company of Brothers of the Good Shepherd

A parish-based Religious Community

Enquiries to the Father Guardian: 0438 450 011



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...