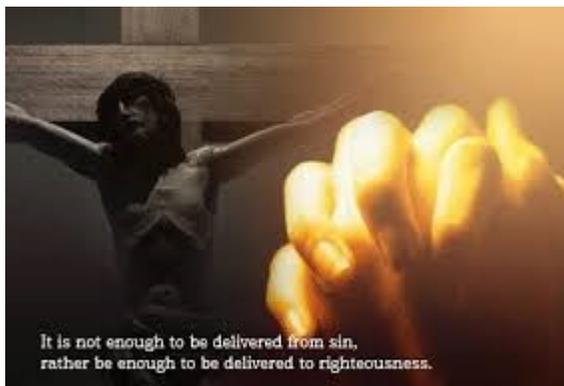


The Church Paper

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



LENT

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Sunday

Stations of the Cross at 10.00 a.m.

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/](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_James_the_Great_St_Kilda_East)

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The Interim Vicar Writes

Dear People

Cyclone Winston, one of the worst tropical storms on record in the Southern Hemisphere, has devastated parts of Fiji. At least 42 have been confirmed dead, and there are fears that the number could rise as rescue teams discover more devastated communities.

This was the news which met us last week and which brought back to us that dreadful feeling of anguish for a population devastated by the powerful force of nature; once again fellow human beings have lost their lives, their loved ones and their possessions as the furious power of a natural phenomenon ripped through their communities and their lives. I encourage you to support the people of Fiji at this time; both materially and in your prayers. The websites below are just two of the ways of donating to support our Fijian brothers and sisters through Anglican agencies, I urge you support them or whatever agency you prefer.

<https://anglicanaid.org.au/>

<http://www.abmission.org/appeals.php/57/fiji-cyclone>

Meanwhile, here at St James we continue to observe Lent and I hope that, however you have chosen to vary your life at this time, you are finding the experience helpful in bringing you into a deeper relationship with Christ and that this Lenten season is spiritually enriching your life.

Until next week, bless you all as we continue to observe a holy Lent,

Richard

Lenten Devotions:

Stations of the Cross are said at 10.00 a.m. on Lenten Sundays (apart the 4th Sunday when there is the Service of Healing & Wholeness.).

The Little Company is offering a Lenten devotion and study around a meal this Tuesday the 1st of March at 6.00 p.m. (Check the Narthex list)

A Lenten Midday Devotion will be said in the church this week on Monday & Saturday following the ringing of the noon Angelus.

Roster The March Roster has been emailed to all who assist.
Copies are also available on the Narthex table.

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The Liturgy Today

10.00 a.m. Service of Healing & Wholeness

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass

Sunday School Focus

Following the Gospel the children will have an activity time in the Kinder.

Hymns: Gradual: 546; Offertory: 598; Post Communion: 580.

Memorial Acclamation in Lent:

The priest intones - The Mystery of Faith & the people respond -

Dying you destroyed our death;

Rising you restored our life;

Lord Jesus come in glory.

On Duty: Sidesman: K. McDowell Murphy; Deacon: A. Duran

Cantor: A. Alesi; Lectors: Dr J. Willis & Isaac de Gabrielle

Refreshments: K. McDowell Murphy

Join us for Refreshments in the Narthex

Kalendar & Events this Week

Tuesday St David, bishop

6.00 p.m. Lenten Study & Devotion at the home of Gary Bartholomew

Wednesday St Chad

Thursday John & Charles Wesley, priests

11.00 a.m. Mass

Friday 5.00 p.m. Exposition & Little Company Chapter

Next week: LENT IV

10.00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass

12.00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

On duty next week: Sidesman: V. de Crespigny;

Deacon: R. Williams; Lectors: M. Knopf & L. Hawkes

Refreshments: M. Knopf

Prayers of the Faithful: Trevor Bulled OGS; Noella; John Ahern; Sister Hilary CHN; Maria Pythagoras; Geraldine Coulthurst; Virginia; Marjorie; Sister Raphael OSB; Stephen & Jill; Adrian Stephens, priest; Michael Muschamp; young Noah; June Little; Ken Mason OGS; Brother Brian SSF; Sonja Knopf; Linda Osmond, priest; Betty Boyle; Sally; Mark; Rory & Anna; Christina Melches; Geoffrey & Margaret Clarke; Elizabeth Peters; Gladys Wheeler; Bill Smith; Vilma Byrne; Sister Lyn & Sister Philippa; Jamie; Tammy. †Give thanks for the birth of Charles Andrew Hockey, (another great, great Guernsey nephew for Fr Roger).

Lenten Envelopes Please use these envelopes as a part of your Lenten devotion. If twenty members of St James's each gave \$5.00 per week we would be able to make a donation of over \$700 at the end of Lent for the work of overseas Mission. Why don't you take this on as a Lenten work for God?

Holy Week participation Please use the Narthex lists to register your presence and participation in the Holy Week ceremonies here at St James's. The Maundy Meal (including your contribution) and the Watch until Midnight need particular attention.

Oratory Chapter for most of this week Fr Roger will be visiting Ballarat, friends & attending the Founders' Day Chapter on Thursday at the Cathedral.

Administrative Help Speak with the Parish Administrator if you are able to assist with clerical and other practical chores in the parish office. Again this week, Monday would be a practical day for these chores.

The Hamper for the Needy Please remember that at present the Parish Hamper *urgently* needs long-life milk, instant coffee & tea bags; sweet biscuits; sugar; cereals; tins of soup & instant noodle snacks. Thank you for your past and on-going support.

Offertory Income: February 21: Lent II - \$763.70.

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.”

Lenten Practice

During Lent, the Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. Take time to contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. We are called not just to abstain from sin during Lent, but to true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

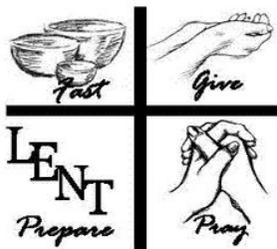
Anglo Catholics are also encouraged to make use of the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation during Lent. In parishes like St James the Great the clergy are always available to instruct and assist the Faithful with spiritual direction and making their first Confession.

Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Anglo Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Many Anglo Catholics also follow these practices.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honour the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.



The St James' Community

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Churchwardens

Vicar's Warden: Mr Alfonso Duran, Mob. 040070750

People's Wardens: Ms Kate Mc Dowell Murphy, Mob. 0412 887865

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 Assistant

Mr Francisco Alfonso

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Sunday School

Contact: MsTreasure Vellis

Phone 0413 901 819

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St Kilda Steiner Kindergarten

Pre-School Sessions daily, Monday - Friday

Enquiries Phone: 95275168

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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 of Brothers of the Good Shepherd

A parish-based Religious Community

Enquiries to the Father Guardian: 9527 1017

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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”