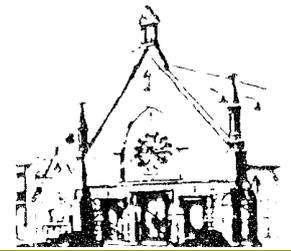




ST. BEDE'S AND ST. JAMES'



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time C Sunday 23rd October 2016

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 4pm

St Bede's Church

43 Pymont Street,
Pymont

Sunday Mass Times

8am and 11am



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Culture of Life

In 480BC the famous battle of Thermopylae was fought between an alliance of Greek city states and the Persian Empire of Xerxes I over the course of three days during the second Persian invasion of Greece. The Greek force numbered around 7000 and the Persian army was considered to be around 150,000 soldiers. The vastly outnumbered Greek soldiers held off the Persians for seven days before one of history's most famous last stands.

That last stand was mainly due to a smaller Greek army of Spartans, Thespians and Thebans withholding the Persian attack while the rest of the Greek army could move to another tactical location.

The battle of Thermopylae comes to mind when considering the great forces that are now at work in our society to

move towards the legalisation of euthanasia.

On Thursday evening the ABC's 7:30 report showed footage of a man euthanising himself. This method of using a popular medium to bring about a change by 'softening' the population through use of powerful images and strong emotion has been long at work. It is an effective tool that has been part of what is described as the "Long March" by proponents, who hold broadly anti-life attitudes on matters of life like abortion, euthanasia, embryonic experimentation and so on.

One can clearly see how the ABC's 7:30 report have misused their position in try-

ing to present euthanasia as an acceptable way for those dealing with terminal illnesses or even those tired of life (as changes in law in the Netherlands have foreshadowed).

It would be easy enough to turn from this situation without saying a word, and slowly withdraw to some insular community. However the withdrawing will only embolden those pushing for this culture of death.



Our faith and Church exists for the sake of the world. Jesus makes that patently clear throughout the Gospel. It is the Gospel that has been given to us to transform our world into a culture of life and light. It is this light that we have to shine on the motives of those who seek to implement a culture of death.

We may indeed face defeats here and now, but we should

do so without running from what confronts us. St. Paul tells us in the second reading that he has "...fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the end." St. Paul was proposing a way of life to the citizens of Rome that was at odds with the expectations of that society where life was disposable. Yet Paul does not call for political revolution but change of heart. His response is the creation of a community worshipping Jesus as Lord. It is important for us to keep in mind the perspective of the victory of Jesus over sin and death, and his resurrection that assures the renewal of creation, as we find ourselves in this 'strange land'.

Attention to human life, especially that in greatest difficulty, that is, to the sick, the elderly, children, deeply involves the mission of the Church. The Church also feels called to participate in the debate that relates to human life, presenting its proposal based on the Gospel. In many places, the quality of life is related primarily to economic means, to "well-being", to the beauty and enjoyment of the physical, forgetting other more profound dimensions of existence – interpersonal, spiritual and religious. **In fact, in the light of faith and right reason, human life is always sacred and always "of quality".** There is no human life that is more sacred than another – every human life is sacred – just as there is no human life qualitatively more significant than another, only by virtue of resources, rights, great social and economic opportunities.

Pope Francis

NOTICES

READERS REQUIRED FOR NEW ROSTER

Readers are needed for the next readers roster. We especially need readers for the 11am Mass at St Bede. If you would like to be added to the new roster please contact Brooke at the parish office on 9660 1407 or email info@stjames-stbede.org.au

PALMS AUSTRALIA—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 two part-time office volunteers in their **Petersham** office: one with good organisational and administrative skills and another with advanced written and oral English. An ability to use Microsoft Office programs and a professional phone etiquette would also be helpful! If you want to find out more, please contact Roger on 02 9560 5333 or email Joey at joey@palms.org.au

COMMODORE'S CHAMBER ENSEMBLE FROM THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY BAND FREE AFTERNOON CONCERT

On **Tuesday October 25th** the *Commodore's Chamber Ensemble* from the *Royal Australian Navy Band* will be providing a free afternoon concert at **St Benedict's Church, Broadway**, from **1.30pm until 2.30pm**. St Benedict's Church is on the corner of Broadway and Abercrombie St, Broadway.

The Ensemble plays a variety of chamber music from the Baroque period up to an including the present. All are welcome to this free lunchtime concert. For more information contact Br Anthony Crook at: anthony.crook@nd.edu.au

ONE MONTH LEFT OF THE YEAR OF MERCY. Pilgrimage Of Mercy – St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door.

"The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life". Pope Francis . Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray. For more information see www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy.

CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF SYDNEY INFORMATION EVENING.

The Catholic Institute of Sydney will hold an Information Evening on Friday, **28 October** at 6.00pm. This is an opportunity to hear about the courses available at CIS, to tour the campus and to speak to one of the staff about your individual study needs. Courses are available in Theology and related subjects such as Biblical Studies and Philosophy. Study can be at undergraduate or postgraduate level. For information visit the website: www.cis.catholic.edu.au, or send an email: registrar@cis.catholic.edu.au. Address: 99 Albert Rd, Strathfield.

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES.

Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria invite you to join in the All Souls Day Mass being held at Rookwood, Liverpool and Kemps Creek Cemeteries. **Sunday, 30 October at 2.00pm** at the Mt Carmel Mausoleum (Italian Mass) Liverpool Cemetery, 207 Moore Street, Liverpool; **Wednesday, 02 November at 10.30am** at the Chapel of Reflection Liverpool Cemetery, 207 Moore Street, Liverpool; **Saturday, 05 November at 12.00pm** at The Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel Rookwood Catholic Cemetery, Barnet Avenue, Rookwood (Adjacent to the Catholic Office); **Sunday, 06 November at 2.30pm** at the open Air Pavillion Kemps Creek Cemetery, 230-260 Western Road, Kemps Creek. All Are Welcome. If you require any further information please ring **1300 114 997** or email events@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

2016 VEECH LECTURE.

The 2016 Veech Lecture will be held at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert Rd Strathfield at 7.30pm on Thursday, **03 November**. The lecturer this year is Fr Denis Edwards, and his topic is "The Theology of Nature in Laudato Si".

SYDNEY MALE CHOIR COMES TO ROCKDALE -A Date for your Diaries.

On Sunday, **06 November 2016** at 2pm, the fabulous Sydney Male Choir will be coming to St Joseph's Church, Walz Street, Rockdale to present a wonderful afternoon of song. All proceeds from the concert will go towards the refurbishment of the Arncliffe Church bell and the purchase of new bells for Bexley and Rockdale Churches to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the establishment in 1892 of St Joseph's Church and School in Rockdale. Tickets available at the door or by calling 0432 390 217. **Cost:** Adult - \$25 Pensioner/Concession - \$20 Primary School-aged Children - FREE.

THE MUSTARD SEED BOOKSHOP

Invites you to the launch of *Question Time 3* by Fr John Flader. The book will be launched by Bishop Richard Umbers. In this third instalment in the *Question Time* series, Fr John Flader offers yet another 150 questions and answers on all things Catholic. Thursday, **17 November** at 7.30pm. The Mustard Seed Bookshop, 3 Keating St Lidcombe. For more information visit www.mustardseed.org.au and to **RSVP:** phone **02 9646 9000**. Supper will be provided.

ST VINCENT'S WESTMEAD OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION REUNION.

Members of the St. Vincent's Westmead Old Boys Association are invited to the Annual Mass and Reunion on Sunday, **27 November 2016** at 11.00am. **Venue:** Sacred Heart Church, 14 Ralph Street Westmead. BBQ lunch @ 12.00pm. Please contact **Christine McGee – 0400 881 779** for enquiries.

DOMINICAN SPIRITUALITY DAY SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER 10AM—3:30PM.

In this 800th year Jubilee of the Dominican Order, join the friars, sisters and Dominican Laity for a day to explore the spirituality of the Dominican Order. The day will include Mass and talks by a friar, sister and Lay Dominican on the Dominican charism throughout the last 800 years. **Cost:** By donation. **Place:** St. John Paul II Student Centre, 190 City Road, Darlington (the 370 bus stops nearby). **RSVP** by 24th October to Fr. Thomas at dominicanspiritualityday@gmail.com

ST BEDE PYRMONT SESQUICENTENARY (150 YEARS)

The St Bede sesquicentenary committee are planning celebrations for 2017. The dates are to be confirmed but celebrations will include Fr Colin Fowler's book launch on the history of St Bedes Pyrmont, a parish picnic, concert, luncheon and a blessing of the church. If you have any photos (historical or current) or newspaper clippings that you would like to share, please email them to Brooke at the parish office on info@stjames-stbede.org.au or drop them into the office.

Readers for next Sunday, 30th October 2016

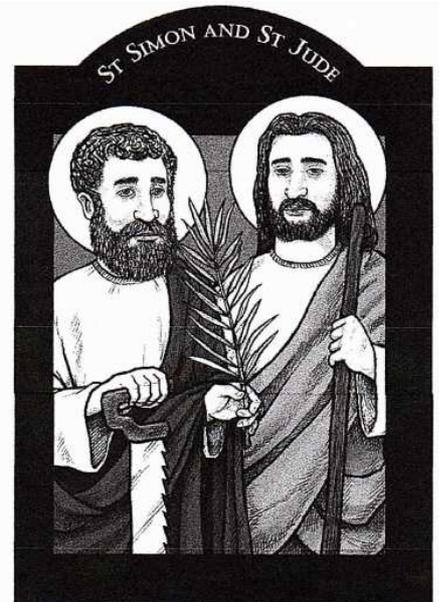
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| | 6pm | 8am | 9:30am | 11am |
| First Reader | Alday Family | Tony Greene | Politoni Family | Rommel Tacadena |
| Second Reader | Alday Family | Ron Gattone | Politoni Family | Renata Tacadena |

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

Please pray for the deceased:

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.



St Simon and St Jude were two of Jesus' twelve apostles. St Simon was known as 'the Caananite' or 'the Zealot' by other evangelists and St Jude was a blood relative of Jesus and known as one of the 'brethren of the Lord'. Little, however, is known about either of these apostles after the events at Pentecost. Western traditions suggest that St Simon preached in Egypt before joining St Jude in Persia, where they were both martyred. In recent times, St Jude has become popular as the patron of 'hopeless causes'. This probably originates from early Christians confusing St Jude with Judas, who betrayed Jesus. As a result people never prayed for his help and so devotion to St Jude became somewhat of a lost or hopeless cause.

"I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD"

These are the words with which the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed begins. the confession of God's oneness, which has its roots in the divine revelation of the Old Covenant, is inseparable from the profession of God's existence and is equally fundamental. God is unique; there is only one God: "The Christian faith confesses that God is one in nature, substance and essence."

To Israel, his chosen, God revealed himself as the only One: "Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Through the prophets, God calls Israel and all nations to turn to him, the one and only God: "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other... To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 'Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength.'"

Jesus himself affirms that God is "the one Lord" whom you must love "with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength". At the same time Jesus gives us to understand that he himself is "the Lord". To confess that Jesus is Lord is distinctive of Christian faith. This is not contrary to belief in the One God. Nor does believing in the Holy Spirit as "Lord and giver of life" introduce any division into the One God:

We firmly believe and confess without reservation that there is only one true God, eternal infinite (*immensus*) and unchangeable, incomprehensible, almighty and ineffable, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons indeed, but one essence, substance or nature entirely simple.

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Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

- better
- greedy
- marriage
- sorry
- dishonest
- heaven
- Pharisee
- tax
- eating
- humble
- pleasing
- temple

Match up the correct endings

Draw a line from the first half of each sentence to its correct ending.



The Pharisee and the Tax Collector went

you will be honoured.

The Pharisee prayed

"God, have pity on me! I am a sinner."

The Tax Collector prayed

you will be put down.

If you put yourself above others

to the temple to pray.

If you humble yourself

"God, I thank you that I am not greedy or dishonest."

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.
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 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be 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

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



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, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory.
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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.