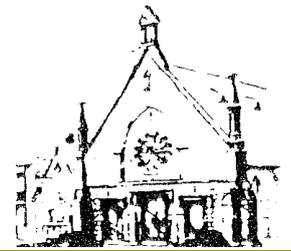




## ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A Sunday 12th February 2017

#### St James' Church.

2 Woolley Street,  
Glebe

#### Weekday Masses

Wednesday &

Friday: 9am

Sat: 8.30am

#### Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

5pm (Standard Time)

Sunday: 9.30am

(Tongan Choir: 4th Sunday)

#### Confession (Reconciliation)

Saturday at 5pm (St. James)

#### St Bede's Church

43 Pymont Street,  
Pymont

#### Sunday Mass Times

8am and 11am

#### **Sacramental Dates for 2017:**

**First Confession: Friday, 31st March**

(Catechesis sessions: Sundays after 9:30am Mass in School Hall on 3 preceding Sundays)

**First Holy Communion: Sunday 18th June**

(Catechesis sessions: Sundays after 9:30am Mass in School Hall on 4 preceding Sundays)

**Confirmation: 7pm, Friday 10th November**

#### **Parish Priest:**

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#### **Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSS**

The Book of Sirach is a collection of proverbial teachings. This wisdom tradition presumes a fundamental order in creation and life. However, human beings are not predestined to conform to this order. On the contrary, its very nature presumes that humans are free. Women and men can decide to live in conformity with the way life unfolds – and this is wisdom, or they can choose to disregard this order – and that is foolishness. Although God desires that all live in conformity to this order, God has predestined no one to sin. All have been given freedom of choice. It is up to us to use it wisely. Today's reading addresses human freedom and human choice.

Composed of both instruction and prayer, the responsorial psalm focuses on adherence to the law (a word best translated 'instruction'). The language used throughout is typical of that found in the wisdom tradition, a tradition characterised by a clear delineation of two ways of living: the way of the righteous, and the way of the wicked. In the instruction, a beatitude describes the rewards that attend righteous living. In the prayers that follow, one asks to remain obedient. The commitment of which the psalmist speaks means that one is acting out of devotion, not merely out of external observance.

Jewish apocalyptic, within which Paul develops his instruction on wisdom, maintained that the secrets of the future had been written down at the beginning of time and preserved somewhere safe from the eyes of human-

kind. At the fullness of time, they will be revealed. Time is thus divided into 'this age' of waiting and 'the age to come', when all things will be made known. Paul contrasts the wisdom of which he speaks with the wisdom of this age. Everything hinges on the essence of the revealed mystery which is the death and resurrection of Christ. Those who are mature have entered into this mystery by accepting the wisdom of the gospel.

Jesus' words today are based on the law and the prophets (the two major sections of the Bible). His teachings were so unprecedented that some accused him of rejecting his religious tradition. Jesus admits that his interpretations provide a new perspective, but they actually offer the fuller meaning of the tradition. The contrast he sets up is not between himself and the law, but between his interpretation and that of the scribes and Pharisees, the interpreters of the law for the people of that day. The formula he uses ('You have heard it said ... But I say to you ...') shows that he demands much more than mere external conformity. The four teachings he contrasts demonstrate how radical is his reinterpretation of the law.

### Welcome to the Christian Community

#### **ISLA CARUANA BARR BORG,**

daughter of Donald Borg and Caroline Pearle-Borg.

#### **MIYANA EVVA, MAX JULIAN AND MARGARET GRACE ZAJACZKOWSKI,**

children of Gregory and Ursula Zajaczkowski.

Baptised at St James, Forest Lodge.



## **NOTICES**

### **PARISH OFFICE**

Starting this week, the parish office hours will now be Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9.15am -2.45pm

### **FAREWELL, THANK YOU AND WELCOME—SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY**

The communities of St James and St Bede are invited to a special morning tea to say farewell and thank you to Fr Anthony and to welcome Fr Dominic. Sunday 19 February, following the 9.30 mass at St James, Please gather for morning tea in the St James School Hall. We will be grateful for any who are able to bring a plate to contribute to the morning tea.

### **CHILDRENS LITURGY—ST JAMES**

Children's Liturgy during 9:30 am Mass on the third Sunday of the month. Father will send those wishing to attend to the back of the Church at the beginning of Mass. Organised by the Lay Dominican Pro-Chapter of St Martin de Porres. For further information please email: LDchapterofstmartindeporres@gmail.com

### **DOMINICAN ART EXHIBITION - AN EXHIBITION OF ART BY DOMINICAN ARTISTS.**

Tuesday 28 from 12 noon to 6 pm, Wednesday 1 March 12 noon to 6 pm. in the 1927 building, Santa Sabina College, 90 The Boulevard, Strathfield NSW 2135. Entry \$5.00 for the Artists Catalogue

### **POSITION VACANT – CENTRE DIRECTOR, MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE PENNANT HILLS**

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict are seeking a suitably qualified person who will fulfil the role of Director, Mount St Benedict Centre. This Centre is a spirituality, formation and education centre in the Catholic tradition and is conducted by the Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

The Director will work collaboratively with the Board of Management and staff to strategically implement change and facilitate the ongoing management of the Centre. The successful applicant will commence as soon as possible.

All applications should include a covering letter, statement about capacity to meet the requirements of the position and a current curriculum vitae. Applications can be sent via email to superior@goodsams.org.au or by mail to: Sister Clare Condon, Good Samaritan Centre, PO Box 1076, Glebe NSW 2037. Applications to be received by close of business 28 February 2017. If you have any questions in regard to this application, or would like a copy of the job description please ring Sr Clare Condon on 02 8752 5303 or email her at: superior@goodsams.org.au

### **ROSEBANK COLLEGE PROUDLY PRESENTS THE MUSICAL PRODUCTION: THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE**

9-11 March 2017. Enjoy the music, singing, dancing and costumes performed by the talented students of Rosebank College. 1A Harris Road Five Dock Ph: 9713 3100. Tickets available online at <https://www.trybooking.com/OBAR>

### **PALMS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

For 55 years the Catholic mission service, Palms Australia, has been preparing, sending and supporting those who answer the call to mission in overseas dioceses, schools, clinics and other vital community organisations. Since the beginning this international mission has relied on the vital contribution of volunteers in the Palms Office. Palms is now looking for a part-time office volunteers in their **Petersham** office: Please contact Roger on 02 9560 5333 or email Joey at [joey@palms.org.au](mailto:joey@palms.org.au)

### **AGEING AND DYING WITH DIGNITY.**

These are a part of life. How do we manage the emotional, psychological, physical and spiritual questions about our own ageing and mortality and that of loved ones. What is available to us to assist in such difficult and confusing times? Hear professional palliative, pastoral and health carers All are welcome to this free event. St Joseph's Catholic Church Newtown. Saturday, **18 March** 2017. Time: 3-5 pm. Details: [newtownfaith.blogspot.com.au](http://newtownfaith.blogspot.com.au).

### **ONE DAY SILENT RETREAT**

As we enter into the Season of Lent, join us for a one day silent retreat guided by Verbum Dei Missionaries, and enter into **"THE 40 DAY JOURNEY", on the 4th of March, at the Centre, 4 Frances Street, Randwick.** For bookings/info contact: [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com) or 9341 5848 or Louise [0402 374 751](tel:0402374751)

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFLECTION DURING LENT at THE GRAIL CENTRE, 22 McHATTON STREET, NORTH SYDNEY TUESDAYS**

Six reflection mornings throughout the year, **10 am – 12 noon**, on **THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY**

Tricia Gemmell will lead these sessions, based on a book of Kathleen Dowling Singh who 'explains the spiritual journey in contemporary language and invites us to awaken what is within us'. **First session: TUESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY**

**Register and get more information:** Tel. 99553053, [pgemmell@tpg.com.au](mailto:pgemmell@tpg.com.au)

### **EVENINGS**

**Five Thursday evenings, 6.30 – 8 pm (refreshments at 6 pm.) on TO BE A PILGRIM**

Making pilgrimages and walking labyrinths have become popular activities today. What is the need they are meeting? We are all pilgrims on a journey through life. With a stimulating array of speakers, come and explore pilgrimage in your own life, in the lives of others, in our world today. **Thursdays weekly, 9th March – 6 April.** All welcome.

Register and get more information: Tel. 99553053, [grailsydney@ozemail.com.au](mailto:grailsydney@ozemail.com.au)

### **SATURDAYS**

**Three Saturdays, 25th February, 11th and 25th March, 10 am – 2 pm on ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION**

Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* calls us to 'profound interior conversion'. How will we respond?

Tricia Gemmell will lead three seminars to explore where these words of Pope Francis can lead us. All welcome. Register and get more information: : Tel. 99553053, [pgemmell@tpg.com.au](mailto:pgemmell@tpg.com.au)

### **THE ARCHDIOCESAN RITE OF ELECTION**

Will take place at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney on the **First Sunday of Lent, 05 March 2017** from 2pm -3:30pm. All welcome! For further details please contact The Catechumenate Office on **(02) 9307 8499** or email: [rcia@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:rcia@sydneycatholic.org).

Readers for next Sunday, 19th February 2017

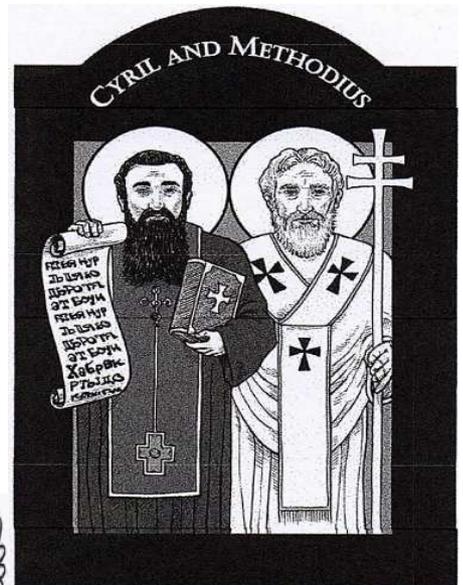
	St. James'	St. Bede's	St. James'	St. Bede's
	6pm	8am	9:30am	11am
<b>First Reader</b>	Guido & Margaret Gianni	Gus & Kathy Loo	Mary Flanagan	Jane Hill
<b>Second Reader</b>	Guido & Margaret Gianni	Gus & Kathy Loo	Sally Read	Antonia Budriah

Please pray for the sick:

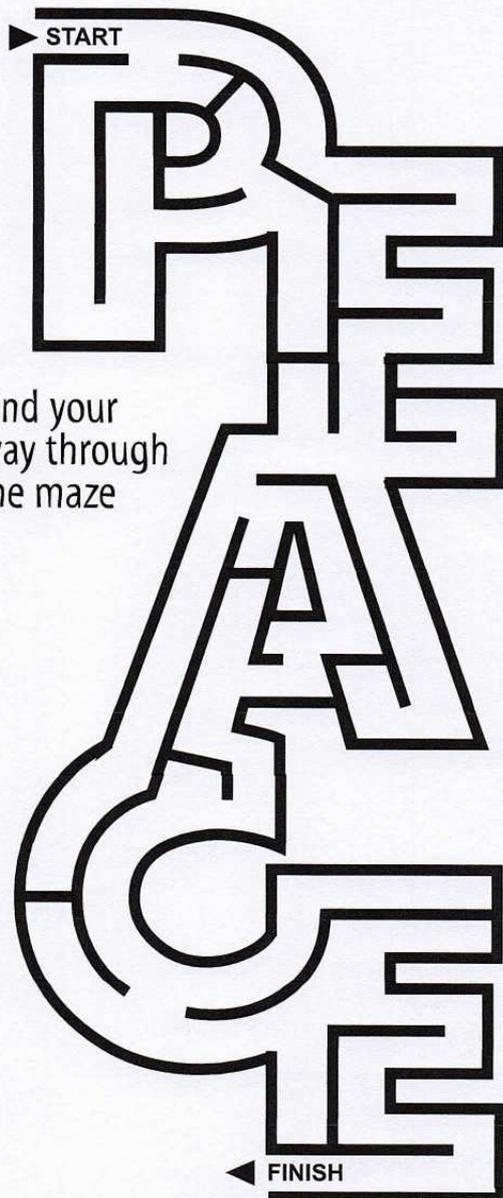
Gillian Ellis, June Ebert, Debbie Julius, Hazel Spratt, Archbishop Anthony, Fran Campisi, Irene Malin, Meryl Tapsell, Fr. Michael Walsh, Allan Hoad, Aziz Latif, Bp Geoffrey Robinson, Kate Mara, Leslee Hoad-Mara, Lee Tillam, Noreen Hayes, Kay White, family members, parishioners, friends.

Please pray for the deceased:

Catalina De'Veira, Martin Keane, Barry Lynam, Aida Cabal San Buenaventura, Noelene Reddie, Barry Sonter, Fr. Frank Furfaro, Mary Loh, Hazel O'Connor, Ken Owens, Pam Mara, Geof Gale, Bill Donnelly, Peter Walsh, Terrie McCabe, Adife Cetin, Graeme Blackburn, Sam Tinman, Georgia Hoad, Maria Lo, Rosie White, Petra Seranilla, Benedicto Zamora, Dr Lucy Landia, Eric Russell-Smith, Betty Rowswell, Laurie Zammit, Tom Gibbons, Mick Kennedy, Allan White, Phil Garde, Sean & Pat Flanagan, Frank & Melina Galluzo, O'Connor family members & all the faithful departed Parishioners.



**S**s Cyril and Methodius were brothers, born in Thessalonika. In their later lives they became priests and in 863 were sent to Moravia as missionaries, where they taught the gospels in the native tongue of the people. At that time, the old Slavonic language had no written form, so Cyril invented an alphabet and translated the liturgy and much of the bible. At the request of the pope they returned to Rome, but Cyril died soon after. Methodius was consecrated archbishop of Sirmium and returned to Moravia, where he was imprisoned for two years by German bishops for his continued use of the vernacular liturgy. Alongside St Benedict, Ss Cyril and Methodius were declared patrons of Europe by Pope John Paul II.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

- altar
- angry
- disciples
- front
- gift
- God
- leave
- offer
- peace
- person
- remember
- someone



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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of  
your name.

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace to people of good will. We  
praise you, we bless you, we adore  
you, we glorify you, we give you thanks  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, al-  
mighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only  
Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, you take away the  
sins of the world,  
have mercy on us; you take away the  
sins of the world,  
receive our prayer; you are seated at  
the right hand of the Father, have  
mercy on us. For you alone are the  
Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you  
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God  
the Father.

**COLLECT**

O God, who teach us that you abide  
in hearts that are just and true,  
grant that we may be so fashioned by  
your grace as to become a dwelling  
pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son, who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING**

***Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20***

If you wish, you can keep the com-  
mandments,  
to behave faithfully is within your  
power.  
He has set fire and water before you;  
put out your hand to whichever you  
prefer.  
Man has life and death before him;  
whichever a man likes better will be  
given him.  
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is almighty and all-seeing.  
His eyes are on those who fear him,  
he notes every action of man.  
He never commanded anyone to be  
godless,  
he has given no one permission to sin.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Happy are they who follow the law of

**SECOND READING**

***1 Corinthians 2:6-10***

We have a wisdom to offer those who  
have reached maturity: not a philosophy  
of our age, it is true, still less of the  
masters of our age, which are coming to  
their end. The hidden wisdom of God  
which we teach in our mysteries is the  
wisdom that God predestined to be for  
our glory before the ages began. It is a  
wisdom that none of the masters of this  
age have ever known, or they would not  
have crucified the Lord of Glory; we  
teach what scripture calls: the things  
that no eye has seen and no ear has  
heard, things beyond the mind of man,  
all that God has prepared for those who  
love him.  
These are the very things that God has  
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the  
Spirit reaches the depths of everything,  
even the depths of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

***Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37***

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if  
your virtue goes no deeper than that of  
the scribes and Pharisees, you will never  
get into the kingdom of heaven.  
'You have learnt how it was said to our  
ancestors: You must not kill; and if any-  
one does kill he must answer for it be-  
fore the court. But I say this to you:  
anyone who is angry with his brother  
will answer for it before the court.  
'You have learnt how it was said: You  
must not commit adultery. But I say this  
to you: if a man looks at a woman lust-  
fully, he has already committed adultery  
with her in his heart.  
'Again, you have learnt how it was said  
to our ancestors: You must not break  
your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to  
the Lord. But I say this to you: do not  
swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if  
you mean yes, "No" if you mean no;  
anything more than this comes from the  
evil one.'

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father  
almighty, maker of heaven & earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God, born  
of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten,  
not made, consubstantial with the  
Father; through him all things were  
made.  
For us men and for our salvation he  
came down from heaven, and by  
the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death  
and was buried, and rose again on  
the third day in accordance with the  
Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Fa-  
ther. He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the  
Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son, who with the Father and  
the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the proph-  
ets. I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church. I confess one  
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrec-  
tion of the dead and the life of the  
world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse and renew us  
and may it become for those who  
do your will  
the source of eternal reward.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:**

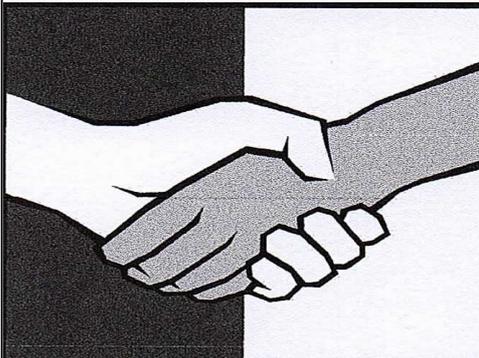
When we eat this Bread and drink  
this Cup, we proclaim your Death,  
O Lord, until you come again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved the Lord gave  
them;  
they were not disappointed in what  
they craved.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having fed upon these heavenly  
delights,  
we pray, O Lord,  
so that we may always long  
for that food by which we truly live.  
Through Christ our Lord.



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