



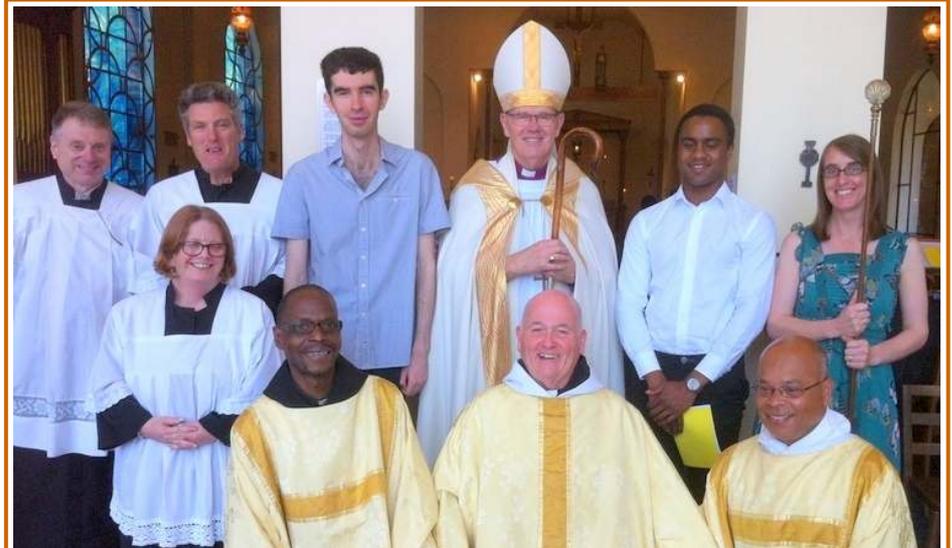
The Pilgrim

Advent - December 2014

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Photograph taken on the Feast of Christ the King after the Confirmation of Andrew Shor and Obed Wetere who stand left and right of Bishop Paul White, with the ministers, acolytes and the Vicar's Warden.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2015

Elected at the Parochial Annual Meeting
on November 30, 2014

Churchwardens: Ron Williams
(Vicar's Warden)
Alfonso Duran & Kate McDowell
Murphy (People's Wardens)

Council Members: Georgia Bahula;
Gary Bartholomew; Michael Knopf &
Mark Raczynski

Vicar's Appointments: Susan Payne
& Obed Wetere.

INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE:
Elected: Michael Knopf; Susan Payne
Wardens' Appointment:
Kate McDowell Murphy



Join us for Christmas at St James the Great

435 Inkerman St, East St Kilda, 3183
Melway 58 G10

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24
11.00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Traditional Carols and fine instrumental Music
Trio Con Brio - cello, oboe & flute

Christmas Day Thursday 25
11.00 a.m. Mass with Carols

Bring your companion animals for a blessing
& to gather around the Manger at this joyful mass

Vicar: Fr Roger F. Kelly OGS

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The Church of the Blessing of Animals

St Kilda Steiner Kindergarten at Advent & Companion animals at Christmas

It has been a St James's custom over many years for the Steiner children to gather for an Advent service in the church, to light the Advent Candles (which they also do in their classroom each week) and then to help place the crib figures around the manger as Father Roger tells the story of Jesus' birth amongst the animals of the stable—eloquent symbols of the redemption of the whole creation and not merely its 'human' component!

Jesus' birth amongst the animals of the stable is an eloquent symbol of the redemption of the whole creation and not merely its 'human' component!

This year's service took place at noon on Wednesday December 10 and was attended by the children with their teachers and some parents.

The children sang the *Candle Song* as the Advent Candles were lit and then they sang the other Christmas songs that they have been learning this year.

This proclamation will continue on Christmas morning when people from all over Melbourne will come to Mass with their Companion animals to gather around the crib to be photographed with the crib figures.

Once again, we here at St James's will proclaim the redemption of the *whole* of creation as we celebrate the profound mystery of the birth of the Child of Bethlehem on Christmas morning.

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant

ADVENT QUIET DAY Sunday December 14

In the two Quiet Day addresses, I continued the theme of my Homily on the Gospel for the 3rd Sunday in Advent from St John chapter 1 verses 6 onwards in which the priests and Levites question John the Baptist—“Who are you?... Are you Elijah?... Are you the prophet?”

It is of course a life-long question for you and for me when we look at others and ask—who *are* you? Or perhaps when we examine ourselves there are also the times that we ask—Who am I?

Every time we meet others, we strive to discover just who they are and we discover early in life the mystery of discovering just who it is that we are ourselves. Of course, this is what vocation is all about.

Like those priests and Levites we have gone through this same process—but not with the Baptist but with Jesus! Just who *is* this Jesus? Why have we answered his call to follow him? And in this process who is it that we become?

It was decided that the silence be lifted over lunch and a lively discussion ensued as the seven participants enjoyed wine with cheese and biscuits followed by fruit and a pleasant cup of coffee.

The day finished at the chancel step with *the Kindling of Light, Exposition, Scripture, silence and prayers.*

Thank you to all who participated in the Quiet Day.

Fr Roger OGS



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS & LUNCH

Thursday January 1

12.00 p.m. The Angelus & Solemn Mass

Our traditional New Year's Day champagne luncheon will follow in the Vicarage garden

To assist those arranging the luncheon, please phone: 9527 1017 or email: rkelly@ogs.net

Little Learners' Child Care at St James's

Our search for a suitable tenant and ministry for St James' House was intensified during 2014, after our decision to explore the possibility of a Childcare Centre. The Parish approached and negotiated with a Real Estate Agency with demonstrated knowledge of and contacts within the industry namely ASL Real Estate. We also organized a suitable design for St James' House and parish grounds with a recommended architect with knowledge of industry requirements.

We eventually settled on a design for a centre which we could take to Tender. St James' House was duly 'open for inspection' on three Saturday mornings in the middle of the year— and the Parish team was there to meet and talk to the various interested parties— the most interested of whom came back on at least two Saturdays and some for all three. We formed views about our visitors while they formed their own views about us and the facility being offered them.

Finally the interested parties were invited to submit written expressions of interest from which we chose our favoured candidates. We were assisted at all times in the process by advice from our friends at ASL Real Estate. In addition, the Vicar and Wardens visited some of the centres being run by (finally) three shortlisted candidates as part of the Parish's due diligence.

We also assisted the candidates flesh out their offers to us. The successful candidate was *Little Learners Childcare*, who operate an existing Centre in Burke Road Camberwell. Michelle and Dean Clarke of *Little Learners* have since appeared at the Diocesan Building Committee to seek approval for alterations to St James' House. They presented strongly to the Building Committee who seemed impressed. Michelle and Dean have now made an Application for planning approval to the Glen Eira Council. We now await the result. Negotiations are also continuing between the Parish, Dean and Michelle and the Diocese about Lease terms, although almost all terms are agreed. We next look forward to building and landscaping works being begun and completed, so that a Childcare Centre can begin to operate from St James' House as soon as possible in 2015.

Michael Knopf
Business Manager & Treasurer



As you can see, St James's feasts well! So join us on New Year's Day in the Vicarage garden for our Champagne Lunch!

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Pastoral Letter from Father Roger

Monday December 15, 2014

My Dear Friends,

Once again with our brothers and sisters the world over we will gather on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning to proclaim the Saviour's birth.

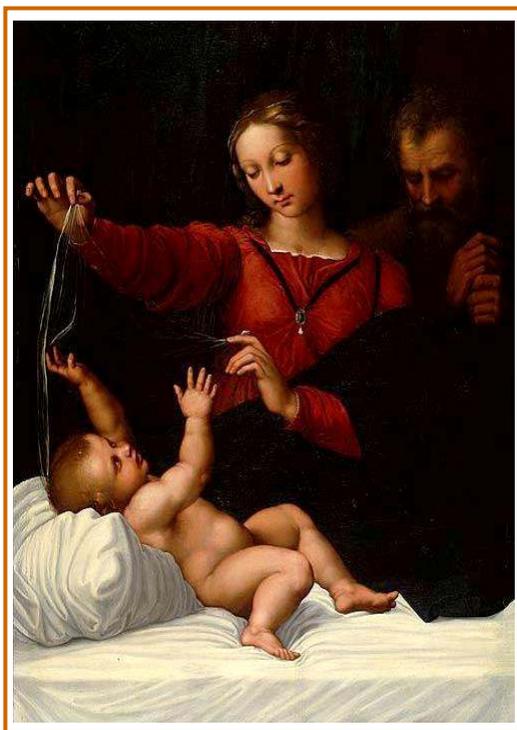
The Feast of the Incarnation has long held great joy for we Christians as we celebrate the sublime mystery of God's love in becoming one of us. It was Field of Boaz who said *Love is the stooping down of God* and this "stooping down" is the very mystery we celebrate at Christ's Mass.

There is always a sense of excited anticipation as we light the Advent Candles and as we prepare the Crib for the ceremonies of Midnight mass and Christmas morning. It is in entering into the ceremonies that the profundity of what we celebrate becomes part of us so that we grow into the mystery and find the grace to live it.

This would be my prayer for all who read this Pastoral Letter—that our share in being a part of the Christmas Liturgy and Proclamation will enable us to *live* the mystery.

It has, in all sorts of ways, been a challenging year but much has been achieved here at St James the Great in terms of the recent Confirmation of two of our young people and their involvement in our life as well as our part in the *Small Parishes Renewal Program* and the ways in which we are endeavouring to grow our community in both its inner life as well as its outreach.

The various renovations—the Vicarage kitchen, breakfast room, verandah and toilet as well as the landscaping of the churchyard and the new churchyard pathway have been successfully completed as well as the culling of various trees including the 17 Cypress trees parallel to the Vicarage in preparation for the on-going development of our parish site and its buildings.



And we have also had the privilege of beginning our Centenary celebrations — commencing with the Patronal Festival with the presence of one of our Patrons, Bishop Peter Hollingworth in July as well as the Pastoral Visit of Bishop Paul on the Feast of Christ the King and two Centenary Luncheons for the congregation. And of course, one of our Patrons Primrose Lady Potter AC hosted the sparkling Soirée Reception for dignitaries and friends of St James's at her delightful city residence.

With a thankful heart and Advent and Christmas Blessings,

Roger OGS

Vicar

& Parish Priest

Eulogy by Virginia de Crespigny at the Requiem for her beloved husband, Mark Showalter St James the Great, Friday November 28, 2014

Today we are celebrating the Requiem for Mark's Soul here in Australia and it is also the Feast of Thanksgiving in the United States of America.

And today we have much to be thankful for. To begin, let me share with you the principles by which Mark lived: Personal responsibility for all one's actions whilst on earth; do unto others; look to learn from one's mistakes and move on wiser for the experience.

A brief account of our lives together is as follows: When Mark and I met in the U.S. in 1974, Mark had done a B.A. in Creative Writing and Comparative Religion at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, then was doing an M.S. at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He had wanted to go off to Kyoto and sit in a Buddhist Monastery, but that didn't happen. He met me instead.

I was teaching and doing a PhD at CWRU. When I found out that Mark had a motorbike, I thought it odd. In my ignorance, I thought all motorcyclists were Hell's Angels and he looked so contrary to the stereotype.

His background was typically middle-class American: his mother looked after 4 children with Mark, the eldest. His father taught science. There were sometimes Australian visitors to their house in Ohio.

To a child growing up in an academic household, with a loving mother, eager for the best nurturing environment for her family, there was lots of scope to experiment with life and get out in the open to play various sports, grid-iron, baseball etc.

Always trusted and encouraged to take responsibility, at 14 Mark drove from New York City to Columbus, Ohio. Driving was routine in the household. The family had a series of cars and mark knew the model and vintage of all of them.

I also grew up with an affection for cars. An MG TF was my favourite to practice my driving skills on. So Mark and I shared a love of motor vehicles - and horses.

But we also discovered a shared interest in architecture. We loved buildings that were aesthetically pleasing. He loved his work at BHP and the State Library of Victoria. Working in beautiful surroundings lifted his spirit.

He had also wanted to travel, so when I came back to Tasmania to work, he joined me there 9 months later.

We married in January 1997, with Cornelia the result in February 1978. Mark loved the beauty of Tasmanian architecture, but he especially loved the wildness of the island, the mystery of it.

Sadly we left our many beautiful Tasmanian friends to come to Melbourne. The reason? A Rudolph Steiner education for Cornelia. Well that never happened.

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Mark Showalter Requiem (continued from page 5)

It was Lauriston Girls' School instead, then air training corp cadets, followed by University of Melbourne Arts and Law Honours degrees, with three years at Trinity College: All such supportive environments for a girl with an enquiring mind. Mark used to say we gave her a good education. That was one of the gifts he bestowed on his much-loved daughter.

Through him, she had dual citizenship, so in 2002 she went off to the U.S. with her dear friend from Grade I, Amanda Holyman. It was a sad day for Mark and me. But just as I had left my parents in Sydney to go to Hobart, and Mark had left his Ohio family for Tasmania, we resigned ourselves to the reality of absent family and friends, ever in our hearts, but in these days, just a phone call away.

Cornelia and Mark were very close, kindred spirits: as she had come from a loving, encouraging family in Melbourne, she became part of the Showalter clan in the U.S., first in Colorado, then in New York City.

Without being morbidly obsessed with the absence of family and friends overseas, we settled into a working and social life in Melbourne, with many dear friends to add to our American and Tasmanian ones.

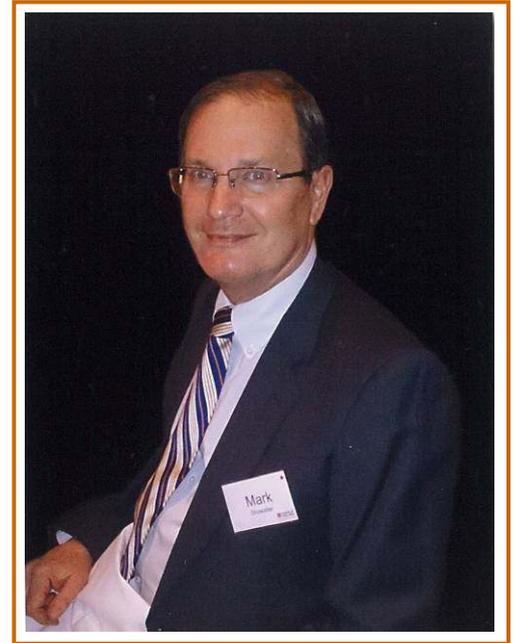
In 1984, thanks to an Australian Broadcasting Corporation broadcast, we discovered St James the Great in East St Kilda, Melbourne and that jewel in its crown, Father Roger. So that in part is why we are here in this church today, to honour the life and death of Victor Mark Showalter. We are so grateful to be surrounded by the love and support of those of you who are with us today, and to all those family and friends who are here in spirit from Tasmania, Australia, the U.S., England, France, the Tyrol and China.

If Mark had to go at 64, he did so knowing that he was dearly loved by his family, friends and colleagues. On Monday the 17th of November 2014 he left a loving wife on his beloved Triumph Bonneville motorcycle to go to work at the State Library of Victoria where he felt appreciated too. That day, he never arrived. He died instantly on the Monash Freeway. It is we who are left to feel the pain of his passing. But we also know that there ended a life well-lived.

If you are able, please join us for the Wake in the Church Hall. Mark would have wanted us to be together to honour his passing. While for Julius Caesar, the good one does is oft interred with their bones, a part of Mark's good lives on in all of us, and we are eternally grateful for the gift of himself to us all.

Mark admired fortitude in women and intelligence in men, but he loved all creatures great and small.

Virginia de Crespigny.



Father Jabulani safely home at last

As many of you are aware Jabulani was here in Australia for longer than he intended, in fact for some 66 days. After he was found to be gravely ill with TB, he was hospitalised for 48 days in the Alfred, with 38 days in an air-locked isolation room.

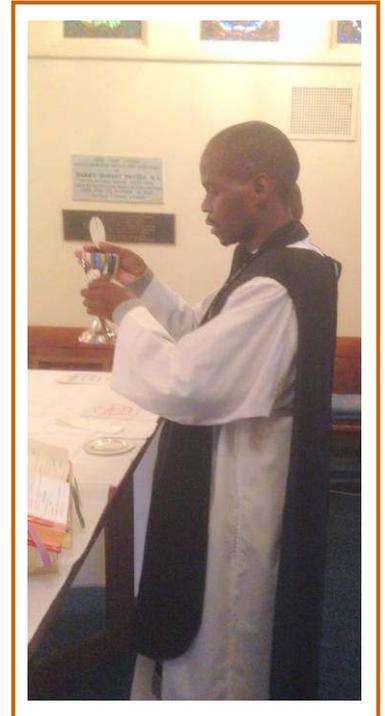
Jabulani's courage and endurance throughout his illness was an inspiration to us all here at St James's where we held him in our prayers throughout his very challenging journey back to health.

I visited him daily at the Alfred and ministered the Sacraments and said the Divine Office with him. It was quite a journey for me as well—as I saw others in the corridors and lifts whom I came to recognise as daily visitors like myself. In this, I was reminded of the various times in our lives when we are called to a particular ministry to family or friends and what a demanding reality this can be because of the many other responsibilities that we might hold.

Jabulani returned to South Africa some 3 weeks ago and after a short break has now returned to his duties at St Patrick's uMzinto. His health continues to improve—but of course he will continue with TB treatment for another 6 months.

The treatment he also received for the inflammation at the back of his eyes has also been successful and the possibility of losing his sight has been removed.

The Alfred Hospital staff have been wonderful to Father Jabulani and the care and treatment he received has been second to none. I give thanks to God for their care as well as the ministry of the Chaplaincy department and for their kindness in extending the hospitality of the Altar to this visiting priest. *Father Roger OGS*



Thank you to St James's from Father Jabulani

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends at St James the Great who have prayed for me throughout my almost 50 days in hospital.

I am also grateful to those who visited me and helped in practical ways to try to make the 38 days in the Isolation Ward more bearable. It was a long journey full of medical procedures and I found it hard to believe that it was happening!

Thank you also to those who have made an offering to assist me in my care of my family and for your prayers for my mother, my nephew Longisani (who cares for her) and for my older brother Patrick at present in hospital at Marianhill.

The prayerful support of this parish community in funding my theological studies and offering practical support in various ways over several years I appreciate more than I can say. And I have enjoyed my visits at the Vicarage and with the congregation and I feel that I know so many of you that I am almost a member of the Parish.

Be assured of our prayers for you in the South African Oratory and at uMzinto.

Yours in our Lord,

Father Jabulani Ngidi OGS

Vicar of St Patrick's Parish uMzinto, Diocese of Natal South Africa

SERVICE TIMES AT ST JAMES THE GREAT

Sunday Solemn Mass at 10.30 a.m.
 The Laying on of Hands & Anointing of the Sick
 available last Sunday of the month & by appointment.
 Low Mass: Mondays 10.00 a.m. & Thursdays 11.00 a.m.
 Morning Prayer on Weekdays at 9.00 a.m.
 Confession: Saturdays 4.00 p.m. & by appointment
 Exposition: Saturdays at 5.00 p.m.



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The Little Company of Brothers
 of the Good Shepherd

*A dispersed religious community affiliated
 with the Oratory of the Good Shepherd*

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The Right Reverend Gerald Beaumont

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St Kilda Steiner Kindergarten
 at the St James' Community

Sessions daily, Monday - Friday

Teachers: Ms Davina Rennie

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The Church of the Blessing of Animals



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