



The Pilgrim

The Holy Souls November 2014

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The Parish looks forward to welcoming Bishop Paul White next Sunday as he makes his Pastoral Visit during our Centenary Celebrations.

Celebrating Our Centenary 1914-1915

Centenary Pastoral Visit of our Regional Bishop
+ The Solemnity of Christ the King +
Next Sunday November 23

11.00 a.m. Procession & Solemn High Mass
Baptism & Confirmation

Let us joyfully welcome our Regional Bishop
The Right Reverend Paul White
Luncheon follows in St James' House
(\$30.00 per person & \$15 per child)

Phone the Vicarage to book for Lunch: 9527 1017

+ November: Month of the Holy Souls +

If you would like to have departed relatives remembered whom you do not believe are on the Parish All Souls' List, please leave a message with their Names on the Vicarage telephone answering machine. See Fr Roger if you wish a special mass for your departed relatives or friends.

The Feast of Blessed Nicholas Ferrar Deacon & Man of Prayer Patron of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd



Thursday December 4

6.00 p.m. Solemn Mass—Supper to follow
Preacher: Father Ken Letts

Canon Emeritus of Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Gibraltar,

& former Archdeacon of France & Monaco

Lady Potter's Centenary Soirée

Gary Bartholomew

Archbishop Philip Freier, Bishop Peter Hollingworth and Primrose Lady Potter are each Patrons of St James's centenary celebrations and building appeal.

On Wednesday October 22, In her capacity as one of our Patrons, Lady Potter graciously hosted a soirée in her beautiful home in honour of St James's first 100 years. It was a very special occasion attended by dignitaries and community leaders and friends of St James the Great.

Together with Mrs Joy Freier who represented her husband, His Grace the Archbishop, our other Episcopal Patron, Bishop Peter Hollingworth was present with his wife Mrs Ann Hollingworth and were the honoured guests of the evening.

Other dignitaries included Mr Clem Newton-Brown MHR the Member for Prahran, Ms Amanda Mendez da Costa (representing the Honourable Michael Danby MHR), the Countess Krasicki, Mr Richard Kendall QC, Mrs Annette Allison of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Broadcaster Chris and John Michael Howson OAM (our Patron of the Annual Blessing of Animals) were present along with our Wardens and Synod Representatives and our beloved nonagenarians Dr John Willis and Mr Ian Little with clergy, their wives and friends of St James the Great.

It was indeed a special centenary occasion in a delightful setting.

60 years of Worship and Service

Honouring David Stidston

On Sunday November 2nd the congregation gathered towards the front of the Nave and around David Stidston to give him a Blessing in celebration of his 60 years membership of St James the Great. David has served at Mass here since he was a boy of 10 while a student at Wadhurst, Melbourne Grammar.

Over the 60 years he has served as a Sub Deacon at High Mass and a member of the Servers' Guild and as a Reader at Mass. In earlier years David also served as a Warden and Vestry Member.

David has always been a great supporter of our many social events as well as our parish markets and working bees. With our beloved Helen Fraser, he began the Wednesday Workers' brigade and over many years has continued to assist with Sacristy duties as well as cleaning and other maintenance chores in and around the church.

With his parents, David shared and continues to share a passion for the Scouting movement. He is a significant leader in many programs and has been Leader in Charge of the Prahran 2nd Cub Scout Pack 1 for many years.

A special Reception followed Mass – complete with champagne and a celebratory chocolate and pear cake with speeches and photographs. **Laus Deo!**

Centenary Patron, Bishop Peter Hollingworth proposed the Toast to St James the Great on this elegant evening graciously hosted by Lady Potter in her beautiful city residence.



David Stidston receiving a blessing during Mass Sunday 2 November.

ADVENT QUIET DAY

Sunday December 14

9.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Conducted by Fr Roger OGS

BYO Lunch with tea, coffee & refreshments provided

To register your participation—

please phone: 9527 1017 or email: rkelly@ogs.net

Bishop Perry Institute & Parish Renewal

The Bishop Perry Institute “...has been formed to empower every parish to be a vibrant centre of mission and ministry.”

This year, we at St James the Great are participating in the *Family-sized Church Renewal Program* along with six other Melbourne parishes, namely the Parishes of Burnley, Gardenvale, Lilydale, Banyule and Panton Hill.

The Vicar and Parish Council have appointed a Mission Action Team who have attended Training Modules at Heidelberg and Gardenvale and who are also involved in net-working within our congregation. Kate McDowell Murphy, Georgia Bahula, Ron Williams, Virginia de Crespigny, Alfie Duran and Michael Knopf form the St James’s Mission Action Team.

This year we have particularly engaged with the Parish Pathways Program and we have been challenged in assessing our outreach activities and Christ-life as we seek to make our community’s proclamation of Jesus accessible to all who come our way.

On Sunday February 22, 2015 our congregation will chart the next stage of our Parish journey — the journey we’ve been on for the past 100 years and the one we have now embarked upon through the Parish Renewal Program.

This is the *Journey Wall Module*. This will help us identify the things that enable our growth as well as the things that might block us so that we can move forward with greater clarity and purpose using the framework and support of the Parish Renewal Program.

All members of our congregation are encouraged to be part of the Journey Wall and to engage in renewal and to pray for St James’s as it seeks *with* the Diocese to *make the Word of God fully known*.



Renewal begins in simple encounters, over a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, when people meet & engage in conversation.

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A Pastoral Letter from the Vicar as we the approach the Solemnity of Christ the King

Monday November 17, 2014



My Dear Friends,

The Solemnity of Christ the King is of course the Feast Day at the end of the liturgical year. In the present Calendar of the Roman Rite, the day is appropriately styled as *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* reminding us of our greater understanding of the enormity of God's creation and the place of Jesus the Lord—the incarnate Word who is at the very centre of this universe and who is *the One* who is *in and through all things*.

This is of course an appropriate conclusion to our annual liturgical journey as we contemplate the Sacred Mystery of God in the light of that journey.

For us at St James's it has been quite a journey this year. First, we are now celebrating our Centenary, secondly, we are engaged in the Bishop Perry Institute — *Small Parishes Renewal Program*, thirdly, we are engaged with the *Little Learners Early Childhood Centre* in Camberwell in the establishment of a Child Care Centre here in St James' House and fourthly we are embarking upon a building program to make our church more accessible to all and at the same time to effectively position our building on the Inkerman Streetscape.

This has brought about a huge burden both for me as Vicar and for our Wardens in terms of time and administration demands. However I pray that all these developments and activities will bear fruit for the Lord in this little patch of his kingdom for years to come.

Without doubt, little St James's is well-known in the wider city of Melbourne especially through the *Annual Blessing of Animals*. We are also known, as reminded by Bishop Peter Hollingworth at Lady Potter's Soirée, as a place of liturgical excellence where the worship of God is truly mindful and where all involved endeavour to offer an acceptable sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recently we were described by one visitor as "...a beautiful church with a dignified and joyous traditional liturgy." I give thanks that we have been blessed as we have maintained the heritage of past priests like Hal Potter, Walter Green and Harry Reynolds Smythe for whom we give thanks especially in this Centenary year. May this witness long continue to the praise of Christ the King of the Universe.

I hope you will be able to be with us next Sunday at 11.00 a.m. when we celebrate this joyful Feast of Christ the King of the Universe. Our Regional Bishop, Paul White will be with us and he will preside at the Sacrament of Confirmation. Come and enjoy our hospitality at lunch as we continue to offer thanks in this our Centenary year.

Prayers and blessings,

Roger

Roger F. Kelly OGS

Father Jabulani's Unexpected Journey

A Report & Reflection from Fr Roger OGS

Earlier this year I decided that I would take further long service leave in South Africa. My Oratory Brother, Jabulani decided at the same time that he would return with me and have some of his accrued holiday leave in Australia. It was to be his fifth holiday with us here.

When we returned to Melbourne on the 20th of September we happily anticipated Jabulani's sharing in ministry at St James's and renewing contact with friends and enjoying some sight-seeing in the wide brown land. However this was not to be!

Sadly within the first few days it became evident that Jabulani was falling ill with pneumonia. I immediately took him to the doctor who sent him for a chest X-ray. Within two days he was admitted to an Isolation Ward in the Alfred Hospital where he remained for the next 38 days after being diagnosed as one who was gravely ill with tuberculosis.

It took a while to identify the particular strain of TB and there was much concern over the progress of the disease which caused constant fever symptoms and considerable fluctuation in body temperature and blood pressure. Jabulani was very ill indeed!

In this journey both into and out of extreme illness, Jabulani showed considerable courage and stoicism in his day-to-day life of endless tests and procedures, as well as his isolation from people and especially from his loved ones in South Africa. He maintained his deep faith in God and used the time for prayerful reflection on his vocation as a priest and Oratory brother as he looked to the future when he would eventually return to everyday life once again.

It has been a challenging time for Jabulani and indeed for me. Fitting in daily visits to the hospital in the midst of the demands of my life has been testing in this very busy year. When these things happen the demands of the rest of the daily round don't disappear and skilful juggling is often needed.

We have each felt supported by the prayers of our brothers and indeed of each of our congregations.

Needless to say I will not forget this chapter of my life as I have dutifully cared for my brother in religious life.

Interestingly there is a sense of history repeating itself as I recall how I found myself caring for another brother priest many years ago. The priest was, of course, my Melbourne Grammar friend and colleague Fr Paul Harvie who insisted that I serve the locum we had arranged in spite of the fact that he was gravely ill and dying. All these years ago I cared for Paul and his Dundee parish through the final days of his illness and eventual death after which I presided over all his funeral arrangements.

In all this I am reminded of the beloved Aunt Margaret of my childhood whom I observed caring for my grand parents till they died and then my mother until she died. I remember her care and I pray that my care of my brothers may somehow be a part of that same loving care that I witnessed and experienced as a small boy.

Pray for our friend Jabulani and for his safe return to the bosom of his family.



Fr Jabulani preparing the Altar, during Mass at St James's 2 November.

Theological Reflection by Pope Benedict XVI

Written by Joseph Ratzinger in 1969 and appeared in his Faith and Future, Ignātius Press, 2009.

“Men in a totally planned world will find themselves unspeakably lonely. If they have completely lost sight of God, they will feel the whole horror of their poverty. Then they will discover the little flock of believers as something wholly new. They will discover it as a hope that is meant for them, an answer for which they have always been searching in secret.”

“The church will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning.

She will no longer be able to inhabit many of the edifices she built in prosperity. As the number of her adherents diminishes . . . she will lose many of her social privileges. . . As a small society, [the Church] will make much bigger demands on the initiative of her individual members....

It will be hard-going for the Church, for the process of crystallization and clarification will cost her much valuable energy. It will make her poor and cause her to become the Church of the meek . . . The process will be long and wearisome as was the road from the false progressivism on the eve of the French Revolution – when a bishop might be thought smart if he made fun of dogmas and even insinuated that the existence of God was by no means certain . . . But when the trial of this sifting is past, a great power will flow from a more spiritualized and simplified Church. Men in a totally planned world will find themselves unspeakably lonely. If they have completely lost sight of God, they will feel the whole horror of their poverty. Then they will discover the little flock of believers as something wholly new. They will discover it as a hope that is meant for them, an answer for which they have always been searching in secret.

And so it seems certain to me that the Church is facing very hard times. The real crisis has scarcely begun. We will have to count on terrific upheavals. But I am equally certain about what will remain at the end: not the Church of the political cult, which is dead already, but the Church of faith. She may well no longer be the dominant social power to the extent that she was until recently; but she will enjoy a fresh blossoming and be seen as man’s home, where he will find life and hope beyond death.”

Researching our History

The work of researching the history of St James the Great began two or three years ago when our friend, Dr Lesley Preston researching the beginnings of our parish at St John's Theological College in East St Kilda.

This led to interesting discoveries regarding the circumstances surrounding the closure of the College and the unsavoury and unworthy churchmanship struggles that in a real sense influenced the strongly Anglo Catholic traditions of St James the Great.

Subsequently our Vicar's Warden, Kate Mc Dowell Murphy has also done some investigations and Dr John Willis has been researching the bound volumes of the *Church Paper* and *The Pilgrim*. He has been culling and collating information covering the period from 1914 until 1946.

This has been quite a labour of love and hopefully will bear fruit in the next couple of years with the publication of a very interesting Parish History.

We may well be one of the geographically smallest parishes in the Diocese and throughout our history we have been a "family-sized" congregation.

However vibrancy and quality of life within any congregation is what matters and not necessarily the number of posteriors in the pews! The number of vocations to ordained ministry and religious life suggests that there has been and is a life here that has nurtured the faithful... And indeed the outreach of events like the Blessing of Animals has assisted in not only providing a ministry of "well-being" but also enabling those outside the life of the Church to have positive feelings about its life and contribution to the wider society.

Vale + Arthur Stanley Goldsworthy, bishop & man of prayer

On Sunday November 16 at 5.00 p.m. Stanley Goldsworthy a faithful and beloved priest and bishop passed from this life at McLaren Vale in South Australia.

I was privileged to be one of Archdeacon Stanley Goldsworthy's curates at St Augustine's in Shepparton. My years with him were both joyful and fruitful as he truly led by example in living the life of a priest and pastor to God's people.

More than any other person, Father Stanley formed my ministry as a priest and was the greatest influence on my life in holy orders. His loving generosity, pastoral care and collegial example of leadership will remain with me always.

Providentially, I had Goldsworthy links with Father Stan's family even before Archbishop Keith Rayner invited me to be Fr Stan's curate. In my youth leadership days in the late 60's and early 70's at All Saints' Nunawading I became a friend of Robert and Jill Goldsworthy and their wonderful family.

Father Stan is pre-deceased by his wife Gwen whose example as a clergy wife and wonderful sense of humour I will always remember. To Philip and Louise their beloved son and daughter I extend heartfelt sympathy at this time for the loss of a beloved father who loved to spring joyful surprises as a sign of his love for them!

Behold a great priest! +May he rest in Peace.

Roger F. Kelly OGS

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.



Parish and Community

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
& Ms Federica

Enquiries Phone: (03) 9527 5168



The Anglican Parish of St James the Great
435 Inkerman Street, East St Kilda
The Church of the Blessing of Animals

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The Priest of this parish is a member 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."

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