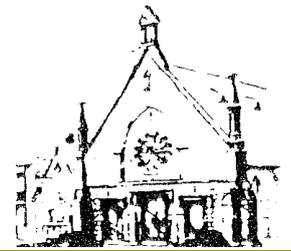




# ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time C Sunday 11th September 2016

### St James' Church,

2 Woolley Street,  
Glebe

#### Weekday Masses

Wednesday &  
Friday: 9am  
Sat: 8.30am

#### Sunday Mass Times

**Saturday Vigil: 5pm**  
*6pm (Daylight Savings Time)*  
**Sunday: 9.30am**  
*(Tongan Choir: 4th Sunday)*

#### Confession (Reconciliation)

Saturday at 4pm

### St Bede's Church

43 Pyrmont Street,  
Pyrmont

#### Sunday Mass Times

8am and 11am



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## The Lost Son

The parable of the prodigal son must be among the best-known Bible stories. The title rolls off the tongue easily, and even many people who don't read the Bible or go to church regularly have heard of it. But is it in fact a parable about a prodigal son? We could be in for some surprises.

To put the younger son at the centre of the parable is already to start to misunderstand it. What is at the centre is the father's great attachment and concern, his willingness to welcome back. God does not let go of us even though we might let go of him.

And what kind of person is this younger son? We might be tempted to view him and his escapades in a flattering, even glamorous, light. He seems to be a kind of young, modern hero who wants independence and autonomy and whose failings are almost a desirable part of growing up. Sin can start to look like the necessary road to freedom and self-knowledge. 'How can I know something if I haven't tried it?' is not the most complete guide to life.

The father's estimate of what had happened to his younger son is more accurate. This son was lost and is now found, he was dead and has now come back to life. No glamour here, no worthwhile spirit of adventure. This way of looking at the son is also made clear by the position of the parable in the Gospel of St Luke. In the longer version of today's gospel we have all three parables. First there is the parable of the lost sheep, then that of the lost coin, and finally that of the lost son.

All three of these parables stress the great joy that comes when what is lost is found. We have to take in the full force of what it meant for the son to be lost, before we can appreciate just how much joy his father felt when the son returned. In one sense, the loss is that of the person who had the sheep or coin or son and no longer has

them. But in the deepest sense, and especially in this parable where a human being is involved and not an animal or a coin, to be lost is worse than to lose. The father does not celebrate the ending of his own loss of a son as much as the ending of the lost condition of his son. The younger son was lost, was dead.

What of the other, the older son? He too is part of the parable and he risks becoming lost in a different way from that of his brother. Elizabeth Jennings opens one of her poems with the haunting lines, 'When you are lost/ Even near home...'. The younger son is lost, and this is reflected in the geographical distance he travels away from home; he ends up in a distant country. The older brother stays put, but he risks getting lost by cutting himself off from his brother and his father. The older brother risks no longer 'being at home', although he is not far away from his father and brother. There are separations that need no great physical gap.

The father does not give up on either of his sons, wanting both of them to be at home with him and with each other. Such is the love of God for us. It is a persistent, tenacious kind of love. By looking at just how lavish in the parable is the father's welcome for his lost son, we might well say that it is the father who is 'the prodigal', that he is prodigal of his mercy. The father heaps presents on the younger son. Throughout the Bible we are shown just how much care God lavishes on us, despite a catalogue of infidelities and betrayals and failings on our part.

Justice gives us what we deserve, love can give us more than we deserve. This is no glib truth, and the reaction of the older brother shows that it can be hard to accept and be glad about.

*Robert Ombres OP*

The two sons represent two immature ways of relating to God: rebellion and childish obedience. Both these forms are surmounted through the experience of mercy. Only by experiencing forgiveness, by recognising one is loved with a freely given love a love greater than our wretchedness but also than our own merit do we at last enter into a truly filial and free relationship with God.

*Pope Benedict XVI*

## **NOTICES**

### **ST JAMES SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

The school will be running a garage sale fundraiser, on Saturday 22nd October from 9.00-3.00 pm We will be selling pre loved children's toys, clothes, books, dvds etc.

We would appreciate any additional items, if you would like to donate items that are fit to be offered for sale please leave them in the church foyer over the weekend or deliver to the school office during the week. For further details please contact the school office 96920870 or [info@stjglebe.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stjglebe.catholic.edu.au)

### **ST JAMES COMMUNITY- GLOBAL CARDBOARD CHALLENGE**

St James is inviting parents and children of the Parish to this community challenge, inspired by the short film 'Caine's Arcade'. The annual event is organised by the Imagination Foundation to celebrate children's creativity and the role communities play to foster this. If you are interested in helping to create one major work, come along with your child to all or some of the imagination sessions to be held on the following dates: Tuesday 13th, Thursday 15th, Tuesday 20th, Thursday 22nd September, from 3.30-5.00 pm

### **MARRIAGE SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL.**

**This event has been rescheduled from 09 October 2016 to 02 October 2016.** Those married at St. Mary's Cathedral are invited to return with their families for a special Mass of Thanksgiving, Blessing and Renewal of Vows on **Sunday, 02 October** at 10.30am, followed by morning tea & music in Chapter Hall. Certificates will also be presented for **25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries**. Those with ancestors married at St. Mary's Cathedral are also invited to join in this wonderful celebration. To register your interest, **RSVP by 21 September** to the Special Liturgies Officer on **(02) 9220 0453** or email [jenni-fer.foo@stmaryscathedral.org.au](mailto:jenni-fer.foo@stmaryscathedral.org.au).

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: The Value and Dignity of Older People.**

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on **25 September**. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: **'A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society'**. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call **(02) 8306 3499**.

### **POSITION VACANT – Archdiocese of Sydney.**

Applications are being considered for the position of **Diary Secretary to the Archbishop of Sydney**. This is a Maternity Leave **contract to October 2017**. For further information please visit [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) or by contacting Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on **0402 210 055**.

### **MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LOSS OF A CHILD.**

If you are a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle or relative of an angel gone too soon, whether it was yesterday or years ago, please join us on **Wednesday, 14 September at 7.00pm** for a special Mass at St Francis Xavier Parish, Lurnea. Tea/ Coffee following. Please **RSVP to Mary-Ann on 9607 8760** with the name of your loved one.

### **POSITION VACANT – Sydney Catholic Schools.**

Applications are being considered for the position of **Child Protection Officer**. For further information please visit [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) or contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources on **0402 210 055**. Applications close **23 September 2016**.

### **HEALING AFTER ABORTION.**

Rachel's Vineyard ministries offers support and spiritual healing through a retreat for all who suffer grief and loss after an abortion at Mt St Benedict's Pennant Hills. The next retreat is **21-23 Oct**. Inquiries and bookings: call the confidential voicemail: **0400 092 555** or go to: [rachelsvineyard.org.au](http://rachelsvineyard.org.au).

### **PARISH LIFE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY**

Storytellers wanted! Have you or someone you care about ever lived, or are currently living, with a disability of any kind? The Archdiocesan Justice and Peace Office is doing a research project exploring people's experiences of living with disability in our parishes. It will explore the stories of people with disability, their families, carers, friends, pastors and fellow parishioners. We are looking for people who want to share their stories so that we can listen deeply to how our people are travelling in their journeys and how our parish communities are walking alongside them. Participation simply involves telling your story and having it recorded and used for research publications anonymously. This is a wonderful opportunity to help us reflect on our strengths and weaknesses and learn how we can grow together into more hopeful, connected and love-filled communities. For more information or to participate please call or email Dr Kimberley Doyle. **02 9307 8461**; [kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:kimberley.doyle@sydneycatholic.org).

### **JESUIT MISSION'S INDIAN BAZAAR – Sat, 17 Sep**

From 8.30am-4.30pm at St Ignatius' College Riverview, 1 Tambourine Bay Rd, Lane Cove. In its 65<sup>th</sup> year the annual fundraiser supports Jesuit Mission work in over 10 countries, empowering the most vulnerable people to transform their lives and build brighter futures. Your support and donation of wine and other items towards the bazaar would be most appreciated. Please contact **Meg Morrison on 02 9955 8585** or [communityengagement@jesuitmission.org.au](mailto:communityengagement@jesuitmission.org.au) for donation of gifts. For more information about the bazaar please visit [www.jesuitmission.org.au](http://www.jesuitmission.org.au) or [www.facebook.com/jesuitmission](http://www.facebook.com/jesuitmission).

### **ST JAMES' STORY TIME**

An invitation is extended to all parishioners with babies, toddlers or preschoolers to join us for our weekly story time. Story time is held each Monday and Thursday at 2.30 pm in the school library. Our Teacher Librarian carefully selects stories each week for the young audience. Come along and join the group, mothers and their young children are most welcome.

Readers for next Sunday, 18th September 2016

	<b>St. James'</b>	<b>St. Bede's</b>	<b>St. James'</b>	<b>St. Bede's</b>
	<b>5pm</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>11am</b>
<b>First Reader</b>	Michael & Sue McAlister	Gus & Kathy Loo	Paul Bizannes	Jed & Arthur Gerona
<b>Second Reader</b>	Michael & Sue McAlister	Gus & Kathy Loo	Sr Agnes Farrugia	Jed & Arthur Gerona

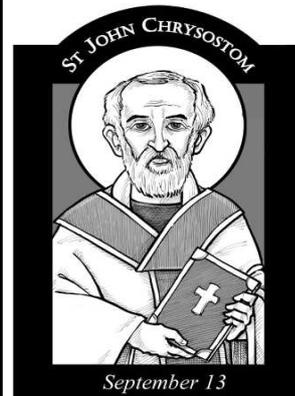
Please pray for the sick:

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, Noleen Reddie, Noreen Hayes, , Kay White, family members, parishioners, friends.

Please pray for the deceased:

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

**St John Chrysostom** was born in Antioch in 347AD and was raised by his widowed mother. After receiving the best education available, he became a monk and lived an austere life in the mountains. He returned to Antioch eight years later to become a deacon and eventually was ordained a priest in 386 AD. St John became a famous preacher and commentator on the Gospels of Matthew and John and the Epistles of Paul. In 397 AD, Emperor Arcadius chose St John to become the Archbishop of Constantinople. He was outspoken in his attempts to reform the corrupt morals of the court, clergy and people. As a result of this he made many enemies, who conspired to have him removed as Archbishop and sent into exile. In the West he is known as one of the Four Greek Doctors of the Church.



**WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

**Alonso Benito,**

Son of Dino and Monica Benito  
*Baptised on Saturday at St Bede's Pymont.*

**Henry Maurice Vinh Greene,**

Son of Joshua and Jane Greene  
*Baptised on Saturday at St James Forest Lodge*

**Julia Maher,**

daughter of Michael and Naomi Maher.

**Maya and Noah Reed,**

children of Duncan Reed and Jocelyn Dela-Cruz.

**Diana Shchegolev,**

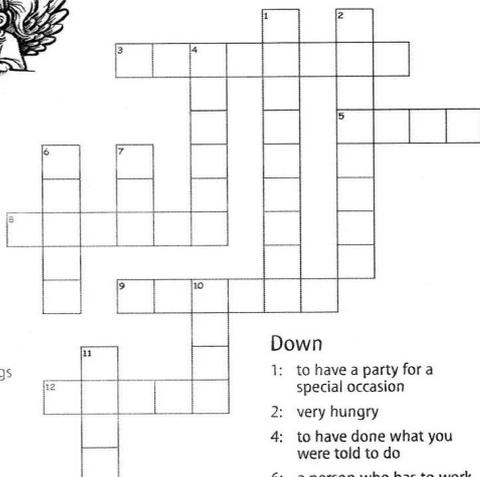
daughter of Vasily Shchegolev and Margarita Shchegoleva.

**Kai George Ironside Watts,**

son of Damien and Alana Watts, brother to Samantha and Sara.  
*Baptised on Sunday at St James, Forest Lodge*



**CROSSWORD**



**Across**

- 3: land that belongs to someone
- 5: jewellery worn on the finger
- 8: squandered, used poorly
- 9: asked for charity with humility
- 12: discovered

**Down**

- 1: to have a party for a special occasion
- 2: very hungry
- 4: to have done what you were told to do
- 6: a person who has to work for no wages
- 7: consume food
- 10: happy
- 11: a parent's boys

**Complete the Text maze:**



START

O A F Y U H K T  
E W H T A N O W H  
J A P R N D R S A  
R S S T A E E B T  
G L O F S N F S U  
O A C D P T O U R  
D P Y L A S G N

FINISH



"He was lost and now has been found."

## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

## **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, almighty 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**

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
 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**

**Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14**

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'  
 But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

I will rise and go to my father.

## **SECOND READING**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL (Short form)**

**Luke 15:1-10**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:  
 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours?  
 "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.  
 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours?  
 "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

## **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 Father. 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 prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

## **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:**

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

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