



The Pilgrim

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Patronal Festival Edition—July 2014



100 Years of Worship & Service

Centenary of the first

Patronal Festival

Sunday July 27

11.00 am Procession &

Solemn High Mass

The Right Reverend the Honourable

Dr Peter Hollingworth AC, OBE

To book for Lunch

please phone: 9527 1017

LAST ST JAMES' HOUSE FESTIVAL LUNCH

From Father Roger OGS



It will be wonderful to welcome our friends Bishop Peter and Anne Hollingworth who are so much loved and honoured by this congregation.

And it is fitting that having been our honoured guests at other Festivals, that they are with us on our 100th Anniversary Festival.

Our celebratory lunch will be the last in St James' House— which is another milestone as the Parish prepares for the establishment of a Child Care Centre which will be a very productive use of the former Primary School building in which there has been considerable investment by the Federal and State governments.

New Directions for the Little Company



Fr Roger with Br Michael at St Alban the Martyr in Balmoral, Auckland.

The Little Company of Good Shepherd, through its Brothers and Companions has continued its witness to a dispersed discipline of religious life especially here at St James's and also at St Alban the Martyr at Balmoral in Auckland, New Zealand over the last five years.

Over several months, Father Roger OGS, Guardian of the Little Company, has been taking soundings from the Companions and friends as well as members of other religious communities in order seek guidance to determine the future direction of this parish-based community.

On Saturday the 12th of July at 11.00 a.m. five of the friends and companions of the Little Company gathered to pray for guidance before the Blessed Sacrament, after which they adjourned to the Vicarage to consult and reflect

with the Guardian.

Gary Bartholomew took charge of the kitchen and at 12.30 p.m. lunch was served, during which the discussion continued until the Consultation concluded with prayers at 4.00 p.m.

With the Guardian, the Companions and friends concluded that the Little Company, while essentially one family, will have a company of brothers on the one hand and a company of sisters on the other.

In this regard the Little Company is following the custom of the Brotherhood of St Gregory and the Sisterhood of St Gregory – a dispersed religious community of the U.S. Episcopal Church.

It is the prayer of the Little Company and those who participated in the Day of Reflection and Consultation that this new direction will enable a greater opening up of our life and so enable vocations to grow our community and its witness.

The Consultation also expressed its prayer and desire for stronger links to the Brothers of the Oratory and the Guardian will consult with the Brothers of the Melbourne College to that end.

Meanwhile the Guardian will make a Pastoral Visit to New Zealand on the 9th of August to spend time with Brother Michael and to enable him to renew his Profession Vows which will take place at the Parish Mass at St Alban the Martyr, Balmoral on Sunday the 10th of August. Please pray for him and for the renewal of the life of the Little Company.

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Of Cypresses, Possums, and Tawny Frogmouths

Over the years from time to time the Vicar has written about the unique habitat that the St James' Churchyard and Vicarage Garden provides in the midst of an urban area. He has often observed the brush tail and ring tail possums as well as the odd lizard (even a blue tongue some 30 years ago). And of course there have been the Barn Owls and the Tawny Frogmouths cooing in the night.

Over the years, the humans at St James's have added ducks, hens, roosters cats and hives of bees to this otherwise natural habitat. The St James' House Primary School added a frog pond to the mix as part of the children's activities. Today we still enjoy the chooks, the cat and the bees!

Recently the Wardens decided to cull the bay of 17 cypress trees between the Vicarage and St James' House to prepare for the Child Care Centre. This has changed the balance of our habitat. Now there's certainly less cooing in the night and definitely fewer possums. And the Vicar and some of our congregation are very sad... This is indeed a unique haven in East St Kilda.

PARISH RENEWAL 2014 / 2015

St James's is privileged to participate in Parish Renewal—a Program of the Bishop Perry Institute for Ministry and Mission. We are participating in the Family-sized Church Renewal Program along with St James' Lilydale, St John's Heidelberg, St Bartholomew's Burnley, St Matthew's Panton Hill and St Stephen's Gardenvale.

The Program involves regular meetings of each Vicar with the Parish Renewal Co-ordinator and well as net-working meetings for the clergy of all parishes in the Family-sized church program.

Each congregation appoints Mission Action Teams (MATs) who will be required to attend single day modules to develop their short to medium term action plan. This will include goals for change, training programs and other learning goals for each congregation.

The first training Module is at St John's Heidelberg on Saturday the 19th of July. Five or six members of our Mission Action Team will participate.

Father Roger commissioned the St James' Mission Action Team on Sunday the 13th of July in anticipation of the first training module at Heidelberg.

St Julian's Kernel will be the prayer group that will regularly pray for St James's and its MAT.

Father Roger sees the program as an aid in the congregation's transition as he moves towards the conclusion of his incumbency and the parish looks towards the appointment of a new priest and pastor.



***“The Virgin’s Bower”
In the 1950’s Fr Walter Green
installed two della robia
plaques of Our Lady. These
treasured images are much
loved symbols of devotion.***

A War time relic at St James’s

As we celebrate our centenary here at St James’s the wider world celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the First World War. The internal simplicity of the Vicarage—a Queen Anne style building is testimony to the lack of money available for its building because of the strictures of the Great War.

The Roll of Honour in the Chapel of Our Lady and St Francis commemorates those from this parish who served and those who died in the War and is testament to the service of the young men at the very foundation and beginnings of St James’s Parish who went to war.

When the church was completed in the 1950’s as a War Memorial building, the High Altar (made of Australian Mountain Ash) had set into it five Consecration Crosses made of English Ash from an oar used in Naval operations at Gallipoli in 1915. The oar arrived in Egypt having been turned into a splint on a wounded soldier evacuated to the first A.G.H. at Heliopolis at which hospital, Father Walter Green was chaplain in 1916.

Environment & Parish - a Talking Point from an ASWA magazine

In light of the article reporting the change of habitat in the St James’ churchyard, the Vicar has adapted an article from the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals magazine published by the Church of England.

Does your church have an environmental policy? When we consider how many church buildings there are it is easy to imagine the tremendous impact that could be made if every church had followed an environmental policy . Energy use, the installation of solar panels and other renewable energy generating equipment. Then there is the matter of a wildlife friendly churchyard and ensuring that only recycled and sustainably sourced products are used. And what of including environment and animal welfare in sermons, prayers, Bible studies and more? Much of this already happens at St James the Great encouraged by our 20 years annual focus at the Blessing of Animals at St Francis tide and on Christmas morning when people bring their companion animals to gather around the Crib.

Perhaps we should issue a challenge to our Diocese that all of its parishes and institutions ought to have an environmental policy as an important part of its Christian witness and responsibility.

Happy Birthday Johan!

These pictures were taken at Johan de Jonge's 86th Birthday Celebration at Central Park where he has been living since his surgery and rehabilitation at the Alfred and Caulfield Hospitals.

As you can see in the pictures Johan was delighted to be surrounded by some of his many Indonesian friends who provided a delicious lunch of Indonesian delights! David Stidston and Fr Roger represented the congregation.

Johan is presently arranging to remain at Central Park where he is delighted by the care he receives and the security of so many people who chat with him and care for him.



Our Centenary Lunches

As a joyful part of our centenary celebration the Centenary Working Group has scheduled three "in House" Lunches for our congregation to follow the Sunday Parish Mass on June 22, August 17 & October 19.

The first was held at the nearby Potsticker Chinese Restaurant on the corner of Inkerman and Hawthorn Roads. Eric, the owner did us proud and the thirty one folk who participated were most appreciative.

On August 17 the Reverend Dr Stuart Blackler, former Dean of Hobart will be our Guest at Solemn Mass and at Lunch. As a young man Fr Stuart was Parish Clerk at St James's from 1950 till 1957 during the incumbency of Fr Walter Green. The Vicar has invited him to be our Lunch time speaker and to reminisce with us about the life of the parish in the 1950's. This will be a wonderful historic journey and will surely be enjoyed by all who participate. To book for this luncheon (hopefully in St James' House or in the Kindergarten) you are welcome to leave your details at the Vicarage.

A CHILD CARE CENTRE AT ST JAMES'S

From the Wardens

Since the closure of the Community Primary School here at St James's in 2011, the Vicar and Wardens first consulted with local Anglican Schools to explore the possibility of a further educational institution in St James' House.

Fr Roger felt that the Education Revolution Grant that enabled the construction of the mezzanine room along with the considerable amount of expenditure by federal and state governments surely brings a moral obligation on the part of St James's to continue an education enterprise in this well-equipped building. At the same time the parish will continue its significant outreach of service through education which has certainly been an important part of the parish's work and witness over the last 100 years.

In September 2013, with the assistance of ASL (Australian Sales and Leasing) the parish commenced a process of investigation to find an appropriate child care provider to establish a facility at St James's that would care for children from infancy to school age. This would include both nursery and kindergarten care with as many as 60 children being looked after and taught on a daily basis.

Between 20 and 30 individuals and companies attended the 3 Open Days and almost 10 applications to establish a centre were received. ASL provided further information and guidance as the Wardens chose those to be interviewed.

As this edition of *The Pilgrim* goes to print the Wardens are about to choose the Child Care provider who will develop and adapt St James' House and the surrounding area to provide the required outdoor play area.

This is an exciting development for St James the Great as it seeks to both grow its congregation and reach out to the wider community.



Once a grove of tress, soon to become an outdoor play area for children. Whilst now bare and bereft, the scene on the right will soon be brought to birth and new life, with the happy sounds of children at play.

Taken at our first Centenary Lunch

The ambience of the nearby Potsticker Chinese Restaurant was much appreciated by all who participated in the June 22nd Centenary Lunch. Eric the manager did us proud with a mixture of Yum Cha and A la Carte dishes.

The lunch followed our Corpus Christi Mass and procession of the Holy Eucharist at which this year the little boys sprinkled the rose petals during the procession. To the fascination of onlookers they did so with solemn dignity.

Our new church path enabled the procession to move out into the churchyard symbolising our call to take Jesus to the waiting world. It was an appropriate day for this first Centenary Lunch



Virginia and Lorraine



Pamela, Georgia, and Alfie



Ian and June Little, with Michael



John Michael-Howson and Gary



A few of the children from St James's

SERVICE TIMES AT ST JAMES THE GREAT

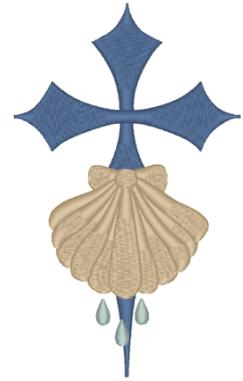
Sunday Solemn Mass at 10.30 a.m.

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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at the St James' Community
Sessions daily, Monday - Friday

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